



Inverness & Cromarty Firth Green Freeport

a free trade zone

Transforming the Highland Economy and
Delivering National Energy Security

Inverness & Cromarty Firth Green Freeport Priorities for 2025

May 2025

Governance

- Highland Council
- Scottish Government
- UK Government

3 Tax Sites

- Cromarty Firth
- Inverness
- Ardersier
- 1 Custom Site

520 hectares



About Our Company

Inverness & Cromarty Firth Green Freeport is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. Our mission is to collectively bring about regeneration in the Highlands of Scotland, unlocking the potential of our communities and spearhead a green energy workforce for generations to come.

Our priorities for 2025



Laying the foundations

Completing the set-up of our people, processes and structure to lay the foundations for moving into our operational phase of becoming a world-class green freeport.



Workforce for the future

Focusing on our 10 Point Plan for Skills to create a strong workforce proposition for our investors. Aligning regional skills providers with industry demand.



Investment & growth

Working with key national agencies to take our story to potential investors across the UK and on the international stage to drive a strong pipeline of interest in the Green Freeport.



Community Impact

Keeping our communities informed at every step of the way and working together to ensure the successes of our freeport are reinvested into our local communities and third sector.

Laying the foundations



Full Business Case and MoU

Achieve Full Business Case sign-off and agree MoU with UK/Scottish Governments and Highland Council.

ICFGF Board Membership

Complete board recruitment process to include representation from our Associate Members and wider community

Security and Risk Working Group

Establish our Security and Risk Working Group meetings which will be held biannually.

Funding Allocations

Finalise the structure for allocation of funding from our NIC and NDR funds.

Workforce for the future



PowerHouse Advisory Panel

Establish an advisory group for the PowerHouse which will make recommendations on NIC fund allocation and progress the 10 Point Plan for skills

Supporting Investment

Create a skills workforce and recruitment proposition for investors

Workforce Strategy

Continue partnership working to drive progress of the workforce strategy for our region

Investment and growth



Investment Enquiry Process

Finalise an inward investment enquiry structure in alignment with our freeport sites and development partners

Seed Funding Projects

Following FBC sign-off, progress the freeport seed funding projects with our partners

Freeport Promotion

Promote ICFGF benefits to national and international audiences

Supply Chain

Develop supply chain opportunities for our region

Innovation

Drive innovation in green energy technologies

Community Impact



Community Communications

Deliver a communication plan which shares the Green Freeport ambitions and seeks to build collaboration with our Highland communities

Community Capacity Fund

Establish the Green Freeport Capacity Fund to support local initiatives which align with our ambitions

Environment

Identify medium and long term aims for biodiversity and environmental projects

Social Enterprise

Continue to support the Buy Social Pledge and use our platform to promote social enterprise engagement to our partners and supply chains