

Policy and Resources Committee – 14 September 2026
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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Chair's Report: Education and Families Committee – Local Child Poverty Annual Report	The Committee APPROVED Shetland's eighth Local Child Poverty Action Report for publication
2	Chairs Report Education and Families Committee – Active Shetland Strategy 2027 - 2032	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council: • APPROVES the proposed Active Shetland Strategy 2027-2032 and AGREES that it replaces the Active Shetland Strategy 2018 – 2023 within Part A of the Council's Constitution and Policy Framework, to be managed by the Education and Families Committee.
3	Chair's Report: Education and Families Committee – Shetland's Schools: Accessibility Strategy, Learning Estate Strategy, Admissions Policy and Accessibility Design Brief	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council: • APPROVES the Accessibility Strategy (Appendix 1), the revised Learning Estate Strategy 2026-2031(Appendix 2), and the revised Admissions Policy (Appendix 3). • NOTES the revised Accessibility Design Brief (Appendix 4). • DELEGATES authority to the Director of Education and Children's Services to agree updates to the Accessibility Strategy, Learning Estate Strategy, Admissions Policy and Accessibility Design Brief to give effect to legislative and national policy changes; 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.
4	Chair's Report: Environment and Transport Committee – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Progress Report	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council: • NOTES 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.

		• APPROVES the Business Case (Appendix 1), and as outlined in paragraph 2.5 of the report, and DELEGATES authority to the Director of Development & Infrastructure Services or such officer who may succeed to that Director's responsibilities under another title, to progress and complete all tasks reasonably necessary to bring proposed Phase 2 charge point developments to a future cycle of committees for approval. • APPROVES the utilisation, by HITRANS, of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (EVIF) award to deliver those Phase 2 outputs and outcomes as are set out in the attached Business Case but which have also been outlined in summary across sections 4.6 to 4.11 of the report.
5	Chair's Report: Environment and Transport Committee – Transport Scotland People and Place Local Authority Direct Award	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council: • APPROVE each of the three projects in the People and Place Programme, as detailed separately in Appendix 1 and at section 6.6 of the report. • NOTE that confirmation of central government Local Authority Direct Award funding has been received from Transport Scotland. • DELEGATE AUTHORITY to the Executive Manager- Transport Planning (Interim) to issue grants totalling up to £50,400 to Cycling UK, Love to Ride UK, and the Shetland Community Bike Project, for the delivery of the programme; provided that the delegated authority as herein conferred on the Executive Manager shall not be exercised unless and until the Executive Manager has received advice from the Executive Manager – Governance and Law (or his nominee) confirming that any prospective award of funding would not run counter to, or constitute a breach of, any applicable subsidy control legislation.
6	Corporate Services – Quarter 1 Performance Report 2026-2027	The Committee NOTED the Q1 Performance Report.
7	Chief Executive's Department – Quarter 1 Performance Report 2026-27	The Committee NOTED the report.
8	Community Health and Social Care Planning and Performance Update Q1	The Committee NOTED the Community Health and Social Care (CH&SC) Planning and Performance update at Quarter 1 2026/27.
9	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2025-2026	The Committee NOTED the content of the Chief Social Work Officer Report 2025-26

10	SIC Overall Management Accounts 2026/27 Projected Outturn at Quarter 1	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council RESOLVE to: • NOTE the Management Accounts showing the overall projected outturn position at Quarter 1 as set out in Appendices 1-8. This shows a reduction of £1.5m in the use of reserves from the original budget to the projected draw, from £47.9m to £46.4m. • APPROVE budget virements in line with the variance analysis set out in Appendices 1-3 to cover over/underspends identified. • APPROVE the adjustments to the 2026/27 budget to reflect the additional funding offered to the Council, as set out in Appendix 7. • NOTE the progress on the savings proposals as set out in Appendix 8.
11	Council Investment Review for Quarter to 30 June 2026	The Committee NOTED the outcome of the quarterly review.
12	Sustainable Models of Adult Social Care Programme – Draft Strategic Outline Case	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council: • APPROVE the draft Strategic Outline Case and the recommended Preferred Way Forward attached at Appendix 1. • APPROVE additional expenditure of up to £72,500, as detailed in section 4.6, with costs incurred during 2026/2027 expected to be funded using existing resources within Community Health and Social Care with costs incurred during 2027/2028 to be considered during budget setting. • DELEGATE authority to the Director – Community Health and Social Care (or her nominee) to progress the work described in Section 4.6 of the report, and to engage such services and take such decisions and actions as deemed necessary to progress the Programme Outline Business Case including the creation of a sounding board. • INSTRUCT staff to investigate the use of Brevik Cottages, Burgh Road as Core and Cluster Housing and to also investigate if any changes are required to the Council's Housing Allocation Policy to enable this to happen.

13	Asset Investment Plan – Progress Report	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands 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 in the report.
14	Shetland Islands Council Risk Register	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council: • CONSIDER the content of the report and the Shetland Islands Council's Risk Register attached at Appendix 1. • ADVISE the Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team of their views.

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