

Item: 18

Policy and Resources Committee: 21 June 2022.

Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project – Location-Specific Community Benefit Scheme

Report by Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.

1. Purpose of Report

To consider options for a location-specific community benefit scheme for Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

That, on 24 September 2019, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended:

- That the Council approve and commit to implementing the guiding principles of community benefit from Orkney's Community Wind Farm project.
- That, in accordance with the guiding principles, together with the delivery mechanism options, the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure should undertake community consultation regarding 'location-specific community benefit', and thereafter submit a report, to a meeting of the Committee no later than November 2020, with resulting findings and recommendations.

2.2.

That, in determining the level and geographic extent of any 'location-specific community benefit payment', the principles outlined by the Scottish Government in Community benefits from onshore renewable energy developments: Guidance on good practice principles for communities, businesses, local authorities and others (2019) were to be used.

2.3.

That, accordingly, the value of the location-specific community benefit scheme is set at £5,000 per megawatt (MW) installed per year which, assuming 28.8MW installed capacity, could result in an annual location-specific community benefit fund for each site of £144,000, or £432,000 per year across all three sites.

2.4.

That a public consultation on options for a location-specific community benefit fund attached to Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project, was held between 20 June and 13 August 2021.

2.5.

That the consultation material set out three key question headings, namely:

- Which communities should get the location-specific community benefit fund.
- How should the scheme be administered.
- What should the fund be used for.

2.6.

That the consultation results, detailed in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to this report, indicate broad support for the following:

- All of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund.
- Additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy).
- Recognition for the communities surrounding the projects (Firth/Stenness, Evie/Rendall, Westray, Flotta).
- Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds.
- The funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils, noting that a key theme in the written responses was concerns regarding the capacity for volunteer run community councils to administer large grant applications, particularly in more fragile island communities.

2.7.

That the consultation results were used to develop nine options for how a location-specific community benefit scheme could be structured, as set out in section 5.1 of this report.

2.8.

That four of the options have been identified as 'preferred' in that they most meet the key criteria described at paragraph 2.6 above, with the remaining five options discounted.

2.9.

The breakdown of resulting allocations per Community Council area, attached as Appendix 4 to this report.

2.10.

That the preferred option is Option 4, namely 100% of the fund to be managed by Community Councils, with 20% to each of the host communities, Eday, Hoy and Kirkwall and St Ola, with the remaining 40% split on a per population basis to the other Community Councils with a de minimis of £5,000 applied.

2.11.

That, although the preferred option, Option 4, does not meet all of the key criteria identified in the consultation, it does allow all community councils to receive a reasonable sum by applying a de minimis payment, including the 'surrounding community councils' of Firth and Stenness, Evie and Rendall, Westray and Flotta.

It is recommended:

2.12.

That Option 4, namely 100% of the fund to be managed by Community Councils, with 20% to each of the host communities, Eday, Hoy and Kirkwall and St Ola, with the remaining 40% split on a per population basis to the other Community Councils with a de minimis of £5,000 applied, be adopted as the policy position of the Council in respect of the location-specific community benefit fund arising from Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project.

2.13.

That, should Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project receive approval to proceed, the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration should submit a report, to the Policy and Resources Committee in due course, finalising the details of the Location-Specific Community Benefit Scheme and the steps for its implementation.

3. Background

3.1.

Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project currently consists of three windfarms located at Quanterness in St. Ola, near Lyness in Hoy, and on Faray in the North Isles. Each site is comprised of six turbines at assumed total installed capacity of 28.8 megawatts per site.

3.2.

During the initial launch stage of Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project a series of community engagement events held in 2019 identified a positive level of support for the project and the sites proposed, with analysis of the responses received at the events suggesting that the public wanted more clarity on the method and type of community benefit that could result from the project.

3.3.

Accordingly, a report was submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee on 24 September 2019, to set out a series of guiding principles for the community benefit to be delivered from the project. These guiding principles were as follows:

