Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Special General Meeting of the Council

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

Date: **Wednesday, 4 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.

James Wylie,

Deputising Chief Executive.

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Council Membership

Councillors Graham A Bevan (Convener), Heather N Woodbridge (Leader), Alexander G Cowie (Depute Leader), 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.

Further Information

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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.

Draft Minutes

1. Policy and Resources Committee – Draft Minute of Special Meeting held on 28 October 2026 **to follow**.

Exclusion of Public

2. The Council 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 class described in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

3. Governance Arrangements – report by Deputising Chief Executive **attached**.

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 – Schedule 7A

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