

Highland Land Use Strategy (HLUS):

Notes from meeting on 30/1/2015 14.00 - 16.00

Present: Drew McFarland Slack (SL&E); George Hogg (SNH); Will Boyd-Wallis (CNP), Rebecca O'Hara (SNH), Scott Dalgarno (HC - development Plans), Giles Brockman (FCS), Ian Wilson (NFU), John Toal (CC), Nicole Wallace (HC)

Apologies: Keir Smith (FCS), Kenna Chisholm (RSPB) Peter Wright (SEPA), Vanessa Hallhead (HEN), Robert Patton (HC Forestry).

Aim: discuss how best to take forward recommendations from previous Working Group (12th September 2014) specifically recommendation 1 and 3.

First hour:

S Dalgarno gave a presentation on Highland Wide Development Planning process. General agreement from those present that the HWDP offered opportunities for further linkages and that a Highland LUS could act as supplementary guidance to the HWDP.

SD keen to get comments on what the key issues are in respect of Land Use. These can then be incorporated into the HWDP Main issues report - due August 2015.

Group agreed the following: A HLUS should advise us about how we take decisions on land use and should provide an overarching vision for (potential) land use in Highland.

That a HLUS should use reference CPP priorities/SOA and adopt the principles of sustainable development as referenced in the Land Use Strategy for Scotland.

2nd Hour:

The remaining part of the meeting focused on the following 5 questions:

- 1) What are the key strategies that are important for a HWLUS
- 2) What are top 3 - 5 issues and conflicts that could be addressed by a LUS
- 3) List of land uses - what are the categories that we might look at
- 4) Update on two regional strategies - progress/outputs, relevance to Highland etc.
- 5) Where is Scottish Government at in terms of current review of national LUS

Agreed actions/outcomes:

National Park not to be included in HWLUS

Marine environment (initially) not to be included

Urban land use not to be included.

Access to be included as a Land use

RSPB to be asked to contribute to the working group.

All partners to compile a list of relevant strategies for their area of interest, highlighting top 3-5 issue and conflicts -

Giles B, Highland Council, Will BW - Compile list of Highland land uses

SNH - Provide update on Scottish Land Use review and regional pilots

Information to be provided by next meeting - **25 March between 1000 and 1200 SNH GGH**