



**Putting together the pieces
and bringing the plan to life**

Friday 15th September 2023 North Kessock

Saturday 16th September 2023 Cromarty



THE NEXT 2 HOURS

The story so far

Calls for action

Making it happen

Next steps

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

Community agenda / manifesto

Black Isle wide

Inform public services, budgets & policy

Support community funding bids

Strategic rather than detailed:

- “Outcomes” & calls-for-action
- Long term ambitions & immediate actions

Focus on what's most important

Builds on what's already happening

THE BLACK ISLE



WHO IS THE PLAN FOR?

- **Local community**
- **Community Councils**
- **The Highland Council**
- **Community Planning Partners**
- **Scottish Government**
- **Green Freeport, businesses & investors**
- **National agencies** like Transport Scotland, Forestry & Land Scotland

KEY MESSAGES

Collaborative partnership of community action & public services

Need to do the whole package, not just pick off 1 or 2 projects

Depends on reallocation of budgets not just more money

Preparing the plan has been facilitated by BIP, funded by the Highland Council, led by the community

HOW WE GOT HERE



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Regular checks to make sure the plan reflects community aspirations

Give everyone who wants to engage the opportunity to do so

Range of engagement activities

Transparency: all public comments are on **www.black-isle.info**
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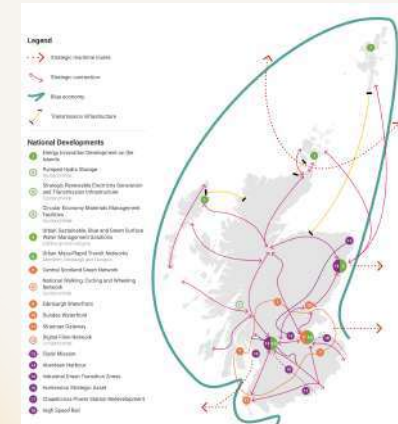
Liaison with the public sector in the background so they know what's coming

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Fitting with the strategic context



National Performance Framework



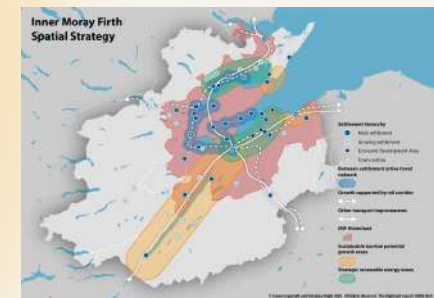
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Highland Outcome Improvement Plan



