

Shetland Islands Council – 8 September 2021

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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Establishment and Member Appointments – Growth Deal for the Islands Joint Committee	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVE the establishment of a Growth Deal for the Islands Joint Committee [the Joint Committee]; • APPOINT the Council Leader and the Chair of Development Committee to act as the Shetland Islands Council representatives on the Joint Committee, until the end of this Council term, or term of the office bearer; • DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive, through the Islands Growth Deal Programme Board, to finalise the Joint Committee Governance Agreement at Appendix 1; and • DELEGATE authority to the Joint Committee to approve any further subsidiary documents required in order to govern its effective operation.
2	Appointment of Church of Scotland Representative - Education and Families Committee	<p>The Council RESOLVE to appoint Ms Ellen Griffiths Weir as the nominated representative of the Church of Scotland to the Education and Families Committee.</p>
3	Strategic Outline Programme – Learning Estate Strategy	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGREE the Strategic Outline Programme at Appendix 1; and • NOTE that the Strategic Outline Business Case for Brae is the subject of a separate report in this cycle of meetings of the Council and its committees.

4	Strategic Outline Case - Sustaining Education in Brae	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGREE that the project described at Section 4.3.1 proceed to Outline Business Case, in line with the Council's Gateway Process for the Management of Capital Projects; • AGREE that the project described at Section 4.3.1 be incorporated into the Asset Investment Plan 2022-2027 on a provisional basis, subject to approval of a Full Business Case; and • AGREE that a bid be made to the Scottish Government's Learning Estate Investment Programme when those bids are invited.
5	Asset Investment Plan – Progress Report	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED the progress of the projects within the Asset Investment Plan; and • APPROVED the adjustments and re-profiling of capital budgets required for updated estimates and final outturn spend in 2020/21 since the approval of the 5 Year Asset Investment Plan 2021-26 described in detail at paragraph 4.5.
6	SIC Overall Management Accounts 2021/22 Projected Outturn at Quarter 1	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the Management Accounts showing the overall projected outturn position at Quarter 1, which shows actuals and projections are within the overall budget for the year; and • APPROVE the decrease in payment to the Integrated Joint Board of £37k, this will decrease the payment for 2021/22 to £24.46m.
7	College Merger – Update Report	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONSIDERED the information provided in this report; • NOTED that following the completion of the transfer of all the staff of Shetland College to Shetland UHI on 1 August 2021, there will be no further meetings of the College Lecturers Joint Consultative Committee (CLJCC) and the Council's Scheme of Administration and Delegation will be updated accordingly;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED the work that will be done during this financial year, 2021/22, to revise the Council's commissioning arrangements for a range of activities previously provided by Shetland College; and • AGREED that the College Board continues to meet during 2021/22 to receive update reports with regard to the new commissioning arrangements and the final closedown report of the College Merger Project.
8	Corporate Risk Register	<p>The Council :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONSIDERED the content of this report and the Corporate Risk Register attached at Appendix 1; and • ADVISED the Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team of their views.
9	Notice of Motion – Afghanistan / Afghan Refugees	<p>The Council RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the heart-breaking events in Afghanistan as the US and UK withdrawal unfolds and the subsequent takeover of the country by the Taliban. • Support the people of Afghanistan to enjoy the liberties previously reintroduced and protected by the Afghan government. Supports the right for women to vote, to be educated and to live a full and equal life in Afghanistan. • Agree that Shetland has a responsibility to play its part in welcoming those fleeing persecution, provide temporary accommodation and welcome Afghan refugees for permanent resettlement in Shetland. • Agree to explore all avenues to secure appropriate accommodation, without putting pressure on existing demand for social housing. • Agree the Shetland Islands Council write to the UK Government to request an increase in the number of Afghan refugees welcomed to Britain beyond the initial commitment of 20,000 over five years. • Note the very generous donations already being made by the people of Shetland to those fleeing persecution from Afghanistan.

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