

Policy and Resources Committee – 24 June 2026
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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Chair's Report: Education and Families Committee - New Brae Campus – Synthetic Pitch Options Appraisal	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council RESOLVES to: - Note the contents of the options appraisal and supporting appendix; - Recognise that the detailed scoring appendix identifies a number of areas where; - there are inconsistencies between narrative assessment and scoring; - elements of the appraisal rely on unquantified or partially evidenced benefits; - the weighting of economic and financial factors may not fully reflect the Council's current financial context; and - aspects of risk and deliverability require further clarification; - Agree that the Options Appraisal does not provide a sufficiently robust and evidence-based foundation, consistent with the Five Case Model, to progress to Full Business Case; - Instructs officers to proceed with Option 1 in accordance with the recommendation from the Education & Families Committee.
2	Chair's Report: Environment and Transport Committee - Short-Term Let Licensing Policy Update	The Committee RECOMMENDED to Shetland Islands Council to APPROVE the updated Short-Term Lets Licensing Policy at Appendix 1.
3	Chair's Report: Environment and Transport Committee - Environmental Health Enforcement Policy Update	The Committee RECOMMENDED to Shetland Islands Council to APPROVE the Shetland Islands Council Environmental Health Enforcement Policy update, at Appendix 1.
4	Chair's Report: Development -Committee Approach to Community Led Housing	The Committee RECOMMENDED to the Council that it RESOLVES to: APPROVE the establishment of the Pilot Community-Led Housing Scheme, as defined and described at paragraphs 4.13-4.19;

		• AGREE that up to £200,000 be made available from the Second Homes Council Tax Fund to establish the Pilot Community-Led Housing Scheme; and • GRANT delegated authority the Director of Development Services (or his nominee) to: (a) approve awards of grant under the Pilot Community-Led Housing Scheme as established; and (b) terminate and wind up the Pilot Community-Led Housing Scheme at any time and for any reason; and to do all things incidental or ancillary to the exercise of those powers.
5	Shetland Islands Council Our Draft Revenue and Capital Outturn 2025/26	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to: • NOTE the 2025/26 draft outturn position; • APPROVE the 2025/26 proposed revenue and capital carry forwards as detailed in section 6 of Appendix 1; • APPROVE the adjustments to the 2025/26 budget and 2026/27 budget to reflect the additional funding offered to the Council, as set out in Appendix 5 and note the funding which requires a further report prior to spending; • APPROVE an increase in payment to the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) for 2025/26 of £2.49m, increasing the overall budgeted contribution to the IJB to £40.173m; and • APPROVE an additional planning fee “Fee for Exemption under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003” as set out in Appendix 6.
6	Asset Investment Plan – Progress Report	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council: • NOTES the progress of the projects within the Asset Investment Plan. • APPROVES the adjustments to capital budgets for anticipated project spend in 2026/27, described at section 4.8.

7	Asset Investment Plan – Outline Business Case – A971 West Burrafirth Junction to Walls	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to approve the proposals described in paragraphs 4.7 and 4.8 of the report; AND that officers be instructed to continue to make minor improvements that can be funded from existing roads budgets.
8	Asset Investment Plan – Business Justification Case – Bairns Hoose Project	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to: • APPROVE the proposal described in Section 4.0. and in the Business Justification Case – Bairns’ Hoose Project – Sound Cottage, attached as Appendix A to the report. • DELEGATE authority to the Executive Manager – Children’s Social Work (or their nominee), as Project Sponsor, to: ▪ establish a Project Team and Project Manager to deliver the Project; ▪ accept the offer of grant from Impact Funding Partners and authorise expenditure up to the grant sum; and ▪ procure such works and services and take all such actions and decisions as may be required to enable delivery of the Project.
9	Write Off Report 2025/2026	The Committee NOTED: • the individual debtors more than £5,000 written off during 2025/26; • the summary of bad debts under £5,000 that have been written off during 2025/26.
10	Updated HMRC Mileage Rate	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to: • APPROVE the proposal to apply the most recent uprated His Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC) mileage rate (as published by the HMRC on 21 May 2026) to employees and elected members for business mileage; and thereafter, • DETERMINE the date that those uprated mileage rates are to take effect for all relevant Council purposes from 1 July 2026; and

		• APPROVE the proposal to review existing use of pool vehicle and car Club usage to ensure the best financial position.
11	Proposed Changes to Taxi and Private Hire Car Policy	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council: • APPROVE the following temporary change to the ages of taxi and private hire car vehicles, pending a policy review within the next 12 months: ▪ raise the maximum age of taxi and private hire car vehicles from 4 years to 6 years.
12	Cost of Living Supports 2026-27	The Committee: • APPROVED the proposals set out in section 4.3 for the Islands Cost Crisis Emergency Fund £225,000 revenue allocation to Shetland Islands Council for 2026-27. • DELEGATED authority to the Director of Development Services (or his nominee) to ensure funding is fully utilised on the proposals set out in section 4.3 and, if required, to reallocate spending between proposals should an over/underspend occur or be likely to occur, or as otherwise may be deemed necessary or desirable by the said Director (or their nominee) in response to any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances.
13	Updated Risk Management Policy and Strategy	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council: • APPROVE the updates to the Risk Management Policy (Appendix 1). • APPROVE the updates to the Risk Management Strategy (Appendix 2) • DELEGATE authority to the Senior Risk Management Officer to agree updates to the Risk Management Policy and Strategy where these are required to give effect to legislative requirements, Council decisions or changes in operational and technical procedures, and to note that any such changes will be notified in

		the document version control and, where considered necessary, by a briefing note to Councillors and/or officers.
14	Corporate Services – Quarter 4 Performance Report 2025-2026	The Committee NOTED the Q4 Performance Report and COMMENTED on the work of Corporate Services during Quarter 4 of 2025-2026 and priorities for the future.
15	Chief Executive's Department – Quarter 4 Performance Report 2025-2026	The Committee NOTED the report and COMMENTED on any aspect of the Department's performance being highlighted.
16	Community Health and Social Care – Planning and Performance Update Q4	The Committee NOTED the Community Health and Social Care (CH&SC) Planning and Performance update at Quarter 4 2025/26 (January 2026 - March 2026).
17	Shetland Islands Council Risk Register	The Committee: • CONSIDERED the content of the report and the Shetland Islands Council's Risk Register attached at Appendix 1. • ADVISED the Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team of their views.

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