

Minute

Policy and Resources Committee

Thursday, 26 June 2025, 11:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Heather N Woodbridge, Alexander G Cowie, Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Janette A Park, Raymond S Peace, Gwenda M Shearer, Ivan A Taylor, Owen Tierney and Duncan A Tullock.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Gillian Skuse and Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

In Attendance

- Oliver D Reid, Chief Executive.
- Hayley Green, Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development.
- Gareth Waterson, Director of Enterprise and Resources.
- James Wylie, Director of Education, Communities and Housing.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Corporate Governance.
- Frances Troup, Head of Community Learning, Leisure and Housing.

Observing

- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Andrew Hamilton, Service Manager (Resources).
- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.

Apologies

- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

1. Exclusion of Public

On the motion of Councillor Heather N Woodbridge, seconded by Councillor Alexander G Cowie, the Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting, as the business to be considered involved the disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

2. Strategic Housing Investment Plan

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a report by the Director of Education, Communities and Housing, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Community Learning, Leisure and Housing, the Committee:

Noted:

2.1. The Council's statutory duty to enable supply of housing through delivery of the Local Housing Strategy and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan.

2.2. The Council's approved policy and strategy framework in place to enable more housing supply in Orkney, as set out in section 3 of the report by the Director of Education, Communities and Housing.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

2.3. That, in principle, a pipeline of Council land should be made available for sale, to all affordable housing providers, in line with the Strategic Housing Investment Plan in order to achieve the Housing Supply Target.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 12:50 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Heather N Woodbridge.