

Shetland Islands Council – 2023/24 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 2023/24. 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 2023/24.

The Shetland Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership brings together CLD partners from a wide range of organisations including Voluntary Action Shetland, NHS Shetland, Shetland Islands Council, Skills Development Scotland and UHI Shetland. More information and the CLD plan is [available here](#).

Participation is a priority area in [Shetland's Partnership Plan](#), aiming to ensure 'People participate and influence decisions on services and use of resources'. Shetland's CLD Plan 2021-24 is closely aligned to the priorities in the partnership plan, and has Participation as an overarching priority focusing on building positive relationships with communities, working to ensure that everybody's voice is heard and those who want to participate can do so in a variety of ways.

The Council's Community Development team continue to support communities around the community empowerment / participation requests agenda, as part of their ongoing work with volunteers, committees and community groups.