

Community Council Updates:

Community Council Forum

- Well attended Community Council Forum took place on Monday 25th May on the topic of Roads. The distribution of funding both capital and revenue were discussed along with the current planned programme of works and winter maintenance. This was the second Forum for 2026 with one more to be held later in the year. Community Councils are asked to contact local members with suggestions for the next Forum which is likely to be the last before the Council elections in 2027.
- **Isle of Skye & Raasay Area Committee**

The committee held on 1st June had a shorter than usual agenda because of lead up to recent S.G. election, but main areas were:

- Presentation by Sleat Community Development Trust
- Police Scotland Report- now sadly not for our own specific Skye & Raasay Area
- Mobility Hubs in Portree
- Housing Report
- Environmental Health Annual Report- Concerns expressed about- abandoned cars, fly-tipping

As a regular feature at Committee, I have asked for local community groups to provide a presentation of the work that they do and this time it was the turn of Sleat Development Trust.

Everyone was interested to hear of the work that has taken place since 2007 and the positive partnership working that exists with key partners. It was particularly encouraging to hear that initial positive relationships have been established with the new owners of Armadale estate.

Strategic Committees:

E&I Committee-

➤ **Local Transport Strategy:**

A key objective of the Local Transport Strategy is “to improve public, community and shared transport options that meet different user needs across the Highland geography.” The purpose of this public transport strategy is to develop actions agreed in the LTS delivery plan, and to set priorities for future provision of public transport where not provided commercially (whether through awarding contracts or the in-house bus service) and for support of community transport. It sets a framework for a sustainable, inclusive and integrated public transport system that will encourage increased mobility and usage and reduce transport deprivation, and in the more urban areas, reduce the impact of traffic on the environment.

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/86961/Item%25207.%2520Public%2520Transport%2520Strategy>

➤ **Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan**

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/86968/Item%252013.%2520Strategic%2520Tourism%2520Infrastructure%2520Development%2520>

Education Committee:

Learning Estate Strategy & School Core Facts & Roll figures. Very worrying picture for Skye Schools

SCHOOL	Roll Sep 2025	Capacity	% Occupancy
Broadford	57	125	46%
Carbost	17	50	34%
Dunvegan	54	100	54%
Edinbane	8	50	16%
Kilmuir	12	74	16%
Kyleakin	30	50	60%
MacDiarmid	20	75	27%
Portree Primary	128	221	58%
Portree Gaelic School	169	188	96%
Portree High School	489	951	51%
Raasay	3	25	12%
Sleat	53	100	53%
Staffin	37	50	74%
All Ward 10	1077	2059	52%

Temporary School Closures – Statutory Guidance, Governance and Adoption of Policy

- note the updated statutory guidance relating to temporary school closures and the distinction between temporary and permanent school closures;
- approve the Highland Council Temporary School Closures Policy
- agree that planned temporary school closures are brought to the Education Committee for approval prior to implementation
- agree that unplanned or immediate temporary school closures are reported to the Education Committee as soon as practicable after a decision is taken.