

Shetland Islands Council – 23 September 2026
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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Chair's Report – Policy and Resources Committee Shetland's Schools: Admissions Policy, Accessibility Strategy, Learning Estate Strategy, Accessibility Design Brief	Shetland Islands Council: • APPROVED the Accessibility Strategy (Appendix 1), the revised Learning Estate Strategy 2026-2031(Appendix 2) and the revised Admissions Policy (Appendix 3). • NOTED the revised Accessibility Design Brief (Appendix 4). • DELEGATED 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 and 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.
2	Chair's Report – Policy and Resources Committee – Active Shetland Strategy 2027 – 2032	Shetland Islands Council: • APPROVED the proposed Active Shetland Strategy 2027-2032 • AGREED 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 – Policy and Resources Committee – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Progress Report	Shetland Islands Council: • NOTED 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; • APPROVED the Business Case (Appendix 1), and as outlined in paragraph 2.5 of the report, and DELEGATED 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; and • APPROVED 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.
4	Chair's Report – Policy and Resources Committee – Transport Scotland People and Place Local Authority Direct Award	Shetland Islands Council: • APPROVED 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; • NOTED that confirmation of central government Local Authority Direct Award funding has been received from Transport Scotland; • DELEGATED 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 their nominee) confirming that any prospective award of funding would not run counter to, or constitute a breach of, any applicable subsidy control legislation.
5	Chair's Report – Policy and Resources Committee – Sustainable Models of Adult Social Care Programme – Draft Strategic Outline Case	Shetland Islands Council: • APPROVED the draft Strategic Outline Case and the recommended Preferred Way Forward attached at Appendix 1 of the report. • APPROVED additional expenditure of up to £72,500, as detailed in section 4.6 of the report, 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. • DELEGATED authority to the Director – Community Health and Social Care (or their 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.
6	Chair's Report – Policy and Resources Committee – Asset Investment Plan – Progress Report	Shetland Islands 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 of the report.
7	Chair's Report – Policy and Resources Committee – SIC Overall Management Accounts 2026/27 Projected Outturn at Q1	Shetland Islands Council: • NOTED the Management Accounts showing the overall projected outturn position at Quarter 1 as set out in Appendices 1-8 of the report. 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; • APPROVED budget virements in line with the variance analysis set out in Appendices 1-3 of the report to cover over/underspends identified; • APPROVED the adjustments to the 2026/27 budget to reflect the additional funding offered to the Council, as set out in Appendix 7 of the report • NOTED the progress on the savings proposals as set out in Appendix 8 of the report.
8	Change Programme Report	Shetland Islands Council: • NOTED the content of this Report and the Shetland Islands Council Change Programme Project Summary attached at Appendix 1 and made any relevant comments to inform further activity.
9	Shetland Islands Council Risk Register	Shetland Islands Council: • CONSIDERED the content of this report and the Shetland Islands Council's Risk Register attached at Appendix 1.

		ADVISED the Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team of their views.
10	Inter-island Transport Connectivity Programme – Draft Implementation Route Map	Shetland Islands Council: - APPROVED the publication of the draft Implementation Route Map (IRM), attached at Appendix 1 to the report, for the purposes of carrying out consultation in connection with the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) pursuant to the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005; - CONSIDERED and APPROVED the Inter-island Transport Connectivity (IITC) Programme Senior Responsible Owner's recommendation on behalf of the Programme Board that the Implementation Route Map to be followed is IRM3 – Yell and Unst tunnel, Yell first.
10B	Written Question from Councillor Alex Armitage to Council Leader Submitted under Section 14 of the Council's Standing Orders for Meetings	Written Question To ask the leader of the council: "Shetland Islands Council's approval of the Fish Holm salmon farm has caused significant concern due to its location within existing scallop fishing grounds. Why was a planning decision of such strategic importance not brought for consideration by elected members? What can be done to ensure that future such decisions are made by elected members?" Written Response "The planning application to redevelop/expand the Fish Holm salmon farm (ref: 2025/006/MAR) was granted in February 2026. The decision was made in accordance with Shetland Islands Council's Planning Scheme of Delegations - https://www.shetland.gov.uk/downloads/file/1704/part-c-appendix-1-planning-scheme-of-delegations-updated-22-04-2022- The application was classed as a major development in terms of planning legislation and the relevant part of the Council's

		Planning Scheme of Delegations for such developments can be found on Page 6 of the document. The application was determined by the 'Appointed Person' under the Scheme (a delegated decision by the Executive Manager - Planning) as none of the exceptions applied that would trigger a committee decision. Although objections were submitted to the application from fishermen and their representative bodies and from environmental groups, such objections do not trigger a committee decision under the approved Planning Scheme of Delegations. At the point of determination, there were no objections from any statutory consultee or from a Community Council which would have required a committee decision. With regard to the latter, the three Community Councils which surround the development site were consulted, and none of them objected. The Planning Scheme of Delegations requires to be reviewed by the Council and approved by the Scottish Ministers at least every five years. It was last so reviewed and approved in April 2022. Therefore the next review will come before the full council, and members will have an opportunity to express their views on it, no later than April 2027."
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