

# MINUTE

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Harbour Board  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick  
Tuesday, 5 February 2019 at 10.00am

## **Present:**

M Burgess	A Cooper
S Coutts	S Leask
A Manson	D Simpson
R Thomson	

## **Apologies:**

A Duncan

## **In Attendance:**

J Smith, Director of Infrastructure Services  
G Maitland, Harbourmaster  
A Inkster, Team Leader – Port Engineering  
B Robb, Senior Management Accountant  
P Wishart, Solicitor  
L Malcolmson, Committee Officer

## **Chair**

Ms A Manson, Chair of the Board, presided.

## **Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

The Chair ruled, in accordance with Section 43(2) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, the attendance of Councillor Burgess and Councillor Simpson during the proceedings be permitted by telephone link.

## **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Cooper, Mr Coutts and Mr Thomson declared an interest in item 2 “*Infrastructure Services Department – Executive Management Restructure*” as they each had a family member who would be part of the overall structure chart attached in the appendix, but not directly affected by the decisions required. They each advised that they would remain and take part in discussion.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2018 were approved on the motion of Mr Leask, seconded by Mr Coutts.

## 01/19 **Exceptions from Contract of Standing Orders:** **Sullom Voe Harbour Area Marine Spatial Masterplan**

The Board considered a report by the Director of Infrastructure (ISD-02-19-F) that informed the Board of recent works instigated under exception to the Council's Standing Orders by Ports and Harbour Operations.

The Director of Infrastructure introduced the report and advised that it was likely that the first reports from the NAFC Marine Centre would be provided in April/May 2019.

In responding to a question, the Director of Infrastructure Services advised that the Sullom Voe Harbour Area Marine Spatial Master plan had been commissioned by the Council. He explained that reference in paragraph 4.2 to the Scottish Government was in regard to a separate piece of work that the Scottish Government itself had commissioned from NAFC Marine Centre. He said therefore that no funding would be sought from the Scottish Government for the Sullom Voe Harbour Area Marine Spatial Masterplan but that with the knowledge and experience gained from the earlier piece of work, it meant that the NAFC Marine Centre were uniquely placed to undertake the work required by the Council.

During debate Members noted that Shetland had built up as much knowledge as anywhere on Marine Special Planning and that the Sullom Voe Harbour Area had run as a marine port for 40 years. The point was made that further development required careful consideration and planning and that, with its knowledge and experience, the NAFC Marine Centre were best placed to undertake that work.

#### **Decision**

The Harbour Board RESOLVED to NOTE the exceptions applied.

**In order to avoid the disclosure of exempt information, Ms Manson moved, Mr Coutts seconded, and the Council RESOLVED to exclude the public in terms of the relevant legislation during consideration of the following item of business.**

*(The media, Councillors Burgess and Simpson and Ports and Harbours staff left the meeting)*

#### **02/19 Infrastructure Services Department – Executive Management Restructure**

The Board considered a report by the Director of Infrastructure that presented proposals to restructure Executive Management of the Infrastructure Services Department following review to reflect changes in the business needs of the Council.

The Director of Infrastructure introduced the report and responded to Member's questions and following some discussion Mr Thomson moved that the Board approve the recommendations contained in the report, Mr Leask seconded.

#### **Decision**

The Harbour Board CONSIDERED the proposals within their remit, and RECOMMENDED that the Policy & Resources Committee approve the recommendations contained in the report.

The meeting concluded at 11.50am.

Chair