Highland Regional Spatial Strategy



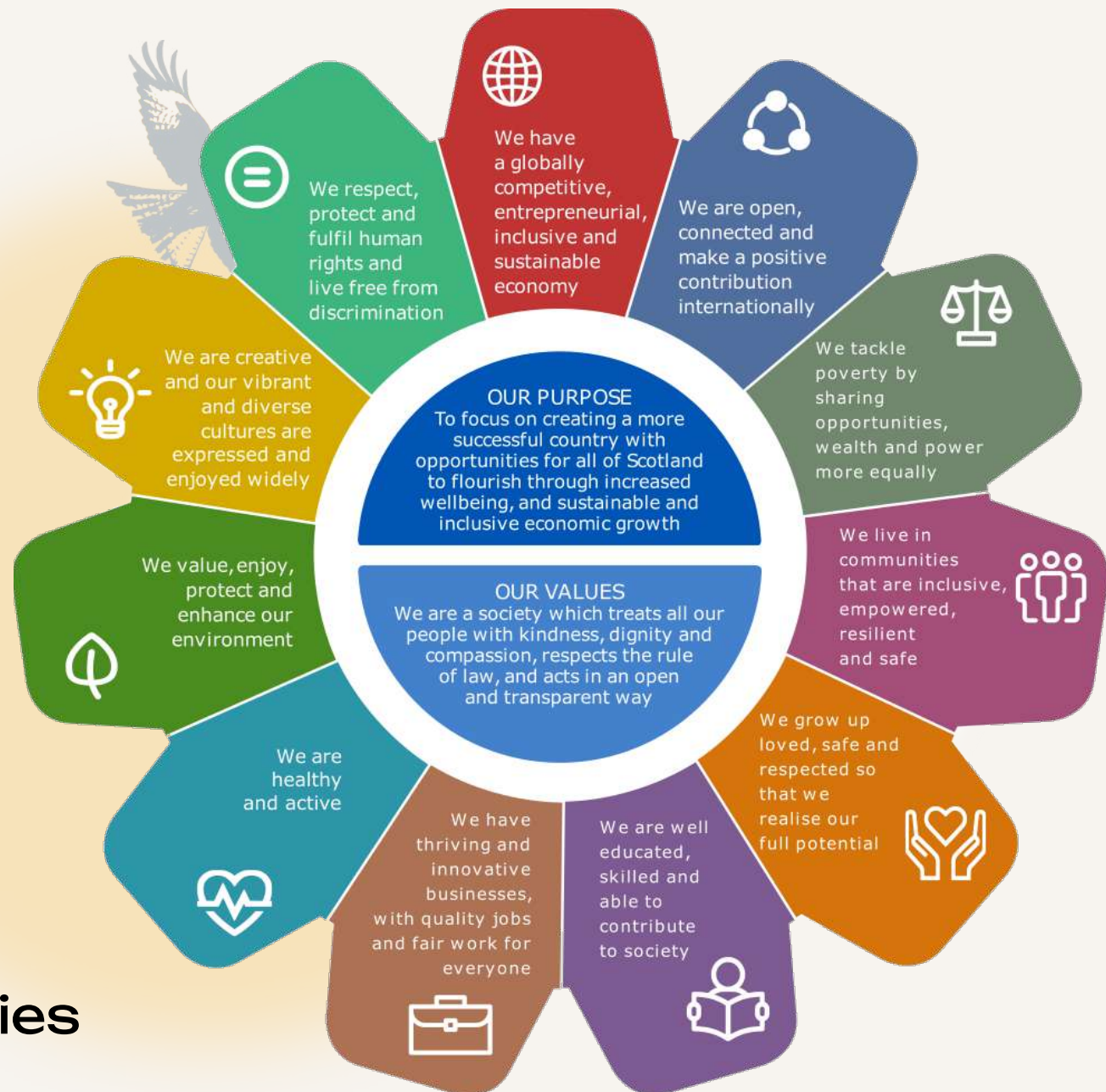
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NATIONAL PRIORITIES

National Performance Framework

Key outcomes

- Environment
- Healthy & active
- Culture
- Jobs
- Equality & inclusion
- Educated & skilled
- Safe & respected
- Resilient communities



NATIONAL PRIORITIES

CLIMATE CHANGE



Net zero
Sustainable lifestyles
Habitat restoration

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Healthy lifestyles
Active communities
Health & social care

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Local Living
Inclusive economic growth
Sustainable demographics

OUR PRIORITIES

Community Priorities

National Priorities



**COMMUNITY
INFRA-
STRUCTURE**



**THINK GLOBAL,
ACT LOCAL**



**GETTING
ABOUT**



**AFFORDABLE
HOMES**

**CLIMATE
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**HEALTH &
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**SUSTAINABLE
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CALLS FOR ACTION



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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

The outcome we need...

