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HITRANS Pilot Project Updates - Skye, Orkney & Western Isles

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Hitrans MOVE Pilot Project

- 5 local authorities were asked to put forward potential pilot projects in respect of MOVE that focused on a co-creation type of transpot within a rural community.
- Highland Council & Orkney Isles Council have agreed to run pilot projects in their areas.
- Ongoing discussions with the Western Isles for potential pilot project or possibly another project in the Highland area.





Skye Pilot Project

- Located on the peninsula of Sleat.
- Will be operated by The Highland Council & The Sleat Development Trust.
- Combination of demand responsive and scheduled service.
- Budget approximately 50'000 euros.





Why Sleat?

- Population of 900 people
- Many settlements not served by public transport at all
- One bus service in Sleat running in conjunction with school day and only on main road
- The service aims to operate on a co-creative basis combining various different types of journeys.





Nissan ENV200 Combi

- Nissan ENV200 Combi has been ordered delivery January 2020.
- 124 mile range, front wheel drive and seats 6 passengers.
- Interim diesel vehicle will start the project October 2019.



Skye Pilot - Electric Charge Points

- HITRANS will install a **fast charge point** to support the Skye project
- €30k budget for charge point
- Progress to-date:
 - Engagement with The Highland Council & Sleat Community Trust to decide on location for charge point
 - Agreement to install dedicated charge point at Sleat Community Trust Hub – the hub is being remodelled & will have a dedicated bay for the community vehicle
 - Agreement to use ESPO Framework
 - Arranging site surveys from suppliers to obtain quotes, then will set installation date



Orkney Isles Pilot Project

- Concept of pilot project agreed
- Flexible transport solution on a scheduled type service but possibly some demand responsive element to communities that currently have no public transport solution
- Serving health appointments, leisure, commuting activities and feeding into existing bus service on main routes.
- Next steps are to order vehicle which will be the ENV200 Combi and conduct community engagement to decide on optimum timetable to use and decide on charging infrastructure required and finalise budget.





Questions?

