
Opportunity Black Isle update | new Board up and running

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Opportunity Black Isle is up and running!

Our last update earlier in the year advertised for volunteers for the new Opportunity Black Isle Board. With a great response, we're now pleased to announce that your new community-led Board is up to strength and has hit the ground running.

You can read all about the Board's role, how it operates and its membership [here](#).

Fundamentally, the Board's job is to make the [Black Isle Place Plan](#) a reality by supporting and encouraging the public sector, community organisations and businesses.

Here's a reminder of the Plan's priorities and calls to action:



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Some Board members will be at the **Fortrose Academy Highland Gathering this Thursday 18th June, 6pm-8pm**. It's open to everyone, free entry (donations welcome).

Stop by and say hello!

First priorities

The Board's work is defined by the [Place Plan](#) and its four themes of community infrastructure, environmental sustainability, affordable homes and transport.

Delivering a plan as ambitious as this requires true teamwork. While the plan belongs to our community, we cannot build this future alone. It requires ongoing collaboration between local residents, public bodies and private sector investors.

Initial action includes:

- Working with Fortrose Academy and UHI to retain young people locally and create student projects aligned with the Place Plan.
- Taking forward actions in the Place Plan about affordable homes, including potential development in Cromarty and working with Council planners.
- Engaging with the public sector to progress the education, development, transport and community priorities in the Place Plan.

One other area we'd like to progress is environmental surveys in and around the Cromarty Firth before the Green Freeport really gets going on the ground, as explained on page 33 of the [Place Plan](#). Having this data in place will enable robust monitoring of environmental impacts.

If you're interested in helping to make sure environmental monitoring take place, please get in touch by emailing opportunityblackisle@nickwrightplanning.co.uk

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