

Uig Development Plan 2019-2024

(Update April 2021)

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Introduction:

The Uig Enterprise Development Plan outlines a five-year plan, which identifies, supports and monitors commercially and environmentally sustainable rural regeneration for the Uig Community. As with many remote, rural communities Uig has an ageing demographic. This coupled with a declining population poses a real threat to the ongoing sustainability of the area. The purpose of the development plan is to help identify and address the underlying issues that contribute towards the current population decline and to support the vital ongoing work of the Community Groups in the area. The plan will also highlight areas where additional support from public bodies could further support the development of the community.

The development plan has been compiled following discussions with Community Groups (Bhaltos Community Trust, Comman Eachdraidh, Gallan Head Community Trust, Grazings Committees, Ionad Hiort, Miavaig Pier Users and Moorings Association, Uig Community Centre Association, Uig Community Council, Uig Community Shop, Uig Development Trust, Uig School Parent Council) and in consultation with the wider community (appendix 3), including the local primary school (appendix 4). It also draws on the aims and objectives from the previous development plans – specifically the 2010-2015 Local Outcome Agreement Uig and the 2012-2017 Uig Community Growth Plan.

The Development Plan also links to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017-27 produced by the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership and is mindful of the current service redesign work being undertaken by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, under the “Community Conversations 2019” banner, and by the Integrated Joint Board in relation to elderly care provision.

Proposals in the Development Plan are deemed to be appropriate and proportional for the area. Where possible they support population retention and growth, whilst also having the potential to be self-sustaining beyond any initial funding period. They have a good return on investment, social and/or financial, and aim to be collaborative and inclusive across participating individuals and groups. Most importantly, and given Uig status as a National Scenic Area, all projects must be environmentally sound – minimising any impact on our natural surroundings and where possible be carbon neutral. This reflects the aim of the Single Outcome Agreement, Local Outcome Number 6: The people of the Outer Hebrides derive maximum benefit from the natural and cultural resources of the area, whilst at the same time safeguarding those resources to benefit future generations.

The Development plan reflects the development needs of the community as at August 2019. We recognise that there is an element of fluidity in the plan and that it will be updated and amended as circumstances change. The Uig Development Trust commit to a bi-annual review of the plan and will further consult with the community where and when appropriate to ensure that the plan continues to be a true reflection of the developmental priorities within Uig.

Uig – The Place and it's People

Covering approximately 100 sq miles in South West Lewis, Uig is a remote, rural area of outstanding natural beauty. Although Uig sits within the “Sgir’Uige agus Ceann a Tuath nan Loch” multi-member ward, it is self-defining as an area; with Atlantic coastline to the North and West, the border with Harris to the South and a perceived boundary to the East through the Scaliscro/Morsgail estates. There is a mixture of privately owned and community owned land. The Bhaltos Trust was established in 1998 and covers the 690 hectares on the Bhaltos Pensinsula. The Gallan Head Community Trust was incorporated in 2014 to purchase the promontory previously owned by the MOD Aird Uig. Other areas of land are privately owned. These include the Uig and Hamnaway Estate, Morsgail Estate, Scaliscro Estate and Uig Lodge. Crofting retains importance across Uig with crofts and grazings rights still central to housing, employment land use across the area.

We have several important community owned assets in the area, including the Shop (with petrol pumps, a Post Office and a laundry), a Community Centre, a historical society (Commann Eachdraidh Uig) and a Community Café. The local primary school had a school roll of 18 for the 2018/19 academic year with the Sgoil Araich supporting eight children aged between two and five. The pre-school hours will increase from 16 to 30 hours per week by August 2020. Uig also has a retained Fire Service. A bus service connects the area to Stornoway and the recent switch to 4G at Forsnaval provides digital connectivity.

