**MINUTE** B

Special Shetland Island Council Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick Tuesday 15 June 2010 at 9.30 a.m.

#### Present:

A J Cluness L Angus
L Baisley J Budge
A Cooper A Doull
A Duncan B Fullerton
F B Grains I J Hawkins
R Henderson A Hughson
W H Manson C Miller
R Nickerson F Robertson
G Robinson J G Simpson
C Smith A Wishart

### Apologies:

J Henry J Wills

#### In Attendance:

G Greenhill, Executive Director Infrastructure
G Johnston, Head of Finance
R Moore, Head of Ports and Harbours Operations
J R Riise, Head of Legal and Administration
P Wishart, Solicitor
A Cogle, Service Manager – Administration

## Also:

D Strachan, Brodies C Smith, Brodies

#### Chairperson

Mr A J Cluness, Convener of the Council, presided.

#### Circular

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

## **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

In order to prevent the disclosure of exempt information, Mr A J Cluness moved, Mr C Smith seconded, and the Council resolved in terms of the relevant legislation, to exclude the public during consideration of the following item of business.

[Representatives of the media left the meeting.]

# 85/10 Total: Completion of Lease and Ancillary Matters

The Council considered a report by the Depute Chief Executive.

Mr D Strachan updated Members on the detailed revisions to the lease documentation, and confirmed that this included matters relating to health and safety and a guarantee of obligations, as raised by Members at previous meetings. Mr C Smith assisted by answering Members queries about environmental issues. Mr Strachan said that whilst there was still some refinements to be made, the overall agreement was a package that was recommended to the Council as the best deal likely to be secured.

Mr A J Cluness said that these had been very complex negotiations, and congratulated Mr P Wishart, Solicitor and Mr G Johnston, Head of Finance, and the rest of the negotiating team, for their very hard work.

After some discussion, Mr G Robinson said he was pleased that the concerns raised by Members at earlier meetings had been taken on board, and was content that the very best had been done on their behalf. In this regard, Mr Robinson moved that the Council approve the recommendation in the report, and that a press release be issued to mark this milestone, and which should also recognise the work done by Council staff. Mrs C Miller seconded and the Council concurred.

A J Cluness Convener