

Appendix 1

Previous Council Decision

1.1.

At its meeting held on 10 September 2015, the Development and Infrastructure Committee noted:

1.1.1.

That, on 5 March 2013, the Council approved core funding support for financial years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015, to the following development trusts:

- Eday Partnership.
- Island of Hoy Development Trust.
- North Ronaldsay Development Trust.
- Papay Development Trust.
- Sanday Development Trust.

1.1.2.

That the Eday Partnership, the Island of Hoy Development Trust and Sanday Development Trust had achieved a level of financial self-sufficiency regarding income generation from various activities, principally community wind turbine projects.

1.1.3.

That North Ronaldsay Development Trust and Papay Development Trust were presently at different stages regarding income generation from either wind turbine projects or pipeline projects, and had requested assistance to cover ongoing core funding costs until 31 March 2018.

1.1.4.

The options in respect of continued support to the development trusts, as detailed in section 8 of the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, with the preferred option being Option 2, namely to continue to provide financial assistance to North Ronaldsay Development Trust and Papay Development Trust.

1.1.5.

That the proposal to provide core funding support to development trusts was dependent on an appropriate budget allocation being made available to the Committee in the future, and might therefore be subject to review on an annual basis.

1.2.

The Committee recommended:

1.2.1.

That core funding support of up to £10,000 for each of financial years 2015 to 2016, 2016 to 2017 and 2017 to 2018 be provided to the following development trusts:

- North Ronaldsay Development Trust – up to £5,000.
- Papay Development Trust – up to £5,000.

1.2.2.

That the core funding support, referred to at paragraph 3.2.1 above, be met from the Committee's Economic Development Grants budget for each of the financial years, subject to an appropriate annual budget being made available to the Committee.

1.2.3.

That powers be delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure to determine the actual level of funding to be provided to North Ronaldsay Development Trust and Papay Development Trust for each financial year, based on:

- An annual review of the relevant Island Development Plan to assess progress towards financial sustainability.
- Receipts of a claim form outlining the relevant core costs.

1.2.4.

That the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure should submit a report, to a meeting of the Committee to be held in early 2018, outlining a review of core funding and income generating capacity of North Ronaldsay Development Trust and Papay Development Trust.