The most recent population figures collated by the Uig Development Trust in April 2019 show approximately 350 people living permanently in the area in 180 homes. This is approximately two thirds of the total number of houses in the area. The third of houses that do not have permanent residents are either empty, second homes or used as summer holiday lets. Quality, affordable housing to both attract and retain people is essential, however, there is anecdotal evidence to suggest that the number of holiday or second homes will continue to rise in the area as visitor numbers continue to increase both in Uig and across the Western Isles. Outer Hebrides Tourism notes an increase of visitor numbers to the Islands of 16% between 2013 and 2017. There are currently over 60 accommodation options to visitors in Uig. These are spread across the area and include, among others, a bunkhouse, B&B, self-catering, camping, luxury hideaways, shepherds’ huts, wig-wams and a bothy on a cliff (not suitable for the vertiginous)! It was clear in the feedback from the community consultation in May 2019 that residents are keen to further strengthen the offer for tourists rather than necessarily increase the number of (in particular, summer) visitors.

The 2011 Census data shows that 43% of the population of Uig is economically active with 58% aged between 16-65 years old (it should be noted, however, that there are a huge number of volunteer hours put in across Uig with 14 community organisations and 15 grazing’s committees). The population in 2011 was 397 and the drop to the current number of approximately 350 is reflective of the longer-term trend - with deaths exceeding births and in-migration leading to a steady population decline. The Western Isles Anti-Poverty Strategy 2019-2024, evidences that weekly earning in the Western Isles are significantly lower than the Scottish average but that over 55% of dwellings not “energy efficient” (compared to a Scottish average of 34%). It is key we support the whole community but the youngest and the oldest are specifically vulnerable to when looking at issues around poverty, social isolation and sudden shifts and cuts in public services.

Vision:

Supporting the remote, rural community of Uig to thrive environmentally, socially, and economically.

Priorities:

Taking the results from the April 2019 Uig Audit, discussions with individuals and community groups and the feedback from the Community Consultations the three key priorities identified for the Uig Development Plan to focus on over the next five years are:

- **Economic Growth & Innovation: Tourism/Business Development**
To support local groups, businesses and the wider community to benefit from tourism whilst protecting Uig's key assets – the natural environment, peace, quiet, culture, language & heritage.
- **Strong Community (Regeneration of Current Assets): Crofts & Housing**
To ensure that there is adequate provision of quality, affordable land, and houses to attract and retain people to the area
- **Quality of Life (Health & Wellbeing): Supporting the Youngest and Oldest in our Community**
With a focus on intergenerational activities or initiatives that improve the quality of life, wellbeing and resilience of these two groups. To ensure that public service cuts do not disproportionately impact on the youngest and the oldest in the area.

Aims & Measures:

To increase the population of Uig by 10% by 2024 and to ensure a more balanced demographic.

A 10% increase would equate to an additional 35 residents across Uig. To support population growth and to rebalance the age distribution in the area many of these permanent residents will be younger (aged between 20 and 65), with regular, secure work either in Uig or in Stornoway. This figure would also include pre-school and school aged children.

Employment figures increase so that over 50% of the population are economically active (43.1% - 2011 census).

An increase in employment through supporting and developing tourist services in the area. In turn this to increase the younger, working aged population.

The number of year-round-occupied houses will increase from 64% to 75% of the total available housing.

This will be achieved through the building of additional social housing, developing community owned properties, and engaging in an open and honest discussion with the townships and grazings to see what opportunities can be identified to ensure good retention and attraction of people. There will also be more options to long-term rent in the area. The wider community will welcome and support new residents to the area and share their knowledge of Uig, it's culture and environment.

An increase in the pre-school & school role by 25%.

There were 26 children in the school 2018/2019 (18 in primary school and 8 in pre-school). We aim to see an increase in the school role by 25%. This would take the total number of children in the school up to 33. There will be adequate childcare provision in the area to ensure that all parents who want to can take up part or full-time employment. There will be excellent facilities and services for children and young people in the area.

Theme: Economic Growth & Innovation

Development Area: Tourism

Expected Outcome: To ensure that we are maximising the potential for employment in the area through responsible and sustainable tourism initiatives.

Action Required / Project Code	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Start Date	Delivered by	Status
E.1. Promotion of Uig through PR and digital marketing.	UDT	ALL	To further promote Uig as a holiday destination and to inform visitors about local businesses.	Unknown	Funding sources to be researched	Ongoing	Ongoing	The Visit Uig site has recently been updated, however, further development is required. Support from WHC through Interface & Digital Boost. #VisitUig now being updated on Instagram. UDT to produce a virtual leaflet bundle for businesses to use.
E.2. Develop Uig Tourist Map	UDT	Local Businesses	To inform visitors about the area, highlight walking routes, places of interest and pinpoint local businesses.	£3500 (inc VAT) for 5000 copies	Advertising from local businesses.	November 2019	August 2020	5000 copies of map produced and available to buy locally.

