Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Education, Communities and Housing Committee

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

Date: **Wednesday, 11 November 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 and Reverend Fraser Macnaughton.

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Order of Business

Preliminaries

A. Apologies.

B. Declarations of Interest.

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Education

1. Annual Education Review and Three-Year Strategic Plan – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

2. Monitoring and Tracking Attendance in Schools Policy – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

3. Home Education, Flexi-Schooling and Part-time Timetables Policy – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

4. School Transport Policy – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

Information Reports

5. Performance Monitoring – Education, Communities and Housing – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

6. Pickaquoy Centre Trust – End of Year Performance – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

7. Qualifications Scotland – System Verification Visit – The Learning Link – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

8. His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland – Stromness Academy – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**

9. Care Inspectorate – Papa Westray School Nursery – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

10. Care Inspectorate – Stenness Community School Nursery – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

11. Local Employability Partnership Annual Report – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

12. Housing Services – Performance – report by Director of Education, Communities and Housing **attached**.

Financial Reports

13. Revenue Expenditure Monitoring – report by Head of Finance **attached**.

14. Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Repairs and Maintenance Programme – Expenditure Monitoring – report by Head of Finance **attached**.