Education & Families Committee – 16 November 2026 Shetland Islands Council Committee Information - Meetings		
Item	**Subject**	**Decision**
1.	Skeld Primary School – Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and Options Appraisal	The Education and Families Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council resolve to: NOTE the Options Appraisal included as Appendix 1 to the report. APPROVE the recommendation to commence the statutory consultation process in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 on a rural school closure proposal to permanently discontinue the provision of education at Skeld Primary School including Early Learning and Childcare. DELEGATE authority to the Director – Education and Children's Services (or their nominee) to commence the statutory consultation process, and take such actions as required to undertake and progress the statutory consultation process in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010. NOTE a further report will be presented to Members at the end of the statutory consultation process outlined at paragraph 4.19 to consider whether the closure proposal is to be implemented.
2.	Burravoe Primary School – Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and Options Appraisal	The Education and Families Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council resolve to: NOTE the Options Appraisal included as appendix 1 to the report. APPROVE the recommendation to commence the statutory consultation process in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 on a rural school closure proposal to permanently discontinue the provision of education at Burravoe Primary School. DELEGATE authority to the Director – Education and Children's Services (or their nominee) to commence the statutory consultation process, and take such actions as required to undertake and progress the statutory consultation process in accordance with the requirements of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

		NOTE a further report will be presented to Members at the end of the statutory consultation process outlined at paragraph 4.19 to consider whether the closure proposal is to be implemented.
3.	Temporary Closure Policy	The Education and Families Committee RECOMMENDED that the Policy and Resources Committee RECOMMENDS that Shetland Islands Council: APPROVES the Temporary Closure Policy for Schools and Early Learning and Childcare Settings (Appendix 1), subject to the following amendments: • Section 5.3 – clarification that HM Inspectors reports form part of the evidence-based decision-making • Para 7.6 – clarification that the response is the Council officers' assessment of the issues raised NOTES that the Policy supersedes the Council's existing Mothballing a School Procedure, Reopening a Mothballed School Procedure and the Principles agreed by Council on 25 September 2024 (Min Ref: SIC 49/24). This aligns the Council's approach with the revised Scottish Government statutory guidance on temporary closures published in December 2025. DELEGATES authority to the Director of Education and Children's Services to agree updates to the Policy 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.
4.	Anderson High School Halls of Residence Accommodation Flat Reduced Charges	The Education and Families Committee RECOMMENDED that the Policy and Resources Committee to RECOMMEND that Shetlands Islands Council resolves to:

		APPROVE a reduced accommodation charge in respect of the Anderson High School Halls of Residence Accommodation Flat for parents and carers of pupils residing within the Halls of Residence who are residents of 'Islands with Small Populations' with immediate effect. AGREE that this fee be set at 50% of the approved standard Accommodation Flat charge and be incorporated into the Education and Children's Services 2026/27 Schedule of Charges with immediate effect as set out in Appendix 1.
5.	Education and Children's Services Directorate Performance Report – Quarter 2, 01 July to 30 September 2026	The Education and Families Committee NOTED the Quarter 2 Performance Report.
6.	Exceptions from Contract Standing Orders – School Link Courses Provision	The Education and Families Committee NOTED the exception to Shetland Island Council Standing Orders.
7.	HM Inspectors of Education Report on Cullivoe Primary School	The Education and Families Committee NOTED the content of the HM Inspectors of Education Report on Cullivoe Primary School.
8.	HM Inspectors of Education Report on Fair Isle Primary School and Nursery	The Education and Families Committee NOTES the content of the HM Inspectors of Education Report on Fair Isle Primary School and Nursery Class.
9.	Care Inspectorate Reports: Cunningsburgh Early Years, Dunrossness Nursery and Urafirth Early Years	The Education and Families Committee NOTED the content of the Care Inspectorate Reports for Cunningsburgh Early Years, Dunrossness Nursery and Urafirth Early Years.
10.	Care Inspectorate Reports - Residential Childcare (Stura and Windybrae)	The Education and Families Committee NOTED the content of the Care Inspectorate Repots for Stura and Windybrae.
11.	Shetland Public Protection Committee Annual Report 2025-2026	The Education and Families Committee NOTED the Shetland Public Protection Committee Annual Report 2025-2026.

12.	Education and Families Committee Business Programme – 2026/27	The Education and Families Committee CONSIDERED the business planned for Education and Families Committee for the remainder of the financial year 2026/27 and ADVISED the Director of Education and Children's Services of any changes required or new items to be included on the Business Programme.

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