Action Required / Project Code	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Start Date	Delivered by	Status
E.3. Secure capital funding for the Ionad Hiort project.	IH	ALL	World class visitor attraction, with attached research centre, exploring the environment, culture, history, language and geology of St Kilda.	Phase 1 - £2.8m Phase 2 - £5m	SNH/HIE/CnES/ScotGov/ UKGov/LNHF/Bòrd na Ghàidhlig/	Ongoing	Phases 1 – 2020-22 Phase 2 – 2021-2024	Potential funding through Islands Deal. Uig Gaelic Plan produced for the area w/ online learning resources.
E.4. Focus on Wellness/ Eco-tourism to support and develop the activities of GHCT. Bunkhouse/Camping Pods. Growing space / permaculture.	GHCT	ALL	Income and Employment for GHCT / residents in Gallan Head.	Tbc - GHCT	GHCT to source funding	Ongoing	Long Term	Feasibility Study completed Aug 2019. Old building renovation for multi-purpose use. Feasibility study done 2021.
E.5. Further develop Cetus Project (observatory / whale listening station) and Dark Skies Events	GHCT	An Lanntair	Workshops and events in the winter months. Dark Skies Accreditation. Encourage visitors in the winter months.	Tbc - GHCT	GHCT to source funding	Ongoing	tbc	Dark Skies events held at GHCT in partnership with An Lanntair Feb 2019. Further events scheduled for Feb 2020. Online festival 2021
E.6. Bhaltois Community Trust – potential to develop the site at Cliff	BCT	ALL	Cliff site developed for the benefit of BCT / Uig and potentially visitors to Uig.	Dependent on project	BCT to source funding	Ongoing	Long Term	Working with Valtos Grazings to develop campsite at Cliff as a step one before looking at top site.

Action Required / Project Code	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Start Date	Delivered by	Status
E.7. Commann Eachdraidh Uig to get Museum Certification	CEU	UDT	Collection collated, digitised and recognised as being at Museum Standard. Improved facility for residents and visitors.	Unknown - tbc	Support CEU to source funding	Ongoing	Long Term	Development Plan reviewed at AGM. Heritage Lottery application on hold.
E.8. Campsites to ensure high standard of facilities. Possible development of Community Campsite / Hook-ups?	Grazings – Ardrol and Uigean/Kneep UDT	UDT Grazings	Improved facilities for campers staying in Uig (Beach wheelchair at Ardriol?) Community Campsite £ to be paid back into other Community initiatives	Reef – recent building work to improve toilet block and add hook ups	Campsite revenue	Ongoing	Long Term	Supporting Valtos Grazings re. camping facilities at Cliff. A number of private camping pods have been recently developed in the area. UDT feel that these developments now provide adequate facilities across the area.
E.9. Taxi Service within Uig (could be extended to outwith Uig)	Private Initiative and/or UDT		Reduce social isolation and support tourism	TBC	Grants and Funding through Greener Scotland	2019/2020	2020/2021	This is not a currently viable project due to community closures and Covid restrictions.

Action Required / Project Code	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Start Date	Delivered by	Status
E.10. Walking Routes / Guided Tours / Uig Ranger Service	Community Outdoor Group	UDT / UCCA	Local employment. Additional offer to visitors. Health & wellbeing benefits.	n/a	Walking map – Paths for All / Sustrans	July 2019	Some work ongoing – long term aspiration for a network of walks linking Uig with North Harris	Bridge built at Suineabhat. This links in with the map. Funding for Carrishader walking route secured through Paths4All. Other Grazings committees to be approached to see if they would be interested in finger signposts / information boards. Weekly Health Walks run from the Community Centre (with support from UDT). Opportunity to run longer walks in the summer months. Discussion with Reasort Estate re. Ranger service
E.11 Develop Sheilings / Bothies to link Uig with North	UDT	U&HE / North Harris Trust /	Increase in visitors to and from the area. Income from	Initial development cost - £8.5K	Applications for grant funding submitted to Craignish Trust and the Baxter Foundation.	2020	2024	£8600 secured from the Criagnish Trust and HIE. Work on the

