



## **MINUTES**

## **B - PUBLIC**

**Special Policy and Resources Committee  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick  
Wednesday 15 April 2015 at 11am**

**Present:**

G Robinson	G Cleaver
A Cooper	S Coutts
B Fox	G Smith
T Smith	M Stout
V Wishart	

**Apologies:**

C Smith

**In Attendance:**

M Boden, Chief Executive  
C Ferguson, Director of Corporate Services  
M Sandison, Director of Infrastructure Services  
J Belford, Executive Manager – Finance  
D Bell, Executive Manager – Human Resources  
J Riise, Executive Manager – Governance and Law  
J Orr, Human Resources Senior Adviser  
K Adam, Solicitor  
C Anderson, Communications Officer  
L Adamson, Committee Officer

**Also in Attendance:**

R Henderson  
D Sandison  
D Ratter

**Chairperson**

Mr Robinson, Leader, as Chair of the Committee presided.

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**Mr Robinson moved that in order to avoid the disclosure of exempt information, the Committee resolve to exclude the public in terms of the relevant legislation during consideration of the following items of business. Mr Fox seconded.**

19/15      **Ferry Mates Industrial Action - Update**

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Infrastructure Services which provided an update on the dispute with Unite Mates about the grading of their posts and the actions being pursued as an outcome of the meeting facilitated by CoSLA in February 2015.

The Director of Infrastructure Services summarised the main terms of the report, and responded to questions from Members.

The Committee NOTED the report.

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**Decision:**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- Note the outcome of the meeting with CoSLA; and
- Note that there will be a further report to Committee on the completion of the independent assessment of the Mate's evaluation.

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**Shetland Islands Council Provision of Subordinate Debt**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Manager - Finance which provided details of the offer that has been made to the Council to provide subordinate debt in different Council's new build Schools of the Future projects.

The Executive Manager – Finance summarised the main terms of the report.

During the discussion, the Executive Manager – Finance responded to questions from Members.

*(Mr Ratter attended).*

Mr Coutts moved that the Committee approve Recommendation 2.1 and 2.3 in the report. Mr Robinson seconded.

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**Decision:**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that the Council resolve to:

- Provide delegated authority to the Executive Manager - Finance (with advice from the Executive Manager - Governance and Law) to enter into agreement to purchase the subordinated debt in other Council Schools of the Future projects subject to due diligence and the availability of funds; and
- Any such investments are reported back to this Committee in due course for elected Members to be aware of the investments that have been undertaken.

The meeting concluded at 11.45am.

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Chair