

## Shetland Islands Council – 2019/20 Annual Report on Part 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

This report summarises Council activity relevant to Part 3 (Participation Requests) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for 2019/20. This report fulfils the Council's statutory duties to report annually under the legislation.

### Part 3 – Participation Requests

**Number of Participation Requests received: 0**

**Shetland Islands Council received no Participation Requests** in 2019/20.

SIC Community Involvement and Development Officers have discussed Participation Requests as a potential route to securing or improving engagement with public bodies. To date, none have decided to proceed to preparing and submitting a request. Information sheets have been shared with Community Councils and it is intended that further promotion will take place in the coming year.

Delivering learning about Participation Requests is a planned action in [Shetland's Community Learning and Development Plan 2018-21](#).

Transforming Participation is a project included in the Shetland Partnership's Delivery Plan 2019-22. It aims to build on existing good practice and improve the quality and effectiveness of community engagement and participation. 'The participation of and with communities lies at the heart of community planning' and engagement should be shaped around the needs of the seldom heard. Closely linked to Shetland's Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan, this project is about learning from what has worked well; sharing good practice, information and guidance through an online hub; and harnessing the knowledge, talents and capacity within partner organisations and the community to create and embed new ways of working.