

Shetland Islands Council – 30 June 2021
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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Learning Estate Strategy	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVE the Learning Estate Strategy, to replace the School Estate Strategy, as a specific plan contained within the Council's Policy Framework set out in the Council's constitution (Part A – 3(2)), to be managed by the Education and Families Committee • APPROVE the Options Appraisal methodology.
2	Children's Social Work Policy	The Council APPROVED the updated Children's Social Work Policy.
3	Zetland Educational Trust: Unaudited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 March 2021	The Council NOTED the Zetland Educational Trust (ZET) Unaudited annual report and financial statements for the year to 31 March 2021 (Appendix 1) and the information at section 4.0 highlighting the key points from the report and financial statements.
4	Interim Audit Report on Audit Dimensions and Best Value for 2020/21	The Council RESOLVED to NOTE the findings of the external auditor in the Interim Audit Report (Appendix 1) and APPROVE the agreed Action Plan as set out on pages 42-48 of the Interim Audit Report (Appendix 1)
5	Irrecoverable Debt 2020/21	The Council NOTED the individual debtors in excess of £5,000 written off during 2020/21 and the summary of bad debts under £5,000 that have been written off during 2020/21.
6	Openness and Transparency Review	The Council NOTED the review of openness and transparency that was carried out earlier this year and the actions that have been set out to make further improvements in this area, as part of preparing for the Best Value Assurance Review, which is due to start later this year.
7	Island Communities Impact Assessments	The Council:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED the new duties that have arisen under the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, relating to Island Communities Impact Assessments and the associated Regulations, which came into force on 23 December 2020 • APPROVED that for the Council to demonstrate compliance with the Section 7 duty, Island Communities Impact Assessments will be carried out on existing policies, strategies and services at routine review dates, or on receipt of a review request where a review date is not specified or the policy is not due for review for some time. • APPROVED that Island Communities Impact Assessments, will be signed off by an Executive Manager, unless completed by an Executive Manager, in which case they will be approved and signed off by a Director. • APPROVED that information about the steps the Council has taken to comply with the new statutory duties, will be reported annually in the Council's Annual Performance Report, taking into account the requirements of the annual reporting return assessment detailed in the guidance. • APPROVED that a request from an individual, group or organisation for the Council to make a request for a retrospective Island Communities Impact Assessment to the Scottish Ministers, is accompanied by information explaining why the legislation has an effect on an island community, which is significantly different from the effect on other communities in Scotland; and that the decision as to whether to make such a retrospective request rests with the relevant Director.
8	Shetland Islands Council Coastal Communities Fund	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the change of name from 'Crown Estate Fund' to 'Shetland Islands Council Coastal Communities Fund'

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVE a grant of up to £54,328 to Seafood Shetland for rapid in-situ monitoring to support harmful algal bloom and biotoxin alerts for Shetland aquaculture; • APPROVE a grant of up to £100,000 to North Yell Development Council for Cullivoe Marina pontoons; • APPROVE a grant of up to £99,495.08 to Papa Stour History and Community Group for the Papa Stour Kirk Development Project; • APPROVE a grant of up to £83,805 to the Swan Trust towards strengthening community links and delivering strategic priorities; • APPROVE a grant of up to £52,725.60 to the Uyeasound Hall for an energy efficiency upgrade; • APPROVE a grant of up to £100,000 to Fair Isle Bird Observatory Trust for the Fair Isle Bird Observatory.
9	ORION Clean Energy Project Update and Presentation by ORION Clean Energy Project Co-ordinator	The Council NOTED the actions progressed since the previous update report on the ORION Clean Energy Project to the Council on 25 November 2020, as described in Section 2 and Appendix 1 of the report.
10	Climate Change - Strategic Outline Programme Update	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED progress since the last update provided in November 2020 in relation to the decisions made by Council at its meeting on 22 January 2020 (Min. Ref. 01/20) as described in section 4 and Appendix 1 • CONSIDERED the plans for future action to progress these decisions and catch up on time lost due to COVID19 restrictions, also described in Section 4 and in Appendix 1 of the report.

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