

## **Item: 9**

### **The Orkney Fund Board – 26 September 2025**

#### **Planning Discussions**

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## **1. Overview**

- 1.1. This report provides information on discussions with the Council's Planning Department regarding potential Year 1-4 funding options.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that members of the Orkney Fund Board:
- i. Consider implications of planning process in the implementation of schemes as part of the Board's 4-Year funding priorities.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1. Several projects and schemes have emerged as potential funding opportunities that would require close involvement from the Council's Planning Department, both in terms of delivery capacity and technical input.
- 3.2. Potential funding options include:
- A cycle path from Stromness to Kirkwall
  - A regeneration and heritage scheme
  - Public realm improvement scheme
  - Road safety initiatives, such as 'smiling faces' speed checks
  - Other emerging proposals
- 3.3. To support these discussions, Susan Shearer, Service Manager (Development and Marine Planning), has been invited to outline the proposals and their anticipated community benefit, provide updates on any work undertaken to date, highlight potential implications, and respond to Members' questions.

## **4. Next Steps**

- 4.1. Following the discussion, Officers will take forward the Board's decisions and further investigate the projects and schemes discussed for consideration.

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