

Shetland Islands Council – 2025/26 Annual Report on Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

This report summarises Council activity relevant to Part 3 (Participation Requests) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for 2025/26. This report fulfils the Council's statutory duties to report annually under the legislation.

Part 3 – Participation Requests

Number of Participation Requests received: 0

Shetland Islands Council received no Participation Requests in 2025/26.

The Shetland Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership brings together CLD partners from a wide range of organisations including Voluntary Action Shetland, NHS Shetland, Shetland Islands Council, Skills Development Scotland and UHI Shetland.

Participation is a priority area in [Shetland's Partnership Plan](#), aiming to ensure 'People participate and influence decisions on services and use of resources'. A piece of work supporting this has been the publication of the [Participation Hub](#) and [Participation Toolkit](#). These are resources for those wishing to find out about current consultations, and for those looking to involve local people and communities in the development, design and delivery of plans and services.

[Shetland's CLD Plan 2024-27](#) is closely aligned to the priorities in the Shetland Partnership Plan. Participation is a key priority underpinning much of the CLD plan, focusing on building positive relationships with communities, working to ensure that everybody's voice is heard and those who want to participate can do so in a variety of ways.

The Council's Community Development team continue to support communities around the community empowerment / participation requests agenda, as part of their ongoing work with volunteers, committees and community groups.