

Shetland Islands Council – 10 December 2025
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Item	Subject	Decision
(b)(2)1	Petition	The Council noted a Petition submitted by Palestinian Solidarity Shetland.
(b)(2)2	Deputation	The Council unanimously agreed to hear a Deputation from Palestinian Solidarity Shetland and, following the presentation, noted its terms.
1	Chair’s Report: Policy and Resources Committee – 1 December 2025 SIC Overall Management Accounts 2025/26 Projected Outturn at Q2	<p>The Council:</p> <p>NOTED the Management Accounts showing the overall projected outturn position at Quarter 2 as set out in Appendices 1-7 which shows a reduction of £1.5m in the use of reserves from the original budget to the projected draw, from £49m to £47.5m</p> <p>APPROVED budget virements in line with the variance analysis set out in Appendices 1-3 to cover over/underspends identified</p> <p>APPROVED the adjustments to the 2025/26 budget to reflect the additional funding offered to the Council, as set out in Appendix 7.</p>
2	Chair’s Report: Policy and Resources Committee – 1 December 2025 Getting Transitions Right: Post-School Transitions for Young People with Additional Support Needs Policy	<p>The Council:</p> <p>APPROVED the “Getting Transitions Right: Post-School Transitions for Young People with Additional Support Needs Policy”.</p> <p>DELEGATED authority to the Director of Children’s Services to agree updates to the “Getting Transitions Right: Post-School Transitions for Young People with Additional Support Needs Policy” to give effect to legislative and national policy changes; and to note that any such changes will be notified in the document version control and, where considered necessary, by a briefing.</p>
3	Chair’s Report: Policy and Resources Committee – 1 December 2025 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2026-2031	The Council APPROVED the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2026-2031 (Appendix A), as part of the Council’s Policy Framework, to be managed by the Development Committee.

4	Chair's Report: Policy and Resources Committee – 1 December 2025 Asset Investment Plan – Progress Report at Quarter 2	<p>The Council:</p> <p>NOTED the progress of the projects within the Asset Investment Plan.</p> <p>APPROVED the adjustments to capital budgets for anticipated project spend in 2025/26, described at section 4.8 in the report.</p>
5	Annual Audit Report on the 2024/25 Audit – for Shetland Islands Council and Zetland Educational Trust	<p>The Council:</p> <p>NOTED the findings of the 2024/25 audit; the auditor's covering letter which included the audit opinion and Letter of Representation for Shetland Islands Council (Appendix 1); the auditor's covering letter which included the audit opinion and Letter of Representation for Zetland Educational Trust (Appendix 2); and the external auditor's Annual Audit Report (Appendix 3).</p> <p>APPROVED the audited Annual Accounts for 2024/25 for Shetland Islands Council, for signature (Appendix 4).</p> <p>APPROVED the Trustees' Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2024/25 for Zetland Educational Trust, for signature (Appendix 5).</p> <p>CONSIDERED the information at Appendix 6 which highlighted the key points to be considered when scrutinising the annual accounts.</p>
6	Best Value Thematic Work 2024/25: Transformation	<p>The Council:</p> <p>NOTED the findings of the external auditor in the Best Value Thematic Review report, attached at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>ADVISED the Corporate Management Team as to any amendments or additions to the agreed management actions and timings as set out in the Improvement Action Plan, shown in Appendix 1 to the Best Value Thematic Review report.</p>

7	Change Programme	<p>The Council:</p> <p>ADVISED the Chief Executive of its views with regard to the content of the report, and the Shetland Islands Council's Change Programme Project Summary attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>NOTED that the Change Programme Policy Framework at Appendix 2 has been updated to include the criteria for change projects to be included in the Change Programme.</p> <p>ADVISED of any further changes required in the next revision of the Policy Framework, which is due in 2026.</p>
8	Our Ambition – Performance Indicators	<p>The Council:</p> <p>DISCUSSED the content of the report and highlighted any performance indicators or targets where further attention or explanation is required, and APPROVED the removal and addition of indicators detailed in the report.</p>
9	Investigation of Council Investments Linked to the Israeli Government	<p>The Council NOTED the report, and the report prepared by Isio regarding the Council's Motion to investigate financial holdings in companies linked to the Israeli Government (Appendix 1).</p>
10	Shetland Islands Council Risk Register	<p>The Council CONSIDERED the content of the report and advised the Chief Executive and the Corporate Management Team of its views.</p>
11	Appointment of Religious Representative to the Education and Families Committee	<p>The Council RESOLVED to appoint Mr Martin Tregonning to the Education and Families Committee as a Religious Representative, nominated by the Shetland Churches Council Trust for the remaining term of office, until 4 May 2027.</p>
12	Schedule of Meetings 2026/27	<p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the attached Schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the financial year 2026/27.</p> <p>The Council further RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, or her nominee, to approve further changes to the Schedule of meetings to reflect business needs, or decisions of the Council, in consultation with the relevant Committee Chairs, as referred to in section 4 of this report.</p>
13	Notice of Motion – SSEN Impact Assessment: Councillor Andrew Hall	<p>The Council agreed the terms of the Notice of Motion to formally request SSEN Transmission to undertake a comprehensive Cumulative Impact Assessment encompassing all components of their 'Shetland Strategy'.</p>

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