

Minute

Special General Meeting of the Council

Monday, 24 February 2025, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, Ivan A Taylor, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Janette A Park and Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.

In Attendance

- Oliver D Reid, Chief Executive.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Frances Troup, Head of Community Learning, Leisure and Housing.
- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).
- Lesley Mulraine, Service Manager (Housing, Homelessness and Schoolcare Accommodation).

In Attendance via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

Apologies

- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Rachael A King.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener.

1. Council House Rents

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Housing, Homelessness and Schoolcare Accommodation), the Council:

Resolved to approve the recommendation of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, from its meeting held on 5 February 2025, that Council house rents for the undernoted three-year period increase with effect from 1 April annually, as follows:

- 2025/26 – 4% increase.
- 2026/27 – 4% increase.
- 2027/28 – 2.5% increase.

2. Conclusion of Meeting

At 14:06 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: (Convener's signature).