

## **Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding**

1. This is a community-led project in the north-east district of Staffin in the Isle of Skye. Staffin Community Trust (**SCT**), which has a board of eight directors and more than 70 members, is the lead organisation in this project to deliver a community-led solution, working in partnership with two respected housing providers.
2. The objective of this Memorandum is to set out the framework that SCT, The Highland Small Communities Housing Trust (**HSCHT**) and Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association (**LSHA**) have agreed for co-operation and collaboration.
3. The purpose of the relationship is to ensure that the three organisations complement and strengthen each other's respective roles and functions.
4. This Memorandum does not affect existing statutory functions or amend any other policies or agreements relating to the activities of SCT, HSCHT or LSHA.
5. This Memorandum is not a contract and is not legally enforceable. However, SCT, HSCHT and LSHA agree to adhere to its principles and to show proper regard for each other's activities.
6. SCT, HSCHT and LSHA will keep this protocol under review and update it as necessary.

## **Responsibilities of the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding**

### **Staffin Community Trust**

1. The Staffin Community Trust is a community organisation having its office at Staffin Community Trust, Church of Scotland Annexe, Staffin, Isle of Skye IV51 9JX. SCT's main objective is to improve Staffin's economic prospects, stimulate social and cultural activities and improve services with the Gaelic language as an integral part of that.

### **The Highland Small Communities Housing Trust**

1. The Highland Small Communities Housing Trust, incorporated under the Companies Act (Registered Number SC182862) is a company limited by guarantee having its registered office at 7 Ardross Terrace, Inverness, IV3 5NQ. The Trust's main purpose is to make a practical impact, where it can, by securing, on behalf of smaller communities, sites or properties which are then used to help the communities realise locally appropriate solutions to their housing-related problems. To achieve this, the HSCHT works in partnership with the public sector, housing associations, the communities we seek to help and the private sector.