

Policy and Resources Committee – 21 January 2020

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Item	Subject	Decision
1	Palliative and End of Life Strategy for Shetland 2019-2022	The Committee APPROVED the Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy for Shetland 2019-2022
2	Shetland Public Protection Committee Annual Report 2018 - 2019	The Committee NOTED the Shetland Public Protection Committee Annual Report 2018-2019.
3	Shetland Energy Hub Project	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDED that Shetland Islands Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONSIDERS and COMMENTS on the information provided in Appendices one to four, the Project Initiation Document for the Shetland Energy Hub Project (“the Project”); • RESOLVES to authorise the Director of Infrastructure Services, acting as Senior Responsible Officer, to undertake the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establish a Project Board, as detailed in Appendix one, as part of the Community Planning Framework; ○ Deploy Project staffing and resources as specified in Appendix one, for an initial period of three years financed from the Harbour Account; ○ Commission an experienced energy industry specialist to guide a visioning scope for the Project (to be concluded by 30 June 2020); ○ Prepare a Strategic Outline Programme for the Project (to be concluded by 30 June 2020); ○ Promote Shetland’s energy assets and attributes to local and external energy production and distribution sectors;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research the emerging renewable and transitional energy sciences, oil and gas industry greening plans and process, and best practice from other places with restricted electricity grid access; and, ● NOTES the information provided on Key Carbon Reduction Actions in Appendix five, Energy Network Schematics in Appendix six and proposals for developments in UK energy transition and integration in Appendix seven which show how this Project links with the Councils Climate Change Strategic Outline Programme and wider energy transition and integration opportunities.
4	Asset Investment Plan – Progress Report	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council notes the progress of the projects within the Asset Investment Plan.
5	Winter Service Review	The Committee APPROVED the allocation of an additional £103,000 to the “Winter Service” revenue budget to meet the estimated cost of implementing the measures, as set out in paragraph 6.5 of this report.
6	Ground Maintenance Provision Burial Grounds and Community Areas	The Committee APPROVED a budget increase to implement the measures described in 1.1, of approximately £41,453.
7	Climate Change – Strategic Outline Programme	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDED 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.
8	North Isles Fibre	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVE the recommendations set out in the Full Business Case attached as Appendix A to this report; and, • DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive (or her nominee) to sign the UK Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) described in section 2.3 below; and implement the North Isles Fibre project; and, • APPROVE the project for inclusion in the 5 year asset investment plan, with a budget of £2,140,322 as described in section 6.5 of the report.
9	Corporate Risk Register Report	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONSIDERED the content of the report and of the Corporate Risk Register attached as Appendix 1; • ADVISED the Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team of their views; and • ENDORSED the actions being taken by management to mitigate the risks described in Appendix 1.

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