

Environment and Transport Committee – 21 January 2019

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Item	Subject	Decision
(e)	Petition – Speed Limit, Tresta	The Committee instructed officers to provide a report to Committee within two meeting cycles.
1	Infrastructure Directorate Performance Report Environment & Transport Committee Performance Report; Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 to 31 December 2019	<p>The Committee NOTED the;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plans and progress in 2019/20 and • proposals for 2020/21 activity and priorities
2	Grounds Maintenance Provision - Burial Grounds & Amenity Areas	<p>The Committee RESOLVED to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the cutting frequency of Burial Grounds grassed areas is harmonised with Amenity Areas and classified as Category 2 across all yards. This means that grass shall be mown to maintain a mean height between a maximum growth height of 15 cm and a minimum mower setting of 7.5 cm. Any shortfall in resource will be contracted out on a flexible basis; • That the current area based contracts for grounds maintenance to Amenity Areas is merged into one Shetland-wide contract to maximise the economies of scale, thus easing contract management and administration; and • That the collection of mown grass be reviewed by Committee after this year’s growing season for both Burial Grounds and Amenity Areas. This will allow evaluation on the impact of more frequent cuts across Burial Grounds on the basis that it will result in better and less visually obtrusive mulching, thus offsetting the need to collect grass at considerable expense; and • RECOMMENDED that the Policy and Resources Committee and Shetland Islands Council approves the budget increase, to implement the measures described in 1.1, of approximately £41,453.

3	Winter Maintenance Review 2020	<p>The Committee APPROVED the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • measures detailed in section 4.1.3 of this report that are intended to address concerns raised in previous winter service seasons and to improve the efficiency of winter service operations; • the measures detailed in section 4.4 intended to incorporate the relevant aspects of the new national guidance into the Council’s winter service; and • RECOMMENDED that the Policy and Resources Committee and the Council approves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the allocation of an additional £103,000 to the “Winter Service” revenue budget to meet the estimated cost of implementing these measures, as set out in paragraph 6.5 of this report.
4	Climate Change - Strategic Outline Programme	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDS that Shetland Islands Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTES the actions taken to date in respect of Shetland Islands Council’s response to Climate Change, through the existing Carbon Management Plan, and associated activity. • CONSIDERS the information provided in the Climate Change, Strategic Outline Programme (Appendix 1) and the Climate Change Programme Initiation Documentation (Appendix 2) and COMMENTS on any aspects of these documents. • ENDORSES the objectives and Critical Success Factors set out in the Strategic Outline Programme (Appendix 1) and Programme Initiation Documentation (Appendix 2), and in particular confirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need for shared action across all levels of government, businesses, communities and individuals to address the risks presented by Climate Change; ○ That Shetland Islands Council will adopt a proactive and collaborative approach to Climate Change, emphasising planned partnership action, with the Council providing leadership on behalf of the Shetland community;

- The critical need for all plans and actions to recognise current inequalities, which result in Shetland residents experiencing some of the highest levels of fuel poverty and transport costs in the United Kingdom; and to ensure Just Transition solutions address these energy affordability problems, as well as reducing emissions;
- The significant number of jobs in Shetland involved in the energy sector; and the importance that Just Transition solutions also recognise the need for employment transition in communities such as ours, as well as reducing emissions;
- **ENDORSES** the initial governance arrangements set out in that Strategic Outline Programme (Appendix 1) and Programme Initiation Document (Appendix 2); through the Chief Executive, the Council's Corporate Management Team and the Council's senior political office bearers.
- **ENDORSES** that the continuing work of the Carbon Management Plan should be built upon through:
 - the continuation, and where possible, the acceleration of current energy efficiency, energy conversion, waste reduction and waste reuse initiatives, internally within the Council, and across the Shetland community;
 - the review and analysis of key Council and Partnership Plans and strategies for recommended critical path Climate Change actions;
 - the further development of an integrated Shetland Climate Change Action Plan which co-ordinates activity; and
 - the reporting of recommendations from the Shetland Climate Change Action Plan to Shetland Islands Council in line with the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan which is anticipated in March / April 2020, and periodically thereafter.
- **ENDORSES** a review of guidance for the Environmental Implications section of committee reports to clarify the need to report Climate Change implications clearly.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVES the funding requirement at paragraph 6.5 from the Council's Change Fund and ENDORSES a review of the arrangements for the Council's Change Fund to understand how the Change Fund can best be utilised to support this matter. • THANKS Shetland Climate Action for their petition lodged with the Council on 3 October 2019 (pages 1 – 4 attached as Appendix 3 - full petition listing all signatories is available to Members upon request.). The Council has also had informal representations on this issue, particularly from young people and environmental groups, but also from individual constituents and community councils. The content of the petition, and other representations, align with much of the Climate Change work that the Council has embarked on, and the further actions recommended in this Strategic Outline Programme (Appendix 1). Further information on that alignment is set out in 4.12 – 4.17 of this report. • NOTES that local emission reduction targets, for the Council estate and services, and for Shetland as a whole, will be evaluated as an early activity within the Programme, and be reported to Shetland Islands Council. This review and establishment.
5	Infrastructure Services Business Programme - 2019/20	The Committee NOTED the report.

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