I think the 13 Strategic Objectives in the proposed plan are the right ones to meet the needs of island communities.

I don’t think there are any issues that have been overlooked in the Strategic Objectives.

I feel that Digital Connectivity should be given a higher level of priority, it has a direct bearing on Sustainable Economic Development, education and families.

I think the proposed plan does set out a clear strategic direction with practical approaches to delivery.

Strategic Objective 8 – Islands need better recycling facilities, there is a big desire to do more, however we are continually told by the local authority that there is no funding available to allow this to happen.

Strategic Objective 9 & 10 – Community turbines currently in operation are able to contribute to the local communities due to the FIT payments. Many of these turbines are at least half way through their lives and the replacement of them is impossible without FIT’s or an equivalent. The output of these turbines significantly helps island communities, on our own island in the form of grants for training and learning for individuals and grants that assist other island groups, without the turbine our community bus service would stop and it’s the only form of public transport, the work being done on health and well-being in the community would stop, among many other things.

I do think that the plan adheres effectively to its stated principles that it is “fair, integrated, green and inclusive”.

I believe that the proposed plan does have sufficiently clear targets and measurable indicators by which to measure its performance. I feel that it is vitally important that individual island communities are kept informed and involved, not just the main island in a group.

I do think that the plan aligns with the Scottish Government’s renewed focus on climate change issues.

I believe that the proposed plan does deliver against the Scottish Government’s own National Performance Framework and the underpinning Sustainable Development Goals.