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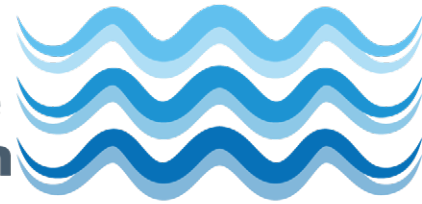
**OUR
PERFORMANCE
MATTERS**

AT A GLANCE ...

Highlights of some of the positive aspects of Council performance from the second quarter (July to September 2020) that were reported to committees during November 2020

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The Shetland Islands Regional Marine Plan is the **first** National Marine Plan to be consulted on in **Scotland**



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Shetland's recycling percentage **has increased** to

17.1%



recycle
for Shetland



in 2019 from 10.5% in 2018

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Five grants have been awarded to businesses and community groups in 2020/21, with a total value of:

£48,676



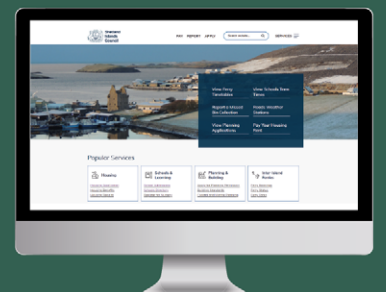
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In a recent survey **over 90%** of respondents said they felt safe using the library with the infection control procedures in place



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Our **new website** went live in October 2020



Shetland College Board:

Achievements included:

- Ashleigh Slater (MA Art and Social Practice), a master weaver from Blairgowrie, completed his MA course entirely online and **set up a networking group to support fellow creative practitioners during lockdown** was named the University of the Highlands and Islands 2020 postgraduate student of the year.
- Rosalynd Mair (BA Contemporary Textiles) **was awarded Shetland College HE student of the year** and Jack Scaife (NQ Interactive Digital Media and Computing) Shetland College **FE student of the year**.
- Dr Simon Clarke has been **awarded an LTA scholarship** (£2,500) for a project entitled Off-Campus Learning and Teaching by Video Conference. The project is aimed at investigating the online delivery experience of the last year in order to determine what has been effective, how shortcomings might be overcome and to inform effective educational practice in the future.
- **A new part-time course was approved to support young people** in Shetland supporting the work of SIC Employability Pathway.

Education and Families Committee:

Achievements included:

- Shetland Library opened the public library for browsing and computer use in July – **one of the first Scottish libraries to re-open**. By September, all school libraries had also opened and book loans were back up to over 2,000 a week, which is close to pre-lockdown levels. Visitor numbers at the public library hit 3,000 in early October.
- The success of the full-time return to education from August is evidenced by the overall pupil attendance rate in Shetland, excluding nursery aged children, averaging 94.38 %, between weeks commencing the 17 August and the 28 September, **comfortably above the national average over the same period**.
- The government funding to address the digital divide, including £26,479 of revenue funding, has been used to source **470 laptops for pupils**.



Development Committee:

Achievements included:

- The council was **successful in seeking a grant of £1.32m from the Regeneration Capital Grant Funding towards development of the Cullivoe Industrial Estate and Marina**, on behalf of North Yell Development Council.
- Implementation of **the public sector fibre network to Yell and Unst is progressing**, after having been stopped by the COVID-19 lockdown. Most of the ducting and fibre network is complete with work currently focussing on the two sea crossings, and full completion is expected in early 2021.

Environment and Transport Committee:

Achievements included:

- Shetland has **the highest rate among authorities in Scotland for diverting waste from landfill** – 63.1%. This is due to waste being incinerated in Energy Recovery Plant (and heat being used in Lerwick district heating scheme). Shetland has second lowest carbon impact from waste, reduced from 31,049 TCO2e in 2018 to 29,253 TCO2e in 2019.

Policy and Resources Committee:

Achievements included:

- The Council signed 5 sets of annual accounts ahead of the statutory deadline of 30 September, with **unqualified audit opinions across all 5 sets** of accounts prepared (SIC, ZET, Pension Fund, ZetTrans and Valuation Joint Board).
- Year 1 of **The Lens programme concluded with six ideas presented at the Virtual Investment Day**. These are all being taken forward and we are starting to look at Year 2. We will widen the scheme to work in partnership with other organisations with a view to intrapreneurship becoming an integral part of the way we develop new ideas and ways of working.

Integration Joint Board:

Achievements included:

- The Shetland Islands Health and Social Care Partnership Annual Performance Report 2019/20 was published, providing a look back over the year to **celebrate achievements, learn from what worked well and not so well, and apply that learning to future plans and projects**. Case studies include the Caring for Bressay project and the establishment of the Assertive Community Transitions Service.

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