- The key purpose of the Orkney Community Wind Farm Project is to generate profit to be used for the benefit of the people of Orkney.
- Community benefit from the project will be delivered via a 'Community Fund' with funding distributed in accordance with the principles of Section 69 (e) of the Orkney County Council Act 1974.
- Financing of the project will be structured to achieve a profit which can be used for community benefit as soon as reasonably practicable in the project lifecycle, noting that any wind farm constructed must pay-off its own construction costs and provide a return on capital invested.
- Profit may be retained for the purpose of extending the life of the 'Community Fund', such as through developing new projects, or repowering existing projects.
- The Orkney Community Wind Farm Project is for the benefit of the whole community with benefit delivered through the distribution of funds. It will not be possible for private individuals to take a shareholding in any project.
- Communities located closest to projects will be impacted most by developments. It is therefore considered appropriate to provide these communities with a 'location-specific community benefit payment'.
- In determining the level and geographic extent of any 'location-specific community benefit payment', the principles outlined by the Scottish Government in Community benefits from onshore renewable energy developments: Guidance on good practice principles for communities, businesses, local authorities and others (2019) will be used. This commits the Council to undertaking community consultation on the geographic extent of 'location-specific community benefit payments' as well as on delivery mechanisms for such payments.
- Receipt of a 'location-specific community benefit payment' by any area will not impact on the likelihood of an area receiving further community benefits from the 'Community Wind Farm Fund'.

3.4.

The Policy and Resources Committee subsequently recommended:

- That the Council approve and commit to implementing the guiding principles of community benefit from Orkney's Community Wind Farm project.
- That, in accordance with the guiding principles, together with the delivery mechanism options, the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure should undertake community consultation regarding 'location-specific community benefit', and thereafter submit a report, to a meeting of the Committee no later than November 2020, with resulting findings and recommendations.

4. Public consultation

4.1.

Work to undertake the community consultation was delayed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The delay had the benefit of allowing completion of pre-application consultation for all proposed sites under 'Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project', meaning that consultation on the developments themselves and on the location-specific community benefit scheme could be kept separate, as is recommended in the Scottish Government Good Practice Guidance.

4.2.

As per the agreed guiding principles and in line with Scottish Government good practice guidelines, the value of the location-specific community benefit scheme is set at £5,000 per megawatt (MW) installed per year. That means that the annual location-specific community benefit fund for each site (assuming 28.8MW installed capacity) would be £144,000, or £432,000 per year across all three sites.

4.3.

Work was carried out to put together a series of options for how the location-specific community benefit scheme may be structured across three key questions. For each question, a series of options were identified. These options were in line with the guidance contained in the Scottish Government Good Practice Guidance.

- How should the fund be managed?
- Who should the fund be available to?
- What should it be used for?

4.3.1.

The options under the first two questions are presented in a graphic attached as Appendix 5 to this report. The third question was left open-ended to allow a range of views to be submitted.

4.4.

Following a presentation to Elected Members in a seminar setting, the options were put out to public consultation between 20 June and 13 August 2021. A consultation guide was produced and presentations were also made to Community Councils in a group setting through the Mainland and Isles Resilience Network meetings, as well as to meetings of Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, St Andrews and Deerness Community Council, Papa Westray Community Council and Shapinsay Community Council.

4.5.

Seventy-eight individual consultation responses were received and four direct responses from Community Councils – namely Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council, Holm Community Council, Papa Westray Community Council and Shapinsay Community Council. Quantitative analysis of the individual responses received is presented at Appendix 1, with comments presented at Appendix 2 and Community Council responses presented at Appendix 3.

4.6.

The consultation results showed broad support for:

- All of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund.
- There to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday and Hoy).
- There to be recognition for the communities surrounding the projects (Firth/Stenness, Evie/Rendall, Westray, Flotta).
- Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds.
- The funds to be manageable to the smaller Community Councils (a key theme in the written responses was concerns around the capacity for volunteer run Community Councils to administer large grant applications, particularly in the fragile island communities).

5. Options for delivery of location-specific community benefit payments

5.1.

Taking into account the consultation results, nine options have been developed for how the scheme might be structured. These are noted in a table below and compared against their fit with the consultation results. Options have been recommended or discounted accordingly, leaving Options 1 to 4 as the preferred options.

Option	Management of the Fund	Fund Available to	Fits with consultation response	
Recommended options				
1.	50% administered by community councils, 50% administered by OIC or SPV.	Community Councils within a set distance on an equal basis. All Community Councils can bid into the fund administered by OIC or SPV.	Available to all of Orkney	Yes
			Additional recognition for the host communities	No
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	Yes
			Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	Yes
2.	50% administered by Community Councils, 50% administered by OIC or SPV.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Faray site, split equally between two community council areas (namely Westray and Eday). • For Hoy site, split between two community council areas (Hoy, North Walls and Graemsay, and Flotta) on a per head of population basis. • For Quanterness site, split between three community council areas (Kirkwall and St Ola, Firth and Stenness, Evie and Rendall) on a per head of population basis. 	Available to all of Orkney	Yes
			Additional recognition for the host communities	Yes
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	Yes
			Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	Yes

