

Policy and Resources Committee – 4 December 2023
[Shetland Islands Council Committee Information - Meetings](#)

Item	Subject	Decision
1	Corporate Services – Quarter 2 Performance Report 2023-24	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DISCUSSED the contents of this report; • COMMENTED on the achievements of Corporate Services during Quarter 2 of 2023-2024; • NOTED the issues facing Corporate Services in terms of competing priorities and the constraints on resources; and • ADVISED managers of their views.
2	SIC Overall Management Accounts 2023/24 - Projected Outturn at Quarter 2	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the Management Accounts showing the overall projected outturn position at Quarter 2 as set out in Appendices 1-9 • NOTE the financial progress on Service Reviews, Vacancy Factor and 1% Savings, details set out in Appendices 1,4 and 5; • APPROVE the virements and re-profiling of budgets in line with the variance analysis set out in Appendix 4 to cover over/underspends as identified and re-profiling of budgets for expenditure due only to occur in future years in line with the process as set out in paragraph 4.14; and • APPROVE the adjustments to the 2023/24 budget to reflect the additional funding offered to the Council, as set out in Appendices 6 and 8.

3	Council Investments 2023/24 Mid-Year Performance Review Report	The Committee NOTED the outcome of this Mid-Year Performance Review.
4	Asset Investment Plan - Progress Report	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTES the progress of the projects within the Asset Investment Plan; and • APPROVES the additional capital budget requirements for updated projected outturn spend in 2023/24 since approval of the 5 Year Asset Investment Plan 2023-28 described at section 4.7.
5	Non-Domestic Rates Empty Property Relief	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESOLVES that, the Shetland Islands Council Discretionary Rural Rates Relief Policy be APPROVED as outlined in section 4.12.
6	Chief Social Work Officer Report 2022/23	The Committee CONSIDERED and NOTED the Annual Report from the Chief Social Work Officer.
7	Scottish Recommended Allowance – Kinship Care and Foster Care	The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVE the implementation of the Scottish Recommended Allowance for kinship and foster carers, as set out at Section 4.6 and 4.7 of this report and • NOTE that future Fostering and Kinship Allowance rates will be agreed via the Council's budget setting process.
8	Annual Local Child Poverty Action Report	The Committee APPROVED Shetland's fifth Annual Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) at Appendix 1, for publication.
9	Shetland Community Justice Plan 2023-2028	The Committee APPROVED the 'Shetland Community Justice Plan 2023-28' as set out in Appendix 1 for publication.

10	Shetland's Islands with Small Populations: Second Locality Plan	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVED Shetland's Second Islands with Small Populations Locality Plan; and • AGREED to contribute the necessary resources, along with other partners, in order to achieve the outcomes; and • NOTED that the Management and Leadership Team of the Shetland Partnership are responsible for ensuring delivery on the outcomes and priorities, and continues to involve the island communities.
11	Shetland's Partnership Plan Delivery Plan 2023/28	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVED the Shetland Partnership Plan Delivery Plan 2023-2028; • AGREED to contribute the necessary resources, along with other partners, in order to achieve the outcomes as set out within the Shetland Partnership Plan Delivery Plan 2023/2028; and • NOTED that the Management and Leadership Team of the Shetland Partnership are responsible for ensuring delivery on the outcomes and priorities.
12	Shetland Museum Service Collections Policy 2023-2028	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RESOLVES to APPROVE the draft Shetland Museum Service Collections Policy 2023-2028; and • In respect of section 10.3 of the Collections Policy, DELEGATES authority to the Director of Development Services, or his nominee, to approve any acquisitions which have specific storage requirements or are of a value exceeding £5k, in consultation with Shetland Amenity Trust and the Executive Manager – Assets Commissioning & Procurement, or his nominee.

13	Whistleblowing Arrangements	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONSIDERED the information presented in this report and the draft Whistleblowing and Response Policy attached at Appendix 1; • CONSIDERED the views and decision of the Audit Committee in this regard; and • RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to APPROVE the Whistleblowing and Response Policy at Appendix 1.
14	ICT & Digital Strategy 2023-28	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Council RESOLVES to approve the ICT & Digital Strategy 2023-28.</p>

THE END