



Item: 10

General Meeting of the Council: 30 June 2026.

Appointment of Chair – Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

Report by Deputising Chief Executive.

1. Overview

- 1.1. This report seeks the appointment of a Chair of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, following Councillor Kristopher Leask's resignation from that post with effect from 15 May 2026.
- 1.2. The Council's Standing Orders set out the requirement for, and timings of, various appointments, including the appointment of Chair of a Service Committee, as well as the processes to be followed.
- 1.3. The nominations procedure for the appointment of office bearers is also set out in Standing Orders. In summary, candidates are nominated and seconded, with the proposers and seconders having up to five minutes to speak to their nomination. Candidates, in order of nomination, then have five minutes to speak in support of their nomination.
- 1.4. Standing Orders also require that, where the number of candidates is greater than the number of vacancies, a vote shall be taken by secret ballot.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that members of the Council:
 - i. Appoint a member as the Chair of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

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Implications of Report

1. **Financial:** none.
2. **Legal:** none.
3. **Corporate Governance:** The procedure for the appointment of a Committee Chair is set out in the Council's Standing Orders.
4. **Human Resources:** none.
5. **Equalities:** not applicable.
6. **Island Communities Impact:** not applicable.
7. **Links to Council Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Council Plan strategic priorities:
 - Growing our economy.
 - Strengthening our Communities.
 - Developing our Infrastructure.
 - Transforming our Council.
8. **Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities:
 - Cost of Living.
 - Sustainable Development.
 - Local Equality.
 - Improving Population Health.
9. **Environmental and Climate Risk:** not applicable.
10. **Risk:** not applicable.
11. **Procurement:** not applicable.
12. **Health and Safety:** not applicable.
13. **Property and Assets:** not applicable.
14. **Information Technology:** not applicable.
15. **Cost of Living:** not applicable.

List of Background Papers

Standing Orders for the Regulation of Proceedings and Business of Orkney Islands Council.

Minute of the Special General Meeting of Orkney Islands Council held on 14 May 2024.