

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

The Western Isles stand at the forefront of a bold energy future, harnessing its natural resources and community ambition to drive transformative investment that powers resilience, prosperity, and sustainable growth for generations to come. This is an opportunity to secure inclusive growth and lasting benefits for island communities.

Turning grid investment into local opportunity:

- **Investing £1.7bn** in transmission projects across the Western Isles (**6% of T3**)
- **Awarding £98m** worth of contracts to **Western Isles-based businesses**
- **Supporting over 210 jobs locally** through investment in projects on the Western Isles

Delivering on council priorities (Outer Hebrides Economic Strategy 2025-35):

- Maximising supply chain and workforce impact in the delivery of renewable energy developments.
- Embedding community wealth building principles to retain economic value within local communities.
- Delivering training to meet workforce needs, with a focus on Green jobs, particularly targeted at younger people.
- Delivering affordable, quality housing.



£98m
injection into
Western Isles'
supply chains

Western Isles



Delivering new,
permanent
and affordable
housing in
Western Isles



£60m GVA
generated in
Western Isles

Our investments will deliver benefits which directly support key priorities of the Council. These benefits fall under the five cross-cutting themes:

1) Demographic sustainability



Supporting up to 161 jobs in construction
23% of the sector's total employment in the Western Isles

Supporting employment opportunities and expanding the affordable housing stock to support retention of the working-age population.

2) Inclusive economic growth and fair work



1 new summer placement at SSEN Transmission in 2026

Supporting a sustained increase in the availability of skilled, well-paid employment and training opportunities, boosting local economic resilience.

3) Net Zero and climate resilience



Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) embedded in all major projects

Protecting natural heritage, including peat and forestry, and generating employment opportunities in the green sector through restoration activities.

4) Strong local supply chains



£17m annual spend in local construction sector

Securing a reliable stream of revenue within local supply chains throughout the T3 period, facilitating growth and strengthening industry.

5) Community wealth building and social value



Unlocking community benefit funding for local projects

Ensuring benefits are retained and distributed in the Western Isles, with funding supporting community priorities.