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Screening Determination - Shetland Inter-Island Transport Connectivity Programme

This statement sets out Shetland Islands Council's determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 on whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required for the above programme.

SEA Screening Process

A SEA screening report was issued to the Consultation Authorities on 25 June 2026 to determine whether the above programme is likely to have significant environmental effects. The Consultation Authorities responses are summarised as follows:

Consultation Authority	Likelihood of Significant Environmental Effects
Scottish Environmental Protection Agency	Yes
Scottish Natural Heritage	Yes
Historic Environment Scotland	Yes

In addition to consulting the above bodies, the Council has also taken into account the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act in determining whether or not the above Programme

is likely to have significant environmental effects. After such consideration the Council has determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.

An Environmental Report will be prepared alongside the Shetland Island Council Inter-Island Transport Connectivity Programme. The Environmental Report will identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effect on the environment of implementing the Shetland Inter-Island Transport Connectivity Programme, considering mitigation measures and any reasonable alternatives, as per the 2005 Act.

Yours sincerely

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