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**Reconvened Development Committee
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick
Thursday 7 October 2010 at 12pm**

Present:

J G Simpson	L F Baisley
J Budge	A T J Cooper
A T Doull	A G L Duncan
B L Fullerton	F B Grains
I J Hawkins	R S Henderson
J H Henry	A J Hughson
W H Manson	R C Nickerson
G Robinson	C L Smith
J W G Wills	

Apologies

A J Cluness	C H J Miller
F A Robertson	A S Wishart

In Attendance (Officers):

N Grant, Head of Economic Development
B Hill, Acting Divisional Manager, Legal
M Smith, Economic Development Officer/Shetland Telecom
G Smith, Network Analyst/Shetland Telecom
C Albutt, Senior Assistant Accountant
L Adamson, Committee Officer

Chairperson:

Mr J Simpson, Chairperson of the Committee, presided.

Circular:

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

Declarations of Interests

Mr R Nickerson declared an interest in Item 1, "SHEFA2 Interconnect Project", as his son works for the consultants involved in the project.

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SHEFA2 Interconnect Project

A briefing note was tabled at the meeting.

In order to avoid the disclosure of exempt information, Mr J Simpson moved, Mr A Cooper seconded, and the Committee agreed to exclude the public in

terms of the relevant legislation during consideration of the following item of business.

The Chairperson reported that in earlier discussions with representatives of the media, he had advised that a press release would be prepared following the meeting.

In referring to the decision at Development Committee on 30 September when it had been agreed that the Committee would reconvene should there be any further dialogue with BT or any significant alterations to the project, the Head of Economic Development advised that BT had come forward on Monday with alternative proposals.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the meeting with BT had been very detailed and informative, however he would recommend that the Council proceed with the S2I project, but to recognise the need for continued dialogue with BT.

After hearing the Economic Development Officer provide further detail on BT's proposals and on the S2I project, Mr G Robinson moved that the Council proceed with the SHEFA2 Interconnect Project as originally proposed. Ms L Baisley seconded.

On behalf of the Committee, Mr A Duncan congratulated the Members and officers that had been involved in taking the S2I project forward.

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J G Simpson
CHAIRPERSON