Harris via an agreed walking route.			renting the bothies to be paid back into the community. Support indiv. to set up walking tours		Additional funding application submitted to HIE.			Shieling has started and should be completed 2021 ready for the bothy to open for 2022 season. (Facebook: Mangersta Shieling) Bothy association have shown interest in taking on one of the fishing huts at Loch Reasort.
E.12. Lead group/ individual to undertake a feasibility study into running Community Deer Larder / Smokehouse.	Reasort Estates	UDT / Indiv. / Group Business Gateway / HIE	Profitable small business employing within Uig	Full feasibility study required	Support from U&HE, however, a fully costed business plan would be required.	No set start date	Long Term	This being taken on by Reasort Estates as part of their land management programme.

Theme: Strong Community (Regeneration of Current Assets)

Priority Area: Crofts & Housing

Expected Outcome: To increase the availability of affordable, quality housing to support population retention and growth.

Action Required	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Strat Date	Delivered by	Status
H.1. Construction of (minimum) 4 Homes for Social Housing	HHP	Common Grazings Committees, Land Owners, Community Council	10 new residents	£376,000	Scottish Government	2020/21	2022/23	HHP undertaking desktop feasibility study. Houses identified as a priority on the CnES Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2019/20-2023/24. CalMax taking forward 4 x 3 bedroom houses at Leana Ruadh.
H.2. Identify further housing sites for development by HHP. Encourage those who are interested to put their names down on the housing list for Uig	Grazings	CnES / Community Council / UDT	Further house plots developed by HHP. Inc. population Uig.	£1,760,000 identified for Rural Lewis in Year 5 of SHIP	Scottish Government	2023/24	2026/27	A further 16 Units are identified for Rural Lewis in Year 5 (2023/34) of the SHIP. Encourage eligible, interested individuals in to note their interest on the CnES housing list. Both UDT Survey (Oct/Nov 2020) and HHP Survey (March 2021) showed clear demand for affordable housing in Uig.

Action Required / Project Code	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Start Date	Delivered by	Status
H.3. Undertake a Housing/Crofts Needs Analysis to review current demonstrate demand.	UDT	CnES / TIG / Our Islands Home / HIE / Other Development Trusts requiring similar information	Evidence of housing demand in Uig for CnES, HHP and Funders	£4K if undertaken by outside body / £0 if undertaken by UDT.	Grant funding (applications submitted to Rozelle)	September 2019	December 2020	Failed to secure funding from external sources. UDT ran own survey Oct/Nov 2020. A paper-based survey delivered to 223 occupied houses in Uig (23 rd /24 th September 2020) asking for both quantitative and qualitative feedback on housing. 96 completed (or semi-completed) questionnaires were returned. This was a 43% return rate. Survey outcomes shared with community, local Councillors, CnES, HHP and TiG.
H.4. Identify and investigate the potential for UDT to develop two houses in the first instance for long-term rental.	UDT	CnES / HHP / TIG	Increase the availability of long-term rental properties in the area	£200,000	Scottish Land Fund / Rural Housing Fund / CNES / HIE / other	August 2019	March 2024	Contact with Rural & Islands Housing Fund. Potential to repurpose Care Unit.
H.5. Empty Homes (empty for > 2 years) to be identified and owners encouraged to renovate, rent or sell.	CnES (Empty Homes Officer)	UDT	Reduce empty homes and potentially increase permanent population.	Cost variable per house	Government, public and private schemes available.	1 st April 2019	30 th March 2021	Continue to discuss with Empty Homes Officer at UDT.

