

# MINUTES

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**Special Shetland Islands Council  
Council Chamber, Lower Hillhead, Lerwick  
Wednesday 24 January 2024 at 2.00pm**

## **Present:**

A Duncan	C Hughson
D Leask	S Leask
M Lyall	E Macdonald
R McGregor	A Manson
T Morton	N Pearson
B Peterson	L Peterson
G Robinson	D Sandison
I Scott	C Smith
A Wenger	

## **Present via Remote Link:**

D Anderson	A Armitage
J Fraser	R Thomson
R W Thomson	

## **Apologies:**

M Robinson  
A Armitage (Lateness)  
G Robinson (Lateness)  
R Thomson (Lateness)

## **In Attendance (Officers):**

M Sandison, Chief Executive  
N Grant, Director of Development Services  
P Fraser, Executive Manager – Finance  
A Inkster, Executive Manager - Ferry and Air Operations and Port Infrastructure  
J Riise, Executive Manager – Governance and Law  
R Sinclair, Executive Manager – Assets, Commissioning and Procurement  
A Cogle, Team Leader – Administration  
L Coutts, Project Manager - Fair Isle Ferry Replacement Project / Team Leader - Marine Engineering  
J Belford, Solicitor  
M Forrester, Management Accountant  
B Kerr, Communications Officer  
R McNeillie, Project Officer  
L Malcolmson, Committee Officer

## **In attendance (Officers) (Remote Link):**

M Craigie, Executive Manager – Transport Planning  
K Johnston, Team Leader - Legal

## **In attendance (Remote Link):**

S Canning, Stantec

## **Chairperson**

Ms Manson, Convener of the Council, presided.

The Convener ruled that in accordance with Section 43(2) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, remote attendance and participation by Members of the Council during the meeting was permitted.

**Circular**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

**Declarations of Interest**

None

Upon request, the Executive Manager – Governance and Law explained the advice provided in the report that indicated that the report should be considered in private.

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

**Members remaining online confirmed to the Convener that there were no other persons present able to hear or record the proceedings.**

**02/24    Fair Isle Ferry Project - Way Ahead Report**

The Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services and the Project Manager - Fair Isle Ferry Replacement Project/Team Leader - Marine Engineering that presented an update of the Fair Isle Ferry Project.

The Director of Development Services summarised the main terms of the report and, following a slide presentation, Officers responded to a number of questions.

Following debate Mr D Leask moved that the Council approve the recommendations contained in the report. Mr Duncan seconded.

**Decision**

The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations contained in the report.

The meeting concluded 3.55pm

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Chair