

Minute

Development and Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, 3 June 2025, 09:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Kristopher D Leask, Mellissa-Louise Thomson, Graham A Bevan, Alexander G Cowie, P Lindsay Hall, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, Raymond S Peace, Gillian Skuse, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

Clerk

- Katy Russell-Duff, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Gareth Waterson, Director of Enterprise and Resources.
- Gavin Barr, Interim Head of Planning and Regulatory Services,
- Lorna Richardson, Head of Infrastructure Services (for Items 1 to 3).
- Karen Bevilacqua, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- Jamie Macvie, Service Manager (Development Management).
- Shonagh Merriman, Service Manager (Corporate Finance).
- Susan Shearer, Service Manager (Development and Marine Planning) (for Items 1 to 4).
- Derek Manson, Team Manager (Development Planning) (for Items 1 to 4).

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

- Hayley Green, Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development.

Observing

- Rikki Lidderdale, Planning Control Officer (for Items 4 to 6).
- Thomas Richards, Senior Human Resources Adviser (for Items 1 to 3).

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall – Item 6.

Chair

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.

1. Performance Monitoring – Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration

After consideration of a report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources, copies of which had been circulated, the Committee:

Noted:

1.1. The performance of Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration for the reporting period 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025, in respect of directorate priorities and performance indicators, as set out in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 respectively to the report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources.

1.2. The complaints and compliments made to Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration in the six-month period 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025 and for the two preceding six-month periods, as set out in section 4 of the report by the Director of Enterprise and Resources.

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

1.3. That the following actions, which had been progressed to completion, be removed from the Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration Directorate Delivery Plan:

- 03a International engagement – Deliver on existing commitments contained within Orkney's friendship agreement with Vestland and the Minute of Understanding with the Nordic Atlantic Cooperation.
- 03b International engagement – Develop a plan, aligned to the Council's priorities, that sets out key performance measures, targets, and resource commitments.
- 03c International engagement – Increase awareness and opportunities for the wider Orkney community to engage with communities within the Arctic and North Atlantic.
- 03d International engagement – Participate in the Arctic Circle Assembly in October 2024.

1.4. That the revised Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration Risk Register, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

2. Performance Monitoring – Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure

After consideration of a report by the Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development, copies of which had been circulated, the Committee:

Noted:

2.1. The performance of Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure for the reporting period 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025, in respect of directorate priorities and performance indicators, as set out in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 respectively to the report by the Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development.

2.2. The complaints and compliments made to Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure in the six-month period 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025 and for the two preceding six-month periods, as set out in section 5 of the report by the Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development.

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

2.3. That the following actions, which had been progressed to completion, be removed from the Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Directorate Delivery Plan:

- 05 Capital Strategy – Develop and deliver a new Capital Strategy to facilitate the effective delivery of a programme of OIC's capital construction and other projects and improvements setting out a 10 year strategy to drive forward a programme.
- 09 ICT and Cybersecurity Strategy – Develop and deliver the new ICT and Cybersecurity Strategy 2024-2029.

2.4. That the following action be amended as indicated and thereafter incorporated within the Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Directorate Delivery Plan:

- 04 Local Place Plans – Promote and support the production of plans – target date to be extended from 31 March 2025 to 31 March 2027.

2.5. That the revised Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Risk Register, attached as Appendix 2 to this Minute, be approved.

3. Integrated Waste Strategy

After consideration of a report by the Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development, together with an Island Communities Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Infrastructure, the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

3.1. That the Waste and Resource Management Strategy, attached as Appendix 3 to this Minute, be approved.

3.2. That the Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development should develop the projects contained within the Waste and Resource Management Strategy, as resources allowed and in accordance with existing governance procedures.

4. Development Management Guidance – Interim Spatial Strategy

After consideration of a report by the Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Development and Marine Planning), the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council** that the Development Management Guidance – Interim Spatial Strategy, attached as Appendix 4 to this Minute, be approved.

5. Exclusion of Public

On the motion of Councillor Kristopher D Leask, seconded by Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson, the Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting, as the business to be discussed 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.

6. Planning Enforcement

Councillor P Lindsay Hall declared an interest in this item and was not present during discussion of this item.

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 13 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a report by the Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Development Management), the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council** what action should be taken with regard to planning enforcement.

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.

7. Conclusion of Meeting

At 12:47 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Kristopher D Leask.