Theme: Quality of Life (Health & Wellbeing)

Development Area: Supporting the Youngest and the Oldest in our Community

Expected Outcome: The most vulnerable in our community are protected and supported so that they can engage fully in the community and expect positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

Action Required	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Strat Date	Delivered by	Status
W.1. Provision of adequate pre-school childcare	UDT / others	CnES	Parents with pre-school aged children (0-5) able to take up either part or full-time employment.	Unknown	Tbc	August 2019	August 2022	Identify potential groups to take this forward. Additional childcare hours to be provided through the Sgoil Araich.
W.2. Decision re. the future of the Care Unit and the service(s) it will and will not provide to the community.	IJB	Community Council / Wider Uig Community	The Uig Community is involved in the final outcome for both the building and the service it provides.	unknown	Dependent on announcement	Ongoing	tbc	Confirmation from Local Councillor at April Community Council Meeting that this building will not reopen as a Care Unit.
W.3. Research into innovative solutions to fuel poverty / support people to reside comfortably in their own homes for longer.	UDT / indiv.	CES / HIE / UHI	Address fuel poverty through innovative renewable schemes.	unknown	unknown	Tbc	Long Term	Initial discussions with Community Energy Scotland (CES) to discuss options. TIG Energy in Transition Team engaged w/ UDT and wider Uig Community - Feb 2020. Undertook CES Future Energies course Autumn 2020. LED bulbs to support reduction in lighting costs.

Action Required / Project Code	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Start Date	Delivered by	Status
W.4. Winter Lunch Club one Saturday each month from October to March. If possible, provide transport.	UCCA / School Parent Council	Community Café / UDT	Intergenerational lunch club helping to address issues around social isolation. If a success this could be extended to a fortnightly or even weekly event.	£1250	NF Charitable Trust	October 2019	March 2020	Grant awarded and lunches to run the second Saturday of each month from Nov-March 2019/2020. This project to be taken on by UCCA.
W.5. Establish and Develop a Community Gardening Club	School Parent Council / UCCA	UDT	A Community Garden with a Polycrub for use by the School, UCCA and the wider Uig community	£10,000	The National Lottery Community Fund / School PC / CnES	1 st June 2019	Ongoing	Polycrub fully funded and now built with access paths to and from school. 3 x outdoor beds to be filled. Seeds from SASA. Funding from the Climate Challenge Asset Fund for tools, water butt and shed. Discussion between UCCA, UDT and School PC re. how best to run this. £5K also secured for play equipment.
W.6. Develop Youth Club / programme of evening activities as part of UCCA Manager post (see 'Additional and Ongoing Development')	UCCA	Active Schools / CnES / Private tutors	Improved skills and confidence through new activities.	As part of UCCA Manager role.	UCCA	1 st April 2020	Ongoing	UCCA Co-ordinator post now filled, this is part of that posts remit.

Action Required / Project Code	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Start Date	Delivered by	Status
W.7. Uig befriending scheme.	Lead tbc	UDT	Community cohesion. Tackles social isolation and potential to improve wellbeing of those involved.	Low cost	n/a	Tbc	Ongoing	Identify potential groups to take this forward. Discuss with Cardeas.

There are some key projects that fall out with the priorities identified, however, should be progressed to ensure ongoing development of current assets:

Additional and Ongoing Development:

Theme: Strong Community (Regeneration of Current Assets):

Development Areas: Uig Hubs - Community Centre / Miavaig Pier

Expected Outcome: The Community Centre is maintained and further established as a vibrant Community Hub. Events, sports clubs, and ongoing learning opportunities for all ages in the community. Miaveg Pier further developed to support current and new businesses. Potential sites for new business spaces are investigated and, if feasible, developed.

Action Required	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Strat Date	Delivered by	Status
UH.1. Employ a Community Centre Co-ordinator	UCCA	CnES / All Groups currently using the Community Centre as a base / UDT	Ensure the Community Centre is maintained and improved, run the already established Community Events (including Gala Day) and look to further utilise the spaces within the Community Centre for Groups, Clubs and new events. Develop centre with to create 'satellite' for CnES employees.	£30K pa (Proposed annual salary £24,000pa)	UCCA / Campsites	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2023	Develop Job Description Business Support from just Enterprise.
UH.2. Further development of Miavaig Pier to support current businesses and encourage new businesses	CnES	Miaveg Pier Users Association	Improved access to Pier. More parking. Ensure safety for all users.	Tbc	CnES	Ongoing	2024	Regular meetings between CnES and Miavaig Peir Users Association to discuss ongoing maintenance and future development of the pier.

