Shetland Islands Council – 1 July 2026
Shetland Islands Council Committee Information - Meetings

Item	Subject	Decision
(a)	Deputation	The Council noted the Deputation from Shetland Hockey Association.
1	Chair's Report: Policy & Resources - New Brae Campus – Synthetic Pitch Options Appraisal	The Council RESOLVED to INSTRUCT officers to proceed with Option 2, as described in the report presented to the Education & Families Committee, namely: That the alternative synthetic pitch proposal described at paragraph 2.3 as Option 2 in the report is incorporated into the Full Business Case for the New Brae Campus Project to replace the current position described at paragraph 2.2 as Option 1.
2	Notice of Motion Shetland Recreational Trust Sustainability	The Council NOTED the report.
3	Chair's Report: Policy & Resources - Short-Term Let Licensing Policy Update	The Council APPROVED the updated Short-Term Lets Licensing Policy.
4	Chair's Report: Policy & Resources - Environmental Health Enforcement Policy Update	The Council APPROVED the Shetland Islands Council Environmental Health Enforcement Policy update.
5	Chair's Report: Policy & Resources - Approach to Community Led Housing	The Council RESOLVED 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.
6	Chair’s Report: Policy and Resources - Committee Proposed Changes to Taxi and Private Hire Car Policy	The Council APPROVED a temporary change to the ages of taxi and private hire car vehicles, pending a policy review within the next 12 months, and RAISED the maximum age of taxi and private hire car vehicles from 4 years to 6 years.
7	Chair’s Report: Policy and Resources - Committee Asset Investment Plan – Progress Report	The Council: NOTED the progress of the projects within the Asset Investment Plan. APPROVED the adjustments to capital budgets for anticipated project spend in 2026/27, described at section 4.8.
8	Chair’s Report: Policy and Resources Committee Asset Investment Plan – Outline Business Case – A971 West Burrafirth Junction to Walls	The Council RESOLVED 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.
9	Chair’s Report: Policy and Resources Committee Asset Investment Plan – Business Justification Case – Bairns Hoose Project	The Council RESOLVED 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

10	Chair's Report: Policy and Resources - Committee Updated HMRC Mileage Rate	The Council RESOLVED 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; APPROVE the proposal to review existing use of pool vehicle and car Club usage to ensure the best financial position.
11	Chair's Report: Policy and Resources - Committee Updated Risk Management Policy and Strategy	The Council RESOLVED to: 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.
12	Chair's Report: Policy and Resources Committee - Shetland Islands Council Our Draft Revenue and Capital Outturn 2025/26	The Council RESOLVED 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.
13	Chair’s Report: Audit Committee – Code of Corporate Governance Annual Review	The Council RESOLVED to: NOTE the self-evaluation of corporate governance for 2025/26 and Improvement Actions (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) ADOPT the updated Code of Corporate Governance 2025/26 (attached as Appendix 2 to the report)
14	Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026-2031	The Council RESOLVED to: APPROVE the MTFP document, noting the financial planning assumptions outlined in Section 3 and Annexes A, B and C of Appendix 1. NOTE the range of potential outcomes illustrated in Section 4 of Appendix 1. NOTE the introduction of a financial planning metric, as set out in Section 6 of Appendix 1, which translates the projected financial gap into defined annual savings targets for budget-setting. NOTE the recommendations and forward actions set out in Section 6 of Appendix 1, which form part of the Council’s response to the Best Value audit and will inform the development of the 2027/28 budget and future iterations of the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
15	Fund Management Annual Investment Report 2025/26	The Council RESOLVED to:

		APPROVE the Annual Investment Report for 2025/26 for the purposes of the consent issued by the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 40 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003. NOTE Baillie Gifford's underperformance of their active equity benchmark and target in 2025/26. NOTE the performance of BlackRock's passive equity investments, which was above their objective of matching the benchmark in 2025/26. NOTE Partners outperformance of their closed ended fund benchmark in 2025/26. NOTE Partners underperformance of their open ended fund benchmark over the first 11 months of their mandate in 2025/26.
16	Shetland Development Charter	The Council: CONSIDERED and APPROVED the Shetland Development Charter ("the Charter") as set out at Appendix 1, save that the Council ACKNOWLEDGED and AFFIRMED that nothing in that Appendix 1 shall be construed (nor is it intended to be construed) as fettering, limiting, restricting or prejudicing in any way the discretions, rights, duties or powers of the Council in relation to the exercise of any statutory function, including (but not limited to) its function as a planning authority; GRANTED delegated authority to the Director of Development and Infrastructure, or their nominee, to amend the Charter to give effect to any subsequent change in legislation; and APPROVED establishment of the Shetland Energy Programme Sounding Board on those terms as set out at Appendix 2, save that the Council ACKNOWLEDGED and AFFIRMED that nothing in that Appendix 2 shall be construed (nor is it intended to be construed) as fettering, limiting, restricting or prejudicing in any way the discretions, rights, duties or powers of the Council in relation to the exercise of any statutory function, including (but not limited to) its function as a planning authority.

		ACKNOWLEDGED that further works on the Draft Shetland Energy Strategy would be superfluous, and as such APPROVED that work on Energy Strategy cease, with the Charter and the Shetland Energy Programme becoming the mechanism to progress works in this area.
17	Shetland Landscape Sensitivity Assessment	The Council: NOTED the strategic need for an updated, island-wide landscape evidence base to support planning and development decisions; APPROVED the commission of a Shetland Landscape Sensitivity Assessment to address the aforementioned need; DELEGATED AUTHORITY to the Director of Development and Infrastructure (or his nominee) to take all such action as may be necessary to bring to fruition the decision at paragraph 1.1.2.
18	Change Programme Report	The Council NOTED the content of the Report and the Shetland Islands Council Change Programme Project Summary attached at Appendix 1.
19	Shetland Islands Council Risk Register	The Council CONSIDERED the content of the report and the Shetland Islands Council's Risk Register attached at Appendix 1.

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