

Special Shetland Islands Council – 30 June 2026
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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Inter-island Transport Connectivity Programme - Draft Network Strategy Outline Business Case Report	The Council RESOLVED to: • APPROVE the Shetland Inter-island Transport Connectivity Programme Draft Network Strategy Outline Business Case attached at Appendix 1; and • CONSIDERED each of the Island Options and the Senior Responsible Owner's recommendations on behalf of the Programme Board set out below at 1.3 and in section 4; and • For each Island Option DECIDED that the following options be taken forward to the Implementation Route Map: ▪ Bluemull Sound: Fixed link between Unst and Yell, with a dedicated vessel for Fetlar operating over an extended day. Investment in the Bluemull Sound ferry service will be required in the immediate term; ▪ Bressay: Continued investment in the ferry service with a longer term commitment to a fixed link; ▪ Whalsay: Continued investment in the ferry service with a longer term commitment to a fixed link; ▪ Yell: Fixed link; ▪ Foula: Business-as-Usual; ▪ Papa Stour: Ferry Do Something; ▪ Skerries: Ferry Do Something; and

		• APPROVED additional expenditure of up to £200,000 as detailed in section 4.24, to be met through reallocation of existing budgets funded from the Council's annual allocations from the distribution of net revenues from the Crown Estate assets, as set out at 6.6; and • DELEGATED authority to Director of Development and Infrastructure Services (or his nominee) to progress the work described in sections 4.21-4.26 and to engage such services and take such decisions and actions as deemed necessary to progress the decisions taken.
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