**Community facilities & services
that are fit for purpose, including:**

Education & training

Police presence

Health & social care

Disability provision

Recreation & play

Community activity

Drainage, power,

roads, internet

Countryside

access

Visitor facilities



COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Community facilities on the Black Isle

food shop

secondary school

primary school

pre-school

GP surgery

pharmacy

dentist

optician

vet

care home

community building

arts centre

leisure centre

play area

post office

police

20 minutes walk from food shop

20 minutes cycle from food shop

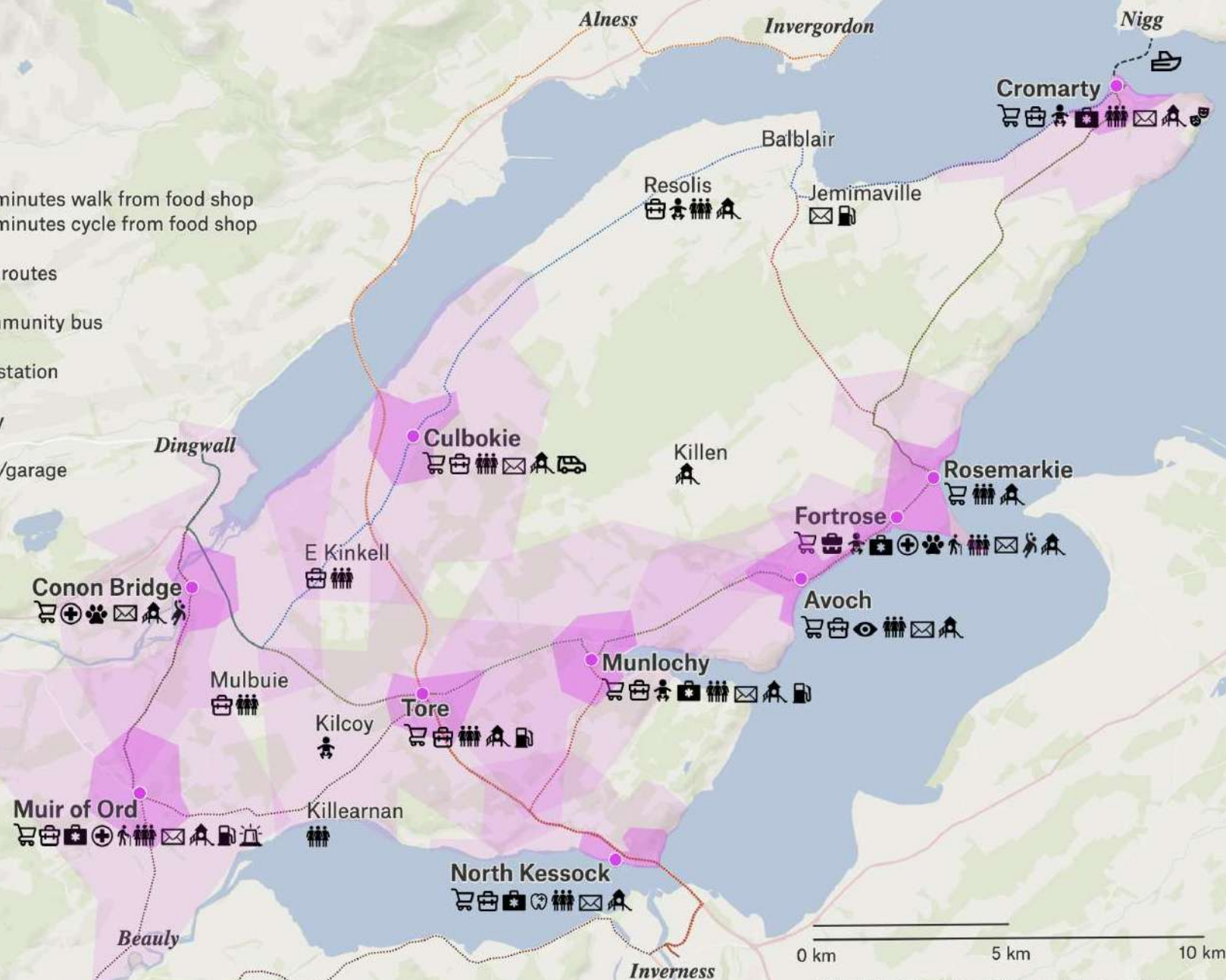
bus routes

community bus

rail station

ferry

fuel/garage





THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL
The outcome we need...

