**Justice Dragon’s Den Concept**

Proposal outline:

With the developing pressures around criminal justice associated with COVID-19 there is an opportunity to engage with different organisations within communities and across Highland to delivery services and approaches for solving or addressing areas of problematic demand and needs.

The proposal is to invite initial expressions of interest from third sector organisations across Highland who think they may be able to provide a solution around a set of needs/problems defined by CJSW. EOI will be considered and those that generate interest and have been well thought through and argued will be invited to present their idea to a small panel digitally. The presentation is intended to provide an opportunity to pitch their idea and for the panel to probe and seek assurance.

Depending on the presentation, total resources requested etc. the panel will award one or more organisations to delivery their proposal.

Defining the problems/demand/gaps:

The following are some initial ideas for priority areas that require input and refinement/editing from yourself and others:

* Creating opportunities for people to undertake their sentence of unpaid work (community service) within communities and on community projects
* Working with people who have an offending history to support their recovery and reduce their risk of reoffending within rural and remote rural Highland

Timelines:

Call for expressions of interest from 10th January – close on the 7th February.

Panel to meet WB 21st February for initial sifting.

Dragon’s Den, WB 7th March.

Expression of Interest (EOI) Stage:

A draft template EOI is attached in appendix I and groups would be invited to submit their proposals on this template, not exceeding the work limits, before the deadline.

EOI will then be assessed by the panel, including representation from CJSW, against the following criteria:

* Relevancy and appropriateness to the problem(s) identified as addressing
* Safety and risk appropriateness
* Does the proposal:
  + Increase coverage of support across geographic areas in Highland and/or
  + Provide innovative or new approaches in existing geographies or against an unfulfilled need
  + Does the proposal make sense, are the costs appropriate, has their been consideration of other resources, risks and a clearly defined set of assumptions

The Proposal Presentation Stage:

Successful proposals will then be invited to a 30 minute ‘dragon’s den’ style proposal, hosted online, where they will use the first 10 minutes to provide further information and outline their proposal and the need it is addressing. A further 20 minutes will be used by the panel to probe and explore the proposal and ask questions.

HTSI:

HTSI are proposing that we can administer the process, including the various stages of application, payments in instalments and securing progress and final reports from each of the projects. This work would be supported by the CJP Manager.