

Item: 11

General Meeting of the Council: 30 June 2026.

Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board.

Report by Deputising Chief Executive.

1. Overview

- 1.1. This report seeks to appoint a member to the Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board, following Councillor Kristopher Leask's resignation with effect from 30 May 2026. It is also proposed to increase the number of substitutes and make appointments.
- 1.2. Currently, five members are appointed to the Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board, with membership lasting for the term of office as Councillor. Two substitutes are also appointed.
- 1.3. Shetland Islands Council nominates five substitutes, while Orkney Islands Council has traditionally nominated two. In order to provide more resilience, it is proposed to increase the number of Orkney substitutes to five.
- 1.4. Current membership is as follows:
 - Substantive Members:
 - Stephen G Clackson (Depute Convener of the Board).
 - P Lindsay Hall.
 - John A R Scott.
 - Jean E Stevenson.
 - Substitutes:
 - James R Moar.
 - Gillian Skuse.
- 1.5. Appointments made will be for the period up to the Local Government Election in May 2027.
- 1.6. Standing Orders 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 to the vacancy on the Orkney and Shetland Valuation Joint Board.
- ii. Increase the number of substitutes from two to five.
- iii. Appoint three substitutes, or four, should one of the existing substitutes be appointed to the vacancy on the Board.

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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 Statutory General Meeting of Orkney Islands Council held on 16 May 2022.