Action Required / Project Code	Lead Body	Support Partners	Outcome	Development Cost	Proposed Funding Source	Indicative Start Date	Delivered by	Status
UH.3. Identify new business units / desk space for local business so there is suitable and adequate space for businesses to develop and grow in the area	UDT	UCCA / Uig Community Shop / CnES	Employment and Business Development	Unknown		Ongoing	Long Term	2 x Business Units developed at GHCT. Potentially replicate this model across Uig. CnES looking to set up hubs in rural areas – this would most likely be at the Community Centre.

Appendix 1: **Background to the Plan:**

Highlands & Islands Enterprise (HIE) with support from the Scottish Government invests in Community Capacity Building and jointly funds Local Development Officers employed by local community anchor organisations. As well as assisting with community consultation and planning, the Local Development Officer works with local groups to take forward projects included in the overall community plans. In Uig HIE have initially funded a two-year post, starting March 2019, and the Uig Development Trust has been identified as the anchor organisation for the area. [subsequently the funding for this post has been extended to March 2022].

The Uig Development Trust:

The Uig Development Trust SCIO (UDT) exists for the benefit the community of Uig, Isle of Lewis as defined by the postcode units:

HS2 9EL; HS2 9EN; HS2 9EW; HS2 9HL; HS2 9HH; HS2 9EP; HS2 9ER; HS2 9ET; HS2 9HE; HS2 9HW; HS2 9HX; HS2 9HU; HS2 9HS; HS2 9HR; HS2 9HP; HS2 9JE; HS2 9JG; HS2 9JF; HS2 9JA; HS2 9JD; HS2 9JJ; HS2 9JH; HS2 9EU; HS2 9EY; HS2 9HB; HS2 9HA; HS2 9EX; HS2 9HJ ("the Community").

The purposes of the Uig Development Trust SCIO are set out in the organisation's constitution. They are:

- To manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general following principles of sustainable development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- To provide, or assist in providing, recreational facilities, and/or organising recreational activities, which will be available to members of the public at large with the object of improving the conditions of life of the Community and following principles of sustainable development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- To advance community development, including urban or rural regeneration, following principles of sustainable development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- To advance the education of the Community about its environment, culture, heritage and/or history.
- To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation and conservation of the natural environment, the promotion of sustainable development, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the community and/or the preservation of building or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the community.

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Appendix 2: **Development of Themes & Priorities**

In 2015 the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a duty on Community Planning Partners to demonstrate that they are making a significant impact on the achievement of outcomes as a result of partnership working. In doing so the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnerships produced a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) which sets out the local priority outcomes for the Western Isles.

The Vision of the OHCPP is

“to promote and realise the full potential of the Outer Hebrides as a prosperous, well-educated and healthy community enjoying a good quality of life, fully realising the benefits of our natural environment and cultural traditions”.

The OHCPP priorities are:

1. The Outer Hebrides retains and attracts people to ensure a sustainable population
2. The Outer Hebrides has sustainable economic growth and all our people have access to appropriate employment opportunities
3. The islands offer attractive opportunities that improves the quality of life, wellbeing and health for all our people

Using these priorities as a foundation, the following **four key themes** were identified to both structure the initial community consultation and to act as a framework for the development plan:

- Strong Community (Regeneration of Current Assets)
- Economic Growth & Innovation
- Quality of Life (Health & Wellbeing)
- Natural & Cultural Resources

A review of the results from the April 2019 Uig Audit, discussions with individuals and community groups and the feedback from the Community Consultations identified the following **three key priorities**:

- **Economic Growth & innovation: Tourism**
- **Strong Community (Regeneration of Current Assets): Housing**
- **Quality of Life (Health & Wellbeing): Supporting the Youngest and Oldest in our Community**

All projects under these priorities must be environmentally sound – minimising any impact on our natural surroundings and where possible be carbon neutral.

The development plan reflects the development needs of the community as at June 2019. It is, therefore, important to recognise that there is an element of fluidity in the plan and that it will be updated and amended as circumstances change. The Uig Development Trust commit to a bi-annual review of the plan and will further consult with the community where and when appropriate to ensure that the plan continues to be a true reflection of the developmental priorities within Uig.

Appendix 3: **Community Consultation Feedback**

Three Consultation meetings were held on the 30th May 2019, including a mini-consultation with the children from Sgoil Uig. A summary poster of their ideas is attached as Appendix 4.

