

# **SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL**

## **SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME 1997**

In terms of Part IV of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), as amended by the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, Shetland Islands Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"), having given public notice of their intention to frame a Scheme for Community Councils in this area and having considered the suggestions submitted as to the areas and composition of community councils in the Islands Area, hereby make the following Community Council Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme"):-

### **1 TITLE OF SCHEME**

This Scheme may be cited as "The Shetland Islands Council Community Council Scheme 1997".

### **2 COMMENCEMENT OF SCHEME**

The Scheme shall come into force on the day appointed by the Council. Notice of said date will be published in accordance with the Act.

### **3 INTERPRETATION OF SCHEME**

The Interpretation Act 1978, shall apply to the interpretation of the Scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

### **4 GENERAL PURPOSES OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

The general purpose of a Community Council, in addition to any other purpose which they may be entitled to pursue, shall be to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to the local authorities for their area, and to other public authorities, the views of the community which they represent, in relation to matters for which those authorities are responsible, and to take such action in the interests of that community as appears to them to be expedient and practicable, and done pursuant to the Constitution of each Community Council and the Code of Practice approved by the Council and modified from time to time in consultation with all Community Councils.

### **5 COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREAS**

The areas referred to comprise:-

- (a) Bressay
- (b) Burra and Trondra
- (c) Delting
- (d) Dunrossness
- (e) Fetlar
- (f) Gulberwick, Quarff and Cunningsburgh

- (g) Lerwick
- (h) Nesting and Lunnasting
- (i) Northmavine
- (j) Sandness and Walls
- (k) Sandsting and Aithsting
- (l) Sandwick
- (m) Scalloway
- (n) Skerries
- (o) Tingwall, Whiteness and Weisdale
- (p) Unst
- (q) Whalsay
- (r) Yell

## **6 DESCRIPTION OF AREAS SELECTED**

The Council have considered carefully the location, population and electorate, and characteristics of the communities within the Islands area and their relationship to one another, and having determined that the Community Council requirements for the Islands area, and in particular the local interests and the needs of all the persons within the communities, will be best served by the establishment of Community Councils for the areas specified in paragraph 5 above the precise boundaries of which shall be approved by the Council and subject to periodic review and modification, as required, under the terms of the Constitutions of each area following consultation with the Community Councils likely to be affected by the modifications.

## **7 APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

In the event of not less than 20 electors in any of the areas specified in paragraph 5 above, making application in terms of Section 52(7) of the Act for establishment in that area of a Community Council, the Council may consider in accordance with the provisions of the Act, making arrangements to set up a Community Council for the area concerned.

## **8 CONSTITUTION AND CODE OF PRACTICE**

Each Community Council shall be responsible for compiling their own Constitution based on a framework document produced by the Council. Each Community Council shall also assist in the production of a Code of Practice to facilitate the orderly conduct of their affairs, the means of maximising representation of their community interests, and for establishing the grounds rules for participative consultation vis-à-vis the Council and other public bodies. These key documents will stand separate from the Scheme but derive their authority therefrom and will be subject to periodic review by the Council in consultation with Community Councils.

This is the Shetland Islands Council Scheme of Community Councils approved by the Council on

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Head of Legal and Administrative  
Services

Date \_\_\_\_\_