Minute

Policy and Resources Committee

Wednesday, 28 October 2026, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.

ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL

Present

Councillors Alexander G Cowie, Stephen G Clackson, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, 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.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Janette A Park.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Lorna Richardson, Director of Infrastructure and Organisational Development.
- Gareth Waterson, Director of Enterprise and Resources.
- James Wylie, Director of Education, Communities and Housing.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Corporate Governance.
- Frances Troup, Head of Strategic Housing, Housing Operations and Homelessness.
- Shonagh Merriman, Service Manager (Corporate Finance).
- Glen Thomson, Service Manager (Property and Capital Programme).
- Gwyn Evans, Strategic Projects.

Observing

- Rosemary Colsell, Service Manager (Procurement).

Apologies

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

Not Present

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Alexander G Cowie, Depute Leader.

1. Exclusion of Public

On the motion of Councillor Alexander G Cowie, seconded by Councillor Duncan A Tullock, the Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting, as the business to be considered 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.

2. Demolition of Former Papdale Halls of Residence

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 6, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a report by the Director of Education, Communities and Housing, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Strategic Housing, Housing Operations and Homelessness, the Committee:

Resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

2.1. That powers be delegated to the Director of Education, Communities and Housing to award the contract for demolition of the former Papdale Halls of Residence.

2.2. That demolition of the former Papdale Halls of Residence be added to the General Fund capital programme for 2026/27 onwards.

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.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 14:40 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: (Chair).