Local Place Planning: methodology and timing

The LPP must be Community led. Circular 1/2022 Local Place Plans Scottish Government 2022

January 2023 Highland Council issued an invitation to Communities to create their own LPP.

NPF4 supersedes previous planning guidance from February 13, 2023-Chief Planner Scotland

We have been preparing for this in Nairnshire since 2016

We can deliver a model LPP for a county town and its rural hinterland-more of the Scottish population live in these historic Scottish settings than in our cities.

Using our Nairnshire memory bank we will maximise the delivery of outcomes from this LPP/Vision work. Drew Hendry is supportive of it being a delivery mechanism-similar to the Inverness Vision delivery

We will ensure that all the work is compatible with current best practice and cross referenced to NPF4 /Community empowerment /Common Good and Integrated Health and Social care.

The vision is for a green sustainable Nairnshire with more local jobs and our infrastructure problems sorted

Our 4 Highland Councillors are all supportive and we are looking to them, and to HC Planning officials to engage with us and join in the detailed discussions that will be required to shape an acceptable vision to deliver Nairn's future

Our Area Council leader and the Executive Chief Officer, Infrastructure, Environment and Economy have sourced the funding.

We have a year till end January 2024 to deliver this work.

We have already started work on DATA-population and housing needs. We must work with Highland Council and Scottish Government to ensure we are using current best DATA sets.

NICE (Nairn's Community Development Trust}and a control body recognised under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 has already indicated to Highland Council their intention to prepare and submit a LPP for Nairnshire .In order to facilitate the work in this tight timescale, NICE will work with the Community Councils, local Business Groups including the BID, other local community groups ,Highland Council, HIE,NHS Highland and the whole community with wide consultation and community participation to make sure this LPP is correctly produced and delivered

We must advertise for and appoint the necessary Consultants to help where necessary.

We must also have the correct input from HC Planners

We plan to have the first workshop/drop-in day in March to ensure that all the community can start to input.

The provision of Infrastructure improvements is an absolute essential going forward-

bypass, new academy, water, sewage, flooding, commercial and industrial land, town centre regeneration, harbour.

We must now get on and deliver this LPP -we cannot wait any longer Nairnshire deserves its Fair Share going forward.