Option	Management of the Fund	Fund Available to	Fits with consultation response	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Community Councils can bid into the fund administered by OIC or SPV. 		
3.	50% administered by Community Councils, 50% administered by OIC or SPV.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Faray site, split on a 2/3 to 1/3 basis between Eday and Westray. For Hoy split on a 2/3 to 1/3 basis between Graemsay, Hoy and North Walls, and Flotta. For Quanterness site split on a 1/2, 1/4 each basis for Kirkwall and St Ola, Firth and Stenness and Evie and Rendall. All Community Councils can bid into the fund administered by OIC or SPV. 	Available to all of Orkney	Yes
			Additional recognition for the host communities	Yes
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	Yes
			Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	Yes
4.	100% of the fund to Community Councils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% to each of the host communities –Eday, Hoy and Kirkwall/St Ola The remaining 40% split on a per population basis to the other Community Councils with a de minimis of £5000 applied. 	Available to all of Orkney	Yes
			Additional recognition for the host communities	Yes
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	No
			Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	Yes

Option	Management of the Fund	Fund Available to	Fits with consultation response	
Discounted options				
5.	100% of fund to Community Councils.	Split between all Community Council areas based on a per head of population.	Available to all of Orkney	Yes
			Additional recognition for the host communities	No
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	No
			Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	Yes
6.	100% of fund to Community Councils.	To the Community Council surrounding the sites on an equal basis.	Available to all of Orkney	No
			Additional recognition for the host communities	No
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	Yes
			Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	No
7.	100% of fund to Community Councils.	To the Community Council surrounding the sites on a per head of population basis.	Available to all of Orkney	No
			Additional recognition for the host communities	No

Option	Management of the Fund	Fund Available to	Fits with consultation response	
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	Yes
			Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	Yes
8.	100% of fund to Community Councils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Faray site, split equally between two Community Council areas (namely Westray and Eday). • For Hoy site, split between two Community Council areas (Hoy, North Walls and Graemsay, and Flotta) on a per head of population basis. • For Quanterness site, split between three Community Council areas (Kirkwall and St Ola, Firth and Stenness, Evie and Rendall) on a per head of population basis. 	Available to all of Orkney	No
			Additional recognition for the host communities	No
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	Yes
			Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	No
9.	100% of fund to Community Councils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Faray site, split on a 2/3 to 1/3 basis between Eday and Westray. 	Available to all of Orkney	No
			Additional recognition for the host communities	Yes
			Recognition for the communities surrounding the site	Yes

Option	Management of the Fund	Fund Available to	Fits with consultation response	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Hoy site split on a 2/3 to 1/3 basis between Graemsay, Hoy and North Walls, and Flotta. • For Quanterness site, split on a 1/2, 1/4 each basis for Kirkwall and St Ola, Firth and Stenness and Evie and Rendall. 	Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the fund	Yes
			Fund to be manageable for the smaller communities	No

5.2.

The breakdown of resulting allocations for each Option is presented at Appendix 4 to this report.

5.3.

It is recommended that Option 4 is selected as the Policy Position of the Council, namely 100% of the fund to be managed by Community Councils with 20% to each of the host communities –Eday, Hoy and Kirkwall/St Ola and the remaining 40% split on a per population basis to the other Community Councils with a de minimis of £5000 applied. Whilst this doesn't meet all of the key criteria identified in the consultation, it does allow all community councils to receive a reasonable sum by applying a de minimis payment – including the 'surrounding community councils' of Firth/ Stenness, Evie/Rendall, Westray and Flotta.

5.4.

It is recommended that implementation of the fund is only undertaken at a later date if the project is to go ahead, and will therefore be subject to consideration at a future meeting of the Council where the details of the structure of the fund would be finalised.

5.5.

If a Council or SPV held fund was to be created to administer a percentage of location-specific community benefit payments from Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project, this would create a vehicle through which other opportunities for location-specific community benefit payments which have an Orkney-wide impact could be explored, for example offshore wind.

6. Equalities Impact

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 6 to this report.

7. Island Communities Impact Assessment

An Island Communities Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 7 to this report.

8. Links to Council Plan

8.1.

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan strategic priority theme of Enterprising Communities.

8.2.

The proposals in this report relate directly to Priority 4.2, Strategic investment in projects to generate income and/or deliver significant community benefits, of the Council Delivery Plan.

9. Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priority of Sustainable Recovery.

10. Financial Implications

10.1.

As the Council currently provides Community Councils with payments and accounting services further thought may need to be given within the options appraisal to understand the difference between the Council and the Community Councils managing and administering these fund.

