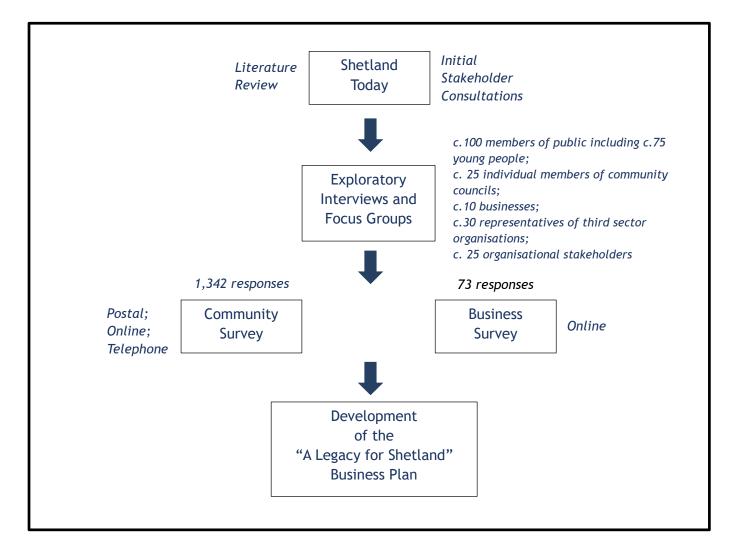
## **OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The creation of this business plan involved extensive research into the current and future issues impacting on Shetland along with an extensive programme of consultation with Shetland's communities and stakeholder organisations, conducted during late-2022 and 2023. This activity was led by an independent research consultancy, IBP Strategy & Research, who reported to the Business Planning Sub-Group of SCBF throughout this period. Approximately 1,600 people took part in our consultation and engagement activity and the views, insights and ideas that they expressed have been central to the content of this business plan.



The business plan sets out an overview of the opportunities and challenges facing Shetland. It goes on to set out the principles and priorities we will adopt and the approach that we will take to address these priorities. The plan goes on to describe how SCBF will deliver the plan, detailing the people and other resources required to administer the Fund for benefit of the people and communities of Shetland.