



## **OUTER HEBRIDES FLAG PARTNERS**

### **1. Comhairle nan Eilean Siar – Cllr Archie Campbell**

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar is the local authority for the Outer Hebrides and provides a wide range of statutory and other services. Economic, community and rural development are high priorities and are supported through the Development Department.

The Comhairle is the lead agency on Community Planning and brings together the public, private sector, voluntary sector partners and the community to agree priorities on the planning and provision of services ensuring the most effective delivery of services and increase the benefits to the community.

Within The Comhairle the Development Department focuses on the regeneration and ongoing development of the economy and communities of the Outer Hebrides and also has a lead role in key strategic projects. It has successfully bid for and delivered major ERDF, ESF and EFF projects and is also the lead agency and secretariat for the Outer Hebrides LEADER Programme.

Cllr Campbell is Chair of Sustainable Development Committee in the Comhairle, Chair of the Outer Hebrides Inshore Fisheries Group and Chair of the LEADER Local Action Group

### **2. Highlands and Islands Enterprise – Archie Macdonald – Area Manager**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise is the main economic and community development agency in the Outer Hebrides. It is also a key local partner assisting in large and small growth businesses and strengthening communities in fragile areas.

### **3. Outer Hebrides LEADER Local Action Group – Duncan Macinnes**

The LEADER Local Action Group is a public, private and voluntary sector partnership established in March 2009 responsible for delivering the Outer Hebrides LEADER Local Development Strategy. It incorporated community led identification of local issues and priorities and brings local sector expertise and project assessment skills

### **4. Outer Hebrides Tourism Industry Association - tbc**

Industry led organisation promoting, supporting and assisting tourism businesses and interests. It has island wide representation of tourism businesses and provides independent industry voice and a platform for implementation of local marketing initiatives and business development support

### **5. Outer Hebrides Inshore Fisheries Group - tbc**

Industry led fisheries management partnership reflecting fishing, community and environmental interests responsible for implementing local inshore fisheries management. Island wide representation of fishing community interests along with other stakeholders with an interest in the marine environment

### **6. Namara Projects – Andrew Rodger**

Marine resource consultant with experience of aquaculture development; own business operator. Skills in aquaculture project development, assessment, delivery and funding

### **7. Scottish Natural Heritage – Roddy Macminn**

Scottish Government body with role to promote care for and improvement of the natural heritage, help people enjoy it responsibly, enable greater understanding and awareness of it and promote its sustainable use, now and for future generations.