

# Notice of Meeting and Agenda

## Policy and Resources Committee

Venue: **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Kirkwall.**

Date: **Tuesday, 3 March 2026.**

Time: **09:30.**



Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend the above meeting.

A note of the business to be considered is attached.

**Oliver D Reid,**  
**Chief Executive.**

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### Committee Membership

Councillors Heather N Woodbridge (Leader), Alexander G Cowie (Depute Leader), 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, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, Ivan A Taylor, Mellissa-Louise Thomson, Owen Tierney and Duncan A Tullock.

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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. Capital Programme Affordability – report by Head of Finance **attached**.
4. General Fund Reserves Strategy – report by Head of Finance **attached**.
5. Strategic Reserve Fund – Budget Review and Long-Term Forecast – report by Head of Finance **attached**.
6. Budget and Council Tax Level for 2026/27– joint report by Chief Executive, Director of Enterprise and Resources and Head of Finance **to follow**.

**Appendices 3 and 4 – Not for publication by virtue of paragraphs 1, 4, and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.**

7. World Cup 2026 – report by Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development **to follow**.

## Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 – Schedule 7A

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