

CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND

Local Council Services

Your local council delivers a wide range of services for people facing the prospect of unemployment.

Advice - Consumer, debt, welfare rights and benefits, reducing your fuel bills, housing benefits and council tax.

Housing - Housing services, council bills, council tax arrears, housing benefit.

Adult and Community Education - Classes in a wide range of subjects including help with reading, writing and numbers (includes adult guidance services and job-seeking skills).

Jobs - Your local council employs people in a vast range of occupations and services and is happy to discuss employment opportunities with you.

Libraries - Photocopying, access to newspapers and magazines for job search, computers for public use, access to Open Learning, access to the internet.

Social Work Services - Support services for families in crisis, mental health issues, addiction, dependant care, disability, etc.

Local council contact information

The Highland Council

Tel: 01463 702000

www.highland.gov.uk

REDUNDANCY SUPPORT

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Local Contacts

On behalf of local public agencies, we want to try to ensure that you have the information you need in the period immediately prior to, and following, redundancy.

For all areas of **Caithness and Sutherland**, your Jobcentre Plus contact details are:

Jobcentre Plus

Caithness House

Market Square

Wick KW1 4AB

Tel: 0800 169 0190

Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for Housing Benefit – to check your eligibility, contact the **Highland Council Housing Service** - **Tel:** 01349 886602/886691

Business Gateway may be able to assist in providing advice and direction in starting your own business – **Tel:** 01463 713889 or **email:** highland@bgateway.com

Skills Development Scotland can provide adult careers information and advice

Tel: 0800 917 8000 or **Tel:** 01847 895310

For other issues, the following advice service in your area may be able to assist:

The Caithness Citizens Advice Bureau - **Tel:** 01408 633000/01847 894243

The North & West Sutherland Advice Information Service - **Tel:** 01971 521730

UHI North, West and Hebrides - with locations in Thurso, Wick and Dornoch – may be able to assist with information on opportunities for developing your skills - **Tel:** 01847 889000 or **email:** info@nwh@uhi.ac.uk

On behalf of the public agencies, we do hope that you will be able to find suitable alternative employment in the near future.

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