

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Education, Communities and Housing Committee

Venue: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Kirkwall.

Date: Wednesday, 9 September 2026.

Time: 09:30.



Dear Councillor,

You are invited to attend the above meeting.

A note of the business to be considered is attached.

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Committee Membership

Councillors Gwenda M Shearer (Chair), Ivan A Taylor (Vice Chair), Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, David Dawson, Steven B Heddle, James R Moar, Janette A Park, John A R Scott, Jean E Stevenson and Heather N Woodbridge.

Non-Voting Membership: Jo Hill, Reverend Susan Kirkbride, Reverend Fraser Macnaughton and Mary Maley.

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Order of Business

Preliminaries

- A. Apologies.
- B. 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.

Exclusion of Public

- 1. The Committee is requested to exclude the public from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it would involve the likely 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. UHI Accord – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Education

- 3. Highlands and Islands Students' Association – Articles of Association – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.
- 4. School Placing Request Policy – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.
- 5. Community Learning and Development Partners Plan – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

Housing

- 6. Strategic Housing Investment Plan – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.
- 7. Housing Service – Annual Assurance Statement – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

Information Reports

8. LGBT Inclusive Education Implementation Plan – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.
9. Developing the Young Workforce - report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.
10. Local Housing Strategy – Annual Report – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.
11. Tenant Satisfaction Survey – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

Financial Reports

12. Revenue Expenditure Outturn – report by Head of Finance **attached**.
13. Revenue Expenditure Monitoring – report by Head of Finance **attached**.
14. UHI Orkney – Capital Funding Expenditure Plan – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.
15. Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Repairs and Maintenance Programme – Expenditure Outturn – report by Head of Finance **attached**.
16. Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Repairs and Maintenance Programme – Expenditure Monitoring – report by Head of Finance **attached**.

Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 – Schedule 7A

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