

**Special Shetland Islands Council  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lerwick  
Wednesday 16 August 2017 at 10.00am**

**Present:**

M Bell	P Campbell
A Cooper	S Coutts
J Fraser	C Hughson
S Leask	E Macdonald
A Manson	R McGregor
A Priest	I Scott
C Smith	G Smith
T Smith	R Thomson
A Westlake	B Wishart

**Apologies:**

M Burgess	A Duncan
D Sandison	D Simpson

**In Attendance (Officers):**

M Boden, Chief Executive  
J Belford, Executive Manager – Finance  
J Riise, Executive Manager – Governance and Law  
R Sinclair, Executive Manager – Capital Programme  
S Brunton, Team Leader – Legal  
C Anderson, Senior Communications Officer  
L Geddes, Committee Officer

**Also:**

N Clarkson, Acies Civil and Structural Limited (Acies)  
M Conroy, Harper Macleod LLP

**Chairperson**

Mr Bell, Convener of the Council, presided.

**Circular:**

The circular calling the meeting was held as read.

**Declarations of Interest**

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law advised that following the end of the term of the last Council, the Council had agreed it would make no new appointments to Shetland Charitable Trust. However as a number of Members had previously been Trustees, this was regarded as a registrable interest under the requirements of the Councillors' Code of Conduct. Therefore although there was no longer an actual conflict of interest, there was an obligation to declare the interest. Members should also declare any relationship or friendship with the directors of the companies involved.

Mr Bell, Ms Manson and Ms Westlake declared a registered interest by virtue of being former Trustees of Shetland Charitable Trust. However as they were no longer Trustees, and as the past conflict of interest was now resolved, they would be taking part in the debate and decision on this matter.

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

57/17 **Council Office Premises**

The Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate Services.

The Executive Manager – Governance and Law introduced the report, and introduced Mr Clarkson, Acies Civil and Structural Limited, and Mr Conroy, Harper Macleod LLP, who responded to questions from Members.

During the discussion that followed, the Chief Executive and the Executive Manager – Governance and Law responded to further questions from Members.

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**Decision:**

The Council:

- Noted the position regarding their office accommodation at 8 North Ness Business Park in Lerwick

The meeting concluded at 12.40pm.

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Convener