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**OUR
PERFORMANCE
MATTERS**

AT A GLANCE ...

Highlights of positive performance from the last quarter (January to March) reported to committees in June 2022

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Shetland Library - **most library visits and book loans** per head of population in the UK



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Shetland will soon have the **first Regional Marine Plan in Scotland**



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£507,567



of funding to **eight** projects approved through the Coastal Communities Fund*

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Digital Champions and Motivators Programme launched



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workshops took place to raise awareness around **climate change**

Education and Families Committee:

Achievements included:

- Children's Services secured £100,000 to drive forward work on The Promise under the theme of 'A Good Childhood.' The funding will be used to progress two projects focusing on relationships, which was identified as a priority area during the islands' third Festival of Care held in February.
- The first major school sports competition for three years was held at Brae High School in May with 24 schools taking part in the Primary Netball and Football events

Development Committee:

- Islands with small populations reported positive progress on a range of important community issues, including completion of Skerries ferry waiting room, £500k secured by the Papa Stour Kirk for restoration, Fair Isle Tourism Development Plan is progressing with the promotion of digital island passports, a community focus group is exploring an options appraisal to acquire the Fair Isle Kirk, BT managers to travel to Fair Isle to meet with the community regarding the practicalities of getting fibre broadband to all properties, Fetlar Community Association secured funding to bring the Fetlar.org website up to date, Fetlar Kirk purchased by the community and first service to celebrate the handover held in February, Foula progressing work to become one of six fully carbon neutral off grid islands by 2040, and also engaging with Flora and Fauna International to explore the possibility of establishing a protected marine zone around the island.
- Work on Shetland's Regional Transport Strategy is progressing. It is hoped that the full strategy will be ready for submission to Scottish ministers early in 2023.
- *In the latest tranche of funding awards, eight projects were approved under the Coastal Communities Fund, with a total funding commitment of £507,567. Grants included funding towards establishing the Fair Isle Demonstration and Research Marine Protected Area, upgrading the Symbister Marina, a Changing Places toilet at Clickimin Leisure Complex, and grants towards improvements at the Voe, Trondra and Bigton halls.
- The council has been allocated £1.5m for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 through the Shared Prosperity Fund, with a further £0.3m towards a national adult numeracy improvement programme, and must prepare an Investment Plan to guide the allocation of this funding for submission to UK Government by August 2022.

Environment and Transport Committee:

- Work has begun on producing the Climate Change Strategy, an overarching framework for climate change action.
- We continued work with Scottish Government on the programme for the Carbon Neutral Islands Project. Yell has been selected as Shetland's island to participate in the project. SIC will additionally support Foula through a parallel process. Foula has a very engaged community around climate change and will provide additional learning for off grid islands in reaching net zero.
- The Waste Management Team were delighted to be able to assist with the collection of Da Voar Redd Up waste again this year. There was a large amount of waste collected and both weekends were very busy for the Cleansing Team.
- Staff have prepared a framework and work programme for the Shetland Energy Strategy, which will be produced for public consultation after the Net Zero Route Map has been finalised. The research work for the Strategy is underway.

Policy and Resources Committee:

- Preparation for the Local Government elections in May 2022 and on the induction programme for the new council.
- Successful recruitment campaigns for Planners and Social Care Workers with successful appointments in hard-to-fill posts.



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