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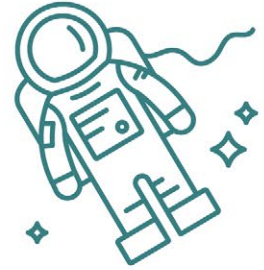
**OUR  
PERFORMANCE  
MATTERS**

## AT A GLANCE ...

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

# 1

**Astronaut teacher Mike Mongo's** second visit to Shetland to share opportunities in the space industry with our young people



# 2

Cullivoe Primary School is recredited with a UNICEF **Gold Rights Respecting School** award



# 3

New Climate Conversation logo and mascot **launched**



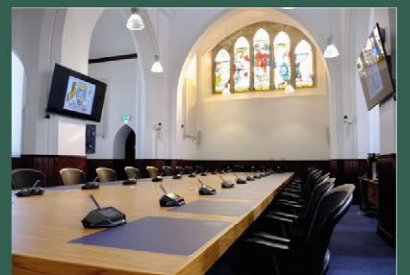
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We secured a grant of **£8,172** from the Chewing Gum Task Force for two eco-gum removers



# 5

The new Council Chamber is now fully functional with **live streaming**



## Education and Families Committee:

Achievements included:

- Aith Junior High School's annual Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) resulted in £3,000 awarded to Shetland Foodbank to help improve their disabled access. YPI is a national initiative in Scottish schools that aims to raise awareness of social issues by engaging students to research and then present to their peers.
- The [Chief Social Work Officer Report 2021/22](#) and [Annual Child Poverty Action Report](#) were also presented at the meeting.

## Development Committee:

Achievements included:

- The Aith Family Learning Pilot is a project where Community Development is working in partnership with Aith Junior High School and Anchor For Families to pilot early intervention work with families. The first two sessions were held in June and involved five families taking part in cooking sessions, with a focus on budgeting, creating recipes with limited ingredients and how to make your budget go further. Everyone got involved to prepare a two-course meal from scratch, using a limited range of ingredients, gathering produce from the school's polytunnel, and sitting down to eat the meal as a group.
- The council has initiated a Strategic Tourism Development Plan for Shetland, funded by Visit Scotland. Its purpose is to identify key strategic projects that will improve infrastructure supporting the development of the local visitor economy, addressing areas where visitor numbers may create impacts on local services or where there are bottlenecks in provision. The Plan will guide future investment decisions, particularly relating to local bids to Visit Scotland's Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund.
- Islands reported positive progress on a range of important community issues. Work on Foula's 4G mast is ongoing, with bulk materials arriving on the island and completion expected early September. Papa Stour's Monday ferry run has been restored for an undefined trial period. Islanders expressed their gratitude that their concerns have been heard by the council and taken seriously.
- The council has been allocated £1.5m from the Shared Prosperity Fund Development for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025, with a further £0.3m towards a national adult numeracy improvement programme. An investment plan has been developed to guide the allocation of this funding, which was submitted to the UK Government in August.

In line with their objectives, it focuses on local employability provision, green skills transition, local place planning and rural retail services.

## Environment and Transport Committee:

Achievements included:

- The new Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2022-28 has been approved – a requirement of the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland Act 2004)
- The council is starting work on its Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Expansion Strategy for public charge points
- The recent procurement of new refuse vehicles incorporated 'hydrogen ready' technologies that will allow dual fuel, hybrid operation
- The Waste Management Team secured a grant of £8,172 from the Chewing Gum Task Force. This will provide the Cleansing Team with two eco-gum removers, which effectively remove chewing gum litter within a matter of seconds. This will initially be used to target the worst affected areas such as Viking Bus Station and Harrison Square. New signage will also be used in these areas to educate the public on chewing gum litter.
- The Shetland Energy Strategy research work is underway, which is being produced for public consultation after the Net Zero Route Map has been finalised.

## Policy and Resources Committee:

Achievements included:

- Corporate Services delivering the Local Government elections in May 2022 and supported the induction programme for the new council
- We supported recruitment activities for essential services
- We also led the launch of the new Employee Engagement Platform – Interact
- We prepared and submitted the 2021-2022 annual accounts by the statutory deadline
- A new scheme for the licensing of short term lets in Shetland was approved



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