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DORNOCH BULLETIN

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HIGHLAND VISITOR LEVY

Have your say

Highland Council's consultation on the proposed Tourism Visitor Levy is now open, and we are encouraging all Dornoch businesses to take part.

Please take a few minutes to complete the consultation and make sure your views as a local business are heard.

This briefing paper provides a summary of the key concerns and issues with the current proposal and may be helpful when considering your response.

The consultation closes on 30 November 2026.

Please submit your own individual response rather than relying on others to respond on your behalf. Also share the consultation with staff, colleagues, and wider networks, and ask them to submit their own responses.

Individual business responses are important in ensuring the potential effects on Highland businesses, jobs and the wider visitor economy are properly considered. The more people who engage with the consultation, the stronger the Highland voice will be.

Thank you for taking the time to make your views heard.

[View and complete the consultation](#)

Online Consultation

Highland Council is holding an online consultation webinar on 28 October 6:30pm-7:30pm where you can learn more about the levy, what it means and learn how to share you views as part of the formal consultation process.

You can book **your place here**:

Industry engagement sessions

Visit Inverness Loch Ness BID, alongside other Industry leaders is co-ordinating a programme of industry engagement to gather evidence and understand the potential impacts. This will be used to share with Councillors to help inform their consideration of the proposals. Businesses can participate in the remaining sessions

Highland Industry Forum
Wednesday 4 November | 3.30pm–5.30pm
Fort William Highland Cinema, PH33 6AJ

Bringing together businesses, representative organisations and stakeholders from across Highland to consider the evidence and themes emerging from the engagement programme.

[Book your place](#)

Visitor Economy
Thursday 5 November | 4pm–6pm
Nairn Community & Arts Centre, IV12 4BQ

A wider session looking beyond accommodation at the implications for attractions, food and drink, retail, activities, transport and other visitor-economy businesses.

[Book your place](#)

AUTUMN HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

23rd October - 5th November



The Autumn Highland Festival is just a week away and this year's programme is bigger and better than ever before. But we need your continued support to help spread the word and get as many people to come along and enjoy a fantastic experience.

Please:

- Share Festival posts on your social media
- Tell your guests what's on and encourage them to book events
- Display the Festival programme in your businesses (copies available from Historylinks)
- **Print out this overview of events** and stick it on fridges or noticeboards
- You might also like to print and share this **Dornoch Gatherings programme** for the rest of the year.

And, of course, make sure you, your family and friends enjoy some of the events too!

The more we work together to spread the word, the greater the impact we can make for local businesses.

[VIEW THE AUTUMN HIGHLAND FESTIVAL PROGRAMME](#)

MEMBERS' NETWORKING EVENING AT DAVOCHFIN FARM

Thursday 22 October 6.30pm–8.30pm



Dornoch BID is delighted to bring members and their staff together for a special autumn get-together at **Davochfin Farm on Thursday 22 October, 6.30pm–8.30pm.**

The evening will combine pumpkin carving, informal networking and the chance to discover more about Davochfin Farm's pumpkin patch and visitor experience.

It's a great opportunity to meet fellow members, share ideas and find out more about the experiences local businesses can recommend to their customers. By getting to know what each other offers, we can help encourage visitors to explore more of Dornoch and the surrounding area.

Please email DornochBID@thisisdornoch.com, if you would like to attend.

A big thank you to Davochfin Farm for hosting the evening and supporting our local business community!

Would you like to host a future BID networking event?

We'd love to hear from members who would like to showcase their business, introduce fellow members to their products or services, or share a new experience or initiative. Hosting an informal networking event is a great way to raise awareness of what you offer and build connections with other local businesses.

If you're interested in hosting a future event, please [get in touch with us](#).

DORNOCH BID CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dornoch Station | 12 December | 7pm-12am



It's time to celebrate the year in style! Join fellow Dornoch businesses for a festive evening at the very special setting of Dornoch Station on Saturday 12th December, 7pm-midnight.

For £45 per person, enjoy a welcome drink, delicious two-course meal, tea and coffee, followed by a disco and a night of festive fun with fellow BID members.

[Take a look at the delicious menu](#)

Reserve your places using our short booking form. Someone will be in touch to confirm your menu choices and payment details.

[BOOK YOUR PLACES HERE](#)

NOT ON OUR MEMBERS' WHATSAPP GROUP YET?



Join us to stay up to date with the latest BID news, events, opportunities, ask questions and find out how to get involved.

Text **07471 200103** or email dornochbid@thisisdornoch.com to be added to the group.

COMMERCIAL WASTE SURVEY

Deadline 25 October 2026



Dornoch BID is exploring the potential for a group-buying arrangement to help local businesses secure more competitive prices for commercial waste and recycling collections.

By bringing businesses together, we hope to find out whether better rates, greater flexibility and potential savings could be achieved.

Please complete the BID's commercial waste survey if you'd like to be included in discussions around potential group pricing with waste providers.

There's no commitment to change provider, we're simply gathering demand to see what pricing might be available.

Please complete the survey by 25 October.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)



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