10.2.

Although the Council can, for example, invest surplus balances and generate a financial return from these activities through the Strategic Reserve Fund, the Council is not currently authorised to provide these services to third parties.

10.3.

This means that the Council will not be able to investment surplus funds on behalf of the Community Councils or pay them a financial return or interest on these balances. On the basis that restrictions surrounding the provision of financial services also extend to the provision of financial and investment advice, it is considered that some Community Councils may be less well placed than others to manage these funds going forward .

10.4.

Community Councils will off course be encouraged to seek their own financial advice, but as they look to establish separate banking and investment arrangements the effectiveness of existing payment and accounting services provided through the Council will diminish.

11. Legal Aspects

There are no significant legal implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

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13. Appendices

Appendix 1: Results of public consultation – quantitative data.

Appendix 2: Results of public consultation – comments.

Appendix 3: Community council responses.

Appendix 4: Allocations per community council under each option.

Appendix 5: Options graphic.

Appendix 6: Equality Impact Assessment.

Appendix 7: Island Communities Impact Assessment.

Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project – Appendix 1 – Consultation responses (quantitative)

<p>The first question is about the geographical spread of the scheme i.e. which communities should get the money? We have identified four options. You can choose the same option for each site or different options. If you choose 'a mix of the above options' or 'another option' you can provide further details in the comment boxes below. You can also choose not to give an opinion on a site if you so wish.</p>							
Answer Choices	Option 1 – all of Orkney	Option 2 – the host community where the wind farm is situated	Option 3 – all communities within a set distance of the windfarm	Option 4 – a mix of other options	I think there's another option	I don't want to give an opinion on this site.	Response Total
Quanterness	57.69% 45	6.41% 5	11.54% 9	5.13% 4	3.85% 3	15.38% 12	78
Hoy	48.72% 38	15.38% 12	10.26% 8	8.97% 7	5.13% 4	11.54% 9	78
Faray	47.44% 37	12.82% 10	17.95% 14	6.41% 5	8.97% 7	6.41% 5	78

<p>The second question is about how the scheme should be administered i.e. who should look after the money? If you choose 'a mix of the above options' or 'another option' you can provide further details in the comment boxes below. You can also choose not to give an opinion on a site if you so wish.</p>							
Answer Choices	Option 1 – Orkney Islands Council holds the fund and administers the grants	Option 2 - Orkney Islands Council passes the money directly to Community Councils to administer the fund	Option 3 – a Special Purpose Vehicle is set up to administer the fund	Option 4 – a mix of other options	I think there's another option	I don't want to give an opinion on this site	Response Total
Quanterness	12.82% 10	34.62% 27	28.21% 22	3.85% 3	3.85% 3	16.67% 13	78
Hoy	8.97%	38.46%	28.21%	3.85%	6.41%	14.10%	78

Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project – Appendix 1 – Consultation responses (quantitative)

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	7	30	22	3	5	11	
Faray	12.82%	39.74%	25.64%	5.13%	10.26%	6.41%	78
	10	31	20	4	8	5	

Which Community Council area are you resident in?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
Birsay	1.28%	1
Eday	10.26%	8
Evie and Rendall	2.56%	2
Firth and Stenness	3.85%	3
Flotta	2.56%	2
Graemsay Hoy and Walls	10.26%	8
Harray and Sandwick	3.85%	3
Holm	0.00%	0
Kirkwall and St Ola	11.54%	9
North Ronaldsay	1.28%	1
Orphir	1.28%	1

Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project – Appendix 1 – Consultation responses
(quantitative)

Which Community Council area are you resident in?		
Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
Papa Westray	1.28%	1
Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay	0.00%	0
Sanday	10.26%	8
Shapinsay	0.00%	0
South Ronaldsay and Burray	5.13%	4
St Andrews and Deerness	1.28%	1
Stromness	5.13%	4
Stronsay	16.67%	13
Westray	5.13%	4
I don't live in Orkney	1.28%	1
I'd rather not say	5.13%	4

Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project – Appendix 2 – Consultation responses (comments)

Comment No.	Comment	Response
1. What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?		
1	Hoy already has the development trust turbine as a separate project/income and I don't think certain areas should be penalised for not having a project within their area, therefore should benefit the whole community.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
2	Wind farms should benefit all community's within Orkney. I.e. Grants for house building for young couples who are willing to move into the community council area the turbines represent.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
3	Fuel poverty is rife in all islands. It would be some sort of wicked irony if benefits from any renewables