

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Proposed Amendments to the Council's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

NOTICE is hereby given, that Shetland Islands Council (hereinafter the '**Council**'), in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 53(1) of the above mentioned Act, proposes to revoke the existing Community Council Scheme of Establishment and make a new Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Shetland. This review will involve at least three public consultations and further Special Meetings of the Council. Further details are available on the Council website at www.shetland.gov.uk/ccschemereview.

A Special Meeting of the Council, held on 3 October 2023, agreed to a public consultation exercise on the proposed revocation and replacement of the current Scheme. In the first of these consultations, the Council now invites suggestions and representations from the public on the current areas and composition of the Community Councils under the current Scheme.

The initial consultation process will be held over one 12-week period and one 10-week period. The first consultation period shall address the '**Plan of Community Councils' Areas and Composition**' and the second period shall address the Scheme itself, together with associated documentation. A final 6-week period of consultation will be held prior to adoption of any amendments.

Any person or organisation wishing to make such written suggestions or representations may do so by no later than **5PM on Friday 12 January 2024** either:

- by email to CommunityCouncilReview@shetland.gov.uk; or
- in writing to the Community Council Review, Solarhus, 3 North Ness, Lerwick, ZE1 0LZ.

Please note that the content of any suggestions or representations made may appear in a publicly available report to the Council.

A plan of these areas and details of the composition may be downloaded from the Council's website (as listed above) or examined at:

- Council Headquarters, 8 North Ness, Lerwick, ZE1 0LZ
- Shetland Library, Lower Hillhead, Lerwick, ZE1 0EL
- Community Library, Baltasound Junior High School, Baltasound, Unst, ZE2 9DY
- Community Library, Brae High School, Brae, ZE2 9QG
- Community Library, Mid Yell Junior High School, Mid Yell, Yell, ZE2 9BN

Library opening hours can be found at www.shetland.gov.uk/libraries/using-library/2

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