

## North Highland Curling Trust

Brief: Undertake a Technical Feasibility Study

### Purpose

North Highland Curling Trust (NHCT) is seeking to commission a suitably qualified and experienced person to co-ordinate a technical feasibility study into the potential for development of two sites, one in Tain and the other in Dornoch, for a curling facility. The work will be carried out over a 2 month period, reporting to a steering group and consulting with the site owners; The Highland Council and North Highland College and a range of stakeholders.

### Objectives

NHCT is keen to investigate the possibility of establishing a curling facility in the Tain/S.E. Sutherland region and following a feasibility study, part funded by Highland LEADER, two sites have been identified; Tain Golf Club and North Highland College, UHI's Burghfield campus in Dornoch. Areas to be investigated include:

- site specific planning issues and statutory requirements.
- site specific outline development masterplans
- identify design options
- identify renewable energy options
- identify site specific funding opportunities
- make recommendation on preferred site for development.

### Background

North Highland Curling Trust was formed in May 2009 to investigate the possibility of establishing a curling rink north of Inverness following the closure of Brora Ice Rink. A feasibility study has identified two potential sites for development. This technical feasibility study is intended to investigate site specific planning and statutory considerations and identify any potential barriers to development. The study should also fully explore the synergy of a curling facility with existing uses of the sites and also investigate site specific funding opportunities to enable an informed decision to be made of the way forward.

### Expected actions/outputs

1. Independent technical assessment of the sites including recommendation for development.

### Timescale and process for selection

Tender brief advertised 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### Recruitment

Applications should be received by 17.00 on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Shortlisted applicants will be notified within 7 days.

#### Project

The project is anticipated to start week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010–  
introductory/scoping meeting with steering group and take up to 2 months.  
Final report by 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010

#### Submission

You should include:

Response to the brief

Outline methodology and approach

Personnel – relevant experience and skills

Allocation of days to tasks

Breakdown of costs: fee structure, expenses, +VAT where applicable

Names and contact details of two referees with whom you have recently worked.

#### Contact

Submissions and any queries should be made to:

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