

Education and Families Committee – 4 March 2024

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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Children’s Services Directorate Performance Report 2022/23 – Q3, 1 October to 31 December 2023	The Committee CONSIDERED the contents of the report and made relevant comments on progress against priorities to inform further activity.
2	Children’s Services Directorate Plan 2024-2027	The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council APPROVE the Children’s Services Directorate Plan 2024-2027.
3	2024/25 Budget and Charging Proposals – Education & Families Committee	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Policy and Resources Committee and the Council APPROVE the budget for 2024/25 included in the report and set out in detail in the Budget Proposals by Activity (Appendix 2) and Schedule of Charges (Appendix 3) to be included in the overall Shetland Islands Council Budget Book.
4	Free School Meals and School Clothing Grant Criteria	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDED that Policy and Resources Committee RECOMMENDS that Shetland Islands Council APPROVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the alignment of Free School Meals and School Clothing Grants criteria• the current School Clothing Grants payment rates• funding to enable the Scottish Government’s Free School Meal Holiday Support to be extended to pupils in receipt of locally extended Free School Meals and pupils eligible for Free School Meals who are attending Early Learning and Childcare settings, including eligible two year olds• aligning Free School Milk Clothing Grants criteria• continuing free breakfast provision in all Secondary Schools

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • funding these additional costs from the Crown Estate grant for 2024/2025 with funding source considered annually at budget setting • that the above arrangements will commence on 01 April 2024 and continue until a review is requested.
5	Mothballing Update	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGREED that the currently mothballed schools, namely Papa Stour Primary School, Fetlar Primary School and Skerries Primary School, should remain mothballed but that that status be reviewed annually, in accordance with the Statutory Guidance issued under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 • NOTED the progress being made on the consultation around mothballing with the school communities of Skeld Primary School and Cullivoe Primary School.
6	External Audit Report - Care Inspectorate Report on Aith Nursery	The Committee NOTED the content of the Care Inspectorate Report on Aith Nursery.
7	External Audit Report - Care Inspectorate Report on Whalsay Nursery	The Committee NOTED the content of the follow up Care Inspectorate Report on Whalsay Nursery.

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