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**OUR
PERFORMANCE
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AT A GLANCE ...

Highlights of some of the positive aspects of council performance from the first quarter (April to June) that were reported to committees during September 2021

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29 S6 pupils at Anderson and Brae High Schools received their Young Enterprise Company Programme SCQF Level 6 Award – **first time** given to pupils in Shetland



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Cullivoe Primary School received their **5th** prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag award



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The detailed design of the **Cullivoe Road** is progressing well



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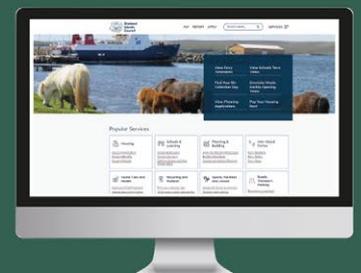
Shetland Coastal Communities Fund – to date **26** projects across Shetland have been awarded funding totalling

£1,573,600



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Our new website recognised for making **vast improvements** to the accessibility of online info *



Education and Families Committee:

Achievements included:

- The health and wellbeing of children and young people has remained a key priority for the return to in-person learning. Shetland's average weekly pupil attendance rate for primary and secondary for term four as a whole of 95.08% highlights the success of the full-time return.
- Dunrossness Primary School received their Nurturing Schools accreditation from the National Nurturing Schools Programme.
- There were 284 entries to Shetland Library's annual Young Shetland Writer competition. The winners will be announced in September as part of Wordplay.
- The Sport and Physical Activity Team developed and launched a varied programme of 'Get Into Summer' holiday activities for Shetland children.
- The 'Shetland's Integrated Children's Services Plan – annual report 2020-21' was presented to committee, fulfilling the requirements of Section 13 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.
- The Annual Child Poverty Action Report was also presented, the third of its kind, fulfilling the council's duty under the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017.

Development Committee:

Achievements included:

- The Shetland Community Learning and Development Plan has been reviewed and updated.
- Underspend from previously supported Town Centre Fund projects have been recycled within the scheme enabling further awards to be made – purchase of Christmas Lighting Scheme in Lerwick and, in Scalloway, purchasing 'Go Pak' tables, new Christmas lighting and upgrading the public hall railings.
- Four business and community grants were approved under the Economic Development Grant Scheme, with £29k in grant funding approved in total.

Environment and Transport Committee:

Achievements included:

- We have been working with Workforce Youth Development on COP26 roadshow and activities for schools.
- We are working with Keep Scotland Beautiful on a bespoke Shetland Carbon Literacy Training Course. The first cohort of training is due to take place 17 September 2021.

- Our Climate Change Team taking on a project management / research role into SIC involvement with nature-based solutions including peatland restoration. Collaborating with other SIC services and Shetland Amenity Trust.
- Our Trading Standards Team, working in collaboration with the other partners in the Scambusters! Shetland partnership, produced further scam prevention resources for the local community. These were focussed on responding to a spike of scam banking calls, and on signposting people to sources of free online training.

Policy and Resources Committee:

Achievements included:

- During Wellbeing Week, held from the 10 May 2021 to the 14 May 2021, various wellbeing sessions were delivered online for SIC and NHS colleagues by staff volunteers.
- *ICT received recognition from SOCITM (Society for Innovation, Technology and Modernisation) for the accessibility of the new council website. The accessibility score for users has improved from 29%, for the old website, to 96% accessible, for the new one.
- Work continued apace on the College Merger during Quarter 1. This remained the highest priority for Corporate Services until Vesting Day on 1 August 2021.

Integration Joint Board:

Achievements included:

- Both the Chief Social Work Officer and Public Health Annual Reports for 2020-21 were reported to the Board. The Chief Social Work Officer Report noted how social work and social care continue to deliver positive outcomes for individuals accessing services, and have continued to remain open during the pandemic, working hard to make sure that care, support and protection continued.



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