

Briefing Note Template

Elected Member Briefing – A970 West Burrafirth Junction to Walls

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About this Briefing Note

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Subject: *A970 West Burrafirth Junction to Walls – Progress on OBC*

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Purpose

The Strategic Outline Case (SOC) relating to this proposal was considered by Policy and Resources committee on 13 February 2023 (Min Ref: 10/23) and the Council on 22 February 2023 (Min Ref: 07/23). Having considered the SOC, Members resolved to approve the project to proceed to the Outline Business Case (OBC) stage. This Briefing Note provides an update to Members on this process.

Background

Since the above decision was taken, Roads Service has been progressing the OBC. Officers have previously indicated that it would be reported to Members at the March 2026 committee cycle.

Key points

The OBC has now been drafted and considered by the Asset Investment Group in March.

All committee reports must now address whether or not Impact Assessments are required to support Members decision making and to meet relevant legal duties. There has not been sufficient time to consider this in line with clearance deadlines, which is the reason the report will not now be presented at the March cycle.

Overview

Consideration will now be given as to whether or not Impact Assessments are required to support Members decision making and the committee report revised as necessary.

The OBC will now be reported to Policy and Resources Committee on 24 June, with a Chair's report to Shetland Islands Council on 30 June.

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