**We are a zero carbon, resilient
and sustainable community
who respect our marine and
land biodiversity.**




GETTING ABOUT


The outcome we need...

It is safe, convenient & affordable for everyone to move around within our villages, the Black Isle and to nearby towns without a car - by walking, cycling and public or community transport.



GETTING ABOUT


 Key links for cycling, public transport & community transport

 Centres where pedestrians & cyclists should be prioritised

 Potential locations for mobility hubs

 20 minutes walk from food shops
 20 minutes cycle from food shops

Existing transport infrastructure:

 bus routes

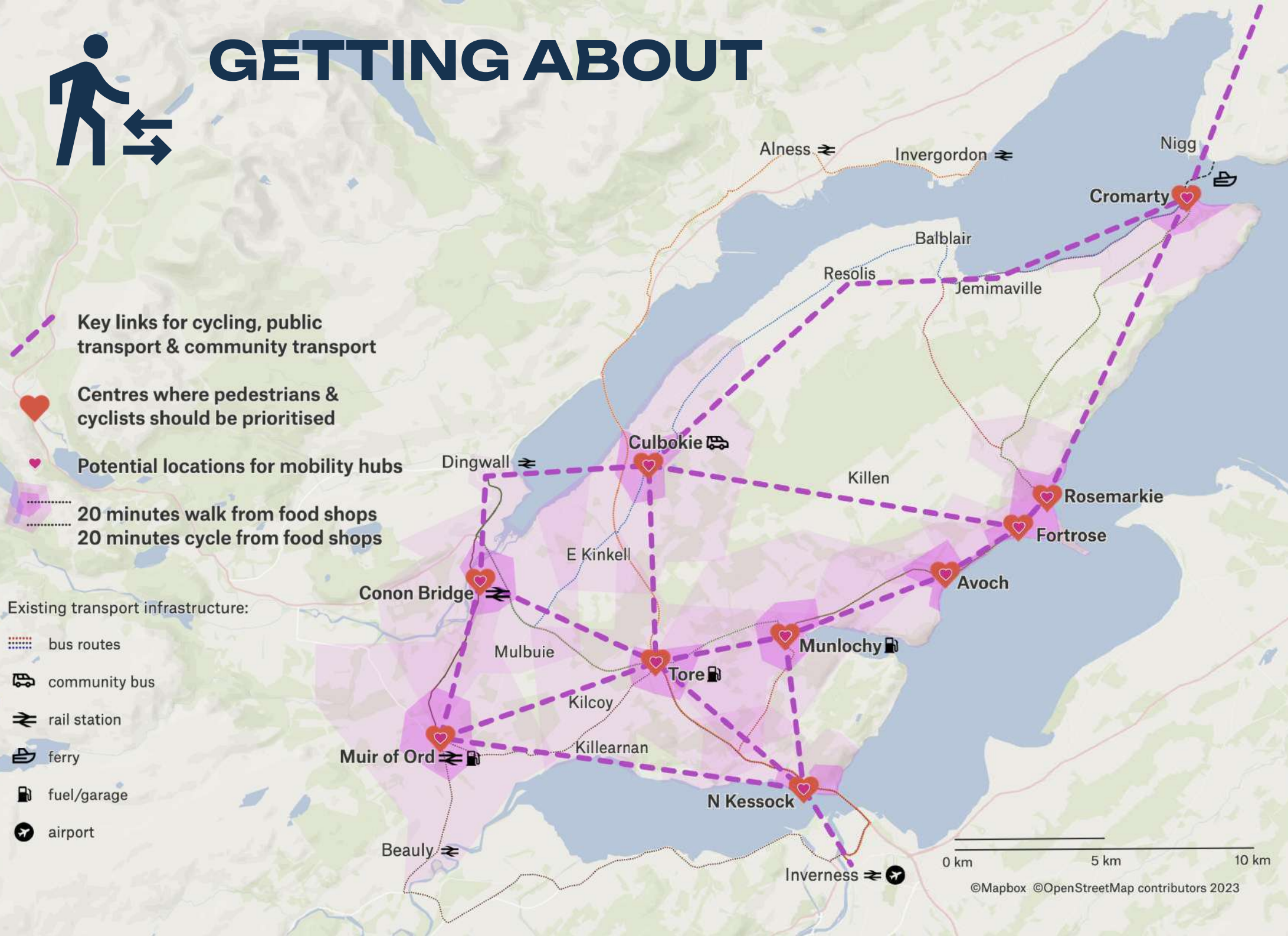
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 fuel/garage

