

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Special General Meeting of the Council

Venue: **Microsoft Teams.**

Date: **Wednesday, 15 September 2021.**

Time: **10:30.**



Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend the above meeting.

A note of the business to be considered is attached.

John W Mundell OBE,

Interim Chief Executive.

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Order of Business

1. Apologies.
2. Declarations of Interest.

Members are asked to consider whether they have an interest to declare in relation to any item on this agenda. Any member making a declaration of interest should indicate whether it is a financial or non-financial interest and include some information on the nature of the interest. Advice may be sought from Officers prior to the meeting taking place.

3. Governance Arrangements – report by Chief Executive **to follow**.
4. Bignold Park – Proposal to Create Improved Accessibility – joint report by Chief Executive and Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing **attached**.
5. To receive the following Notice of Motion:

“Orkney Islands Council notes:

- The Scottish Government plans to begin legislating for a National Care Service by Autumn 2021.
- The significant investment that the Council and our partners have made in provision of care services in our community over decades, and the dedicated and committed staff delivering these crucial frontline services.
- That to improve outcomes, reform is often necessary. However, a move towards a National Care Service should not be merely accepted as the only means of reform without proper consideration of its scope, resourcing and implications for local decision making.
- That the Orkney Islands model of care and strong partnership working has been developed and modified as local needs have changed and is significantly different to many areas of Scotland.
- That the Council’s extant position is that it supports the establishment of a Single Authority Model for public services delivery in Orkney in the context of the current Local Governance Review in Scotland and remains committed to community empowerment and local democracy and is concerned that some versions of the National Care Service proposal could diminish, rather than enhance, the community, fiscal and functional empowerment we seek.
- This extant position was informed by the work undertaken across statutory services to support the manifesto commitments offered by the Scottish Government in the last parliament to all islands communities.

Orkney Islands Council therefore resolves

- That as a matter of priority, the Council will write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care seeking confirmation that a full island communities impact assessment will be undertaken, as required by the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, before any legislation is drafted.

Signed James Stockan and Rachael King.”

And joint report by Chief Executive and Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care **attached**.