In total there were 65 attendees with a total of 139 suggestions were put forward. The top suggestions in terms of number of votes were around the requirement for good transport links, both within Uig and to and from town, and the requirement for quality, affordable housing.

(Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (CnES) are currently running a transport retendering process and the results of this should be known July 2019. This may result in an amendment or an addition to the Development Plan but as yet it is difficult to determine the impact a new, or reduced, service will have on the Community.)

The consultation was facilitated by the Regeneration Team from CnES and a representative from Highlands and Islands Enterprise. Representatives from the Outer Hebrides Planning Partnership and Community Energy Scotland also attended, however, did not put forward suggestions. There were four tables, each to represent one of the identified themes: Strong Community (Regeneration of Current Assets); Economic Growth & Innovation; Quality of Life (Health & Wellbeing); Natural & Cultural Resources.

Attendees were asked to identify priority projects under each of these themes. When the feedback came back it was clear that a number of priorities spanned themes and so the responses were also grouped by priority area: The top five results came out as:

1. **Tourism:** 24 suggestions with a total of 610 votes. The suggestions were very much about creating better facilities and a stronger infrastructure for tourists who already come to Uig, rather than to necessarily push for more visitors. Additional information for visitors, guided walks, marked walking routes across the area etc... There was strong support for a development at the Cliff site on the Bhaltois Peninsula and for Ionad Hiort. The idea for a Dark Skies assignment will be considered by the Gallan Head Community Trust as part of their development plan.
2. **Quality of Life – Health & Social Care:** 15 suggestions with 305 votes. The majority of queries and suggestions focused on the health and social care of the elderly in Uig, and in particular the future of the Care Unit. There were also ideas around strengthening the links between the youngest and oldest in our community. Announcements about the future of the Care Unit should come out over the next few months. Strong support for health and social care initiatives.
3. **Infrastructure:** A total of 21 suggestions with 230 votes. There were a lot of suggestions but each one had slightly fewer votes than in other areas. The majority of the suggestions were either about specific road improvements or improvements to the facilities at Miavaig Pier. The comments will be passed on to CnES via the Community Council and to the Miavaig Pier Users and Moorings Association.

4. **Housing:** 9 suggestions with 215 votes. Suggestions focused on social housing long-term rental opportunities and the potential for croft creation. The Uig Development Trust are currently looking into whether it would be feasible to buy, renovate and then long term let empty property in the area.
5. **Community Centre:** 9 Suggestions with 203 votes. Further develop the Community Centre to better use the current facilities; support sports, education and social clubs and to investigate the feasibility of the Community Centre as a business hub. UDT will support the Uig Community Centre Association to identify and apply for funding for a Community Centre Manager/Co-ordinator post.

Sgoil Uig 😎 What We Want in Uig!

Gardening & Growing

A child Friendly and Safe Garden – with a Polycrub and a Hedge Maze. It will have trees, plants for eating and a gardening club where older people can teach younger people (and younger people can teach older people). We will find out what trees and flowers will grow, understand about self-sufficient growing and eat more healthily.



Big Ideas

A Viewing Tower, A Zoo or Hotel at Cliff, Alpaca & Llama Centre, A Natural Aquarium, A Taxi-Boat, A Heli-Pad and More Rockets...
... always More Rockets!



Sports and Clubs

Rugby, Running, Singing, Golf, Trampolining, Swimming. Bowling, Dance & Drama, Horse Riding, Gymnastics, Archery, Sewing. We want to be busy!



A Better Play Park

A See Saw, A Climbing Frame and Equipment for All Ages but remember that Uig is a Natural Playground. Uig is Fun!



Engines & Motors

Motorbikes, Rally & Motorcross, Helicopters, Electric Cars & More Lawnmowers... !



PARTY !!!



Better Services

We need ambulance, fire service coastguard and police. Sometimes you can't always get doctor's appointments (and have to go to Bernera). We need quicker access to emergency services. The Fire Service keeps us safe. It would be good to have a taxi service and a proper library.



Links to Culture & Heritage

A bigger museum with dress up days and a museum van that would take information about Uig to the rest of Lewis. There would be information about the history of Gaelic and Gaelic Classes. Math dha rìreabh!



We will always need: People, Young People, Jobs, Houses, Friends and Family X