 airport





AFFORDABLE HOMES

The outcome we need...

Local residents and workers, particularly younger people and working families, need to be able to afford good quality homes on the Black Isle.



AFFORDABLE HOMES



Focus for small-scale affordable homes for local need and associated infrastructure & services



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20 minutes cycle from food shops



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MAKING IT HAPPEN

**Everyone
needs to
work as one**

National

UK government
Scottish Government
Transport Scotland
Forestry & Land Scotland
NatureScot
National bodies like DTAS,
Rural Housing Scotland etc

Regional

Fire & Rescue
Forestry & Land Scotland
Green Freeport
HIE
Highland Council
Highland TSI
High Life Highland
Hitrans
Housing Associations
NHS
Police Scotland
Schools

COMMUNITY

Local

Amenity Associations
Black Isle Cares
Black Isle Community Councils
Black Isle Mountain Bike Club
Black Isle Tourism
Chanonry Point Advisory Group
Cromarty Arts Trust
Cromarty Cares
Development Trusts
Groam House Museum
Regenerate Our Green Space
Transition Black Isle
businesses & landowners
+ many others

RESETTING THE RELATIONSHIP

- 
- **Enable the community to influence & understand their future**
 - **Empower local community as active partner, creating a sense of pride, responsibility, fairness & inclusion**
 - **Create more trust & collaboration between community & authorities**
 - **Equitable and smoother delivery of services & investment**

THE GREEN FREEPORT

Driver of change & investment

Concern & uncertainty about impact

Maximise positive impact & mitigate negative

Open dialogue needed

Clear principles for future development

Nigg ferry | apprenticeships | training | jobs |
biotech | living wage | youth opportunities | noise |
infrastructure transport | childcare | broadband |
housing | marine habitat restoration | sea level rise

WE NEED PEOPLE & MONEY

Funds, time, knowledge, expertise etc

All players need resources & capacity

Not just about more money: the public sector should use the plan to influence budget decisions

Potential sources of funding:

Green Freeport | UK & Scottish government
Council | Community Planning Partners
HIE | NatureScot | Lottery | other funders
visitor levy | developer contributions

GOVERNANCE

Accountability to enable the community to monitor & review progress on delivering the plan

Governance to ensure the community is in charge & manage everyone working together

Community champions from the community, BICC & other local organisations

Co-ordinating & communicating day-to-day implementation of the plan

Mainstreaming to simplify & embed this collaborative approach across everybody, community & public sector

ORGANISING OURSELVES

Endorsement of this plan by Black Isle Community Councils, The Highland Council & Community Planning Partnership

A steering group of community champions to ensure the plan is delivered; inclusive, representative, transparent & accountable

A paid person to share information, stimulate & co-ordinate action

News updates & events to share, review & celebrate progress, & appoint steering group

TO BE IN PLACE BY MARCH 2024

GOVERNANCE EXAMPLES

	Applecross Community Company	Skye & Raasay Futures	The Garnock Valley	Huntly Town Team	Glenkens Community & Arts Trust	Glenkens & District Trust	Fort William 2040
							
Community-led	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Community & public sector collaboration			✓	✓			✓
Local information sharing	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Accountability & transparency	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Managing staff & funding	✓					✓	✓
Sustainable	✓				✓	✓	



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