

Minute

Development and Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, 1 April 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

- Gavin Barr, Interim Head of Planning and Community Protection (for Items 1 to 4).
- James Buck, Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master.
- Sweyn Johnston, Head of Enterprise and Economic Growth (for Items 3 and 4).
- Lorna Richardson, Head of Neighbourhood Services (for Items 1 and 2).
- Karen Bevilacqua, Service Manager (Legal Services).
- Laura Cromarty, Service Manager (Transportation) (for Items 1 to 6).
- Alan Dundas, Service Manager (Environmental Services) (for Items 1 and 2).
- Shonagh Merriman, Service Manager (Corporate Finance).
- Kenny Roy, Service Manager (Roads and Grounds) (for Item 1).
- Susan Shearer, Service Manager (Development and Marine Planning) (for Items 1 to 3).
- Craig Walker, Service Manager (Human Resource Operations).
- Derek Manson, Team Manager (Development Planning) (for Items 1 to 3).
- Craig Gillon, Strategic Projects Manager (for Items 3 and 4).

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.

1. Electric Vehicle Charge Point Tariff Review

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, together with an Island Communities Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Kristopher D Leask, seconded by Councillor Alexander G Cowie, moved that the charging structure in respect of the Council's electric vehicle charging infrastructure, outlined in Option 2, be implemented with effect from 1 June 2025.

Councillor Gillian Skuse, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, moved an amendment that the electric vehicle charges be increased to the levels charged by Shetland Islands Council.

The result of a recorded vote was as follows:

For the Amendment:

Councillors Graham A Bevan, P Lindsay Hall, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, Raymond S Peace, Gillian Skuse, Mellissa-Louise Thomson, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge (10).

For the Motion:

Councillors Alexander G Cowie and Kristopher D Leask (2).

The Amendment was therefore carried and the Committee thereafter:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council** that the undernoted charging structure in respect of the Council's electric vehicle charging infrastructure be agreed and implemented with effect from 1 June 2025:

- Rapid Chargers:
 - 59p per kWh, minimum charge of £3.00, maximum stay 1 hour.
 - Overstay penalty – £1/minute.
- Fast and Slow:
 - 49p per kWh, minimum charge of £1.50, maximum stay 4 hours.
 - Overstay penalty between 08:00 and 18:00 – £5, with no overstay fee between the hours of 18:00 and 08:00.

2. Environmental Cleansing and Litter Bin Policy

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

Resolved to **recommend to the Council** that the Environmental Cleansing and Litter Bin Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

3. Delivery Programme for Orkney Local Development Plan 2017

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Team Manager (Development Planning), the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council** that the updated Delivery Programme, attached as Appendix 2 to this Minute, be approved.

4. Community Benefits from Net Zero Energy Developments

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Enterprise and Economic Growth, the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

4.1. That the draft response to the consultation on Community Benefits from Net Zero Energy Developments, attached as Appendix 3 to this Minute, be approved.

4.2. That the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration be authorised to submit the response in relation to the consultation on Community Benefits from Net Zero Energy Developments to the Scottish Government, on behalf of the Council, by the deadline of 11 April 2025.

The Committee noted:

4.3. That, due to the timescale constraints involved, the Chief Executive would be requested to exercise emergency powers to authorise submission of the response, referred to at paragraph 4.2 above, prior to approval by the Council.

5. Inter-Island Ferry Services – Proposed Winter 2025/26 Timetables

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Transportation), the Committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that, subject to an adequate service revenue budget for 2025/26 being established, the timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services, to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during winter 2025/26, attached as Appendix 4 to this Minute, be approved.

6. Inter-Island Air Services – Proposed Winter 2025/26 Timetables

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Transportation), the Committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

6.1. That, subject to an adequate service revenue budget for 2025/26 being established, the timetable in respect of the inter-island air services to be operated during winter 2025/26, attached as Appendix 5 to this Minute, be approved.

The Committee noted:

6.2. That, should an enhanced inter-island air service be taken forward during the contract period, the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration would submit an amended timetable for consideration by the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

7. Harbour Authority Sub-committee

After consideration of the draft Minute of the Meeting of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee held on 18 March 2025, copies of which had been circulated, the Committee:

Resolved:

7.1. On the motion of Councillor Kristopher D Leask, seconded by Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson, to approve the Minute of the Meeting of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee held on 18 March 2025 as a true record.

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

7.2. That the recommendations at paragraphs 1.4, 3.2 and 4 of the Minute of the Meeting of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee held on 18 March 2025, attached as Appendix 6 to this Minute, be approved.

8. Conclusion of Meeting

At 11:17 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Kristopher D Leask.