

**Special Shetland Islands Council – 25 March 2026**  
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Item	Subject	Decision
(b)(2)	Petition	The Council noted the Petition from the Save Scalloway Pool Action Group.
(b)(3)	Deputation	The Council noted the Deputation from the Save Scalloway Pool Action Group.
(e)	Notice of Motion – Scalloway Pool: Councillor D Sandison	<p>The Council NOTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of Shetland Recreational Trust (including the Scalloway Pool) to the health, wellbeing, recreational and water safety of the Shetland community.</li> <li>• The statutory obligation for local authorities to, in certain circumstances, ensure the provision of leisure and recreational facilities, under sections 14-19 of the Local Government and Planning (Scotland) 1982 Act.</li> <li>• The obligations that the Shetland Charitable Trust and the Shetland Recreational Trust have toward their beneficiaries, the inhabitants of Shetland.</li> </ul> <p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• instruct the Chief Executive or her nominee to review service level agreements between the SIC and Shetland Recreational Trust, to assess cost benefits and best value and whether overall level of charges is appropriate.</li> <li>• instruct the Chief Executive or her nominee to make representation to the Shetland Charitable Trust and the Shetland Recreational Trust, citing the above factors. The Chief Executive should seek such information from the Trusts to enable her to report back to Members on options for a sustainable long-term plan to maintain the operation of the SRT and the Scalloway Pool into the future.</li> </ul>
1	Appointment of Convener	<p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Councillor Bryan Peterson as Convener.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Councillor Catherine Hughson as Depute Convener.</p>

2	Appointment to External Organisations - CoSLA Convention; Sullom Voe Association Ltd (SVA); and Shetland Oil Terminal Environmental Advisory Group (SOTEAG)	<p>The Council:</p> <p>NOTED the ex-officio appointment of the Convener to the COSLA Convention; and</p> <p>RESOLVED to make the following Councillor appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Robinson as a Director to the Sullom Voe Association Ltd (SVA); and</li> <li>• Andrew Hall as a Substitute Member of the Shetland Oil Terminal Environmental Advisory Group (SOTEAG).</li> </ul>
3	Chair's Report: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Progress Report	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOTED the ongoing work related to delivery of electric vehicle charge point infrastructure and supporting mechanisms under Phase 1 of the Plan for the Strategy and Expansion of the EV Charging Network (Appendix 2), as outlined at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.5 below, and in the Progress Report (Appendix 1).</li> <li>• APPROVED the aims within Phase 2 of the Plan for the Strategy and Expansion of the EV Charging Network (Appendix 2) as outlined at paragraph 4.6 below, and in the Progress Report (Appendix 1), and DELEGATES authority to the Director of Infrastructure to progress the necessary tasks required to bring a Business Case and Strategy to a future cycle of committees for approval.</li> <li>• NOTED the 2023 Collaboration Agreement administered by HITRANS on behalf of the four participating local authorities - Argyll and Bute Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Orkney Islands Council and Shetland Islands Council, reported to Council in 2024.</li> <li>• APPROVED access to fleet charge points by the general public (at the Council's discretion) as outlined at paragraphs 4.8 to 4.10 below and in the Progress Report (Appendix 1).</li> </ul>
4	Chair's Report: Treasury Management Strategy	<p>The Council APPROVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Treasury Management Strategy to be followed for the financial year 2026/27, as set out in Part A of Appendix 1.</li> </ul>

	Statement & Annual Investment Strategy 2026/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Annual Investment Strategy Statement to be followed for the financial year 2026/27, as set out in Part B of Appendix 1,</li> <li>• the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for 2025/26 to 2028/29, as set out in Annex 3 of Appendix 1.</li> </ul>
5	Chair's Report: Asset Investment Plan – Progress Report	<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.</p>
6	Updated Council Tax legislation for Second Homes and Long-Term Empty Properties	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <p>NOTE the introduction of a national position of 100% levy on second homes and long-term empty properties expected to come into force on 1 April 2026.</p> <p>AGREE to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue applying a 100% levy on second homes in line with the national position due to be implemented. (Council Tax charge 200%).</li> <li>• Exercise discretion not to impose the national position of 100% levy on long-term empty properties for 2026/2027.</li> <li>• Reaffirm the decision taken on 22 February 2024 (min ref 04/24) to apply a 25% annual levy on long-term empty properties until the maximum 100% levy is reached. The levy for 2026/2027 is to be 75%, resulting in a total Council Tax charge of 175%.</li> <li>• Not to pursue the use of any further discretionary powers at this time, subject to the outcome of a review, further analysis and consultation on further actions for 2027/28.</li> </ul> <p>DELEGATE authority to Executive Manager - Finance to apply the decision at 1.1.2 once the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 have come into force.</p>

		<p>The Council further AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that in terms of the 50% discount currently awarded for 6 months where a long term empty property is being renovated, that the planned review and reporting of further discretionary powers include consideration of options to extend that 6 month period to 2 years, subject to confirmation as to the legality of doing so, and</li> <li>• that the recruitment of the Empty Homes Officer be progressed as a matter of urgency.</li> </ul>
7	New Brae Campus – Synthetic Grass Pitches Proposal and Games Hall Extension Decision	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INSTRUCTED an options appraisal by the Director of Children’s Services and her officers into the alternatives for the replacement of the Brae community playing field, which has been identified as the preferred site for the new Brae Campus buildings. Details of options to be considered are described at Section 4.3, items 4.3 – 4.14.</li> <li>• AGREED with the recommendation from the Brae Campus Project Board that an extension to the proposed games hall, to accommodate competitive netball, for the new Brae Campus buildings is not progressed as outlined at Section 4.3, items 4.15 – 4.21.</li> </ul>
8	Change Programme Report	The Council NOTED the content of this report.
9	Taxi Tariff Review	<p>The Council:</p> <p>NOTED the consultation exercise undertaken pursuant to section 17(4A) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, as more fully described in Appendix 2 and paragraphs 4.5-4.8 below, and the extent of responses received in response thereto; and</p> <p>NOTED the effect of any appeal to the Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area against a Council decision made in terms of section 18 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and thereafter,</p> <p>The Council:</p>

		<p>APPROVED the proposed taxi tariffs as set out in Appendix 1; and thereafter,</p> <p>INSTRUCTED the Executive Manager – Transport Planning (or his nominee) to give all due notice of the Council’s decision pursuant to paragraph 1.2.1 above as may be required in terms of sections 17-18A of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and to take such other actions so far as may be necessary to give effect to same.</p>
10	Shetland Islands Council Risk Register	<p>The Council:</p> <p>CONSIDERED the content of this report and the Shetland Islands Council’s Risk Register attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p>ADVISED the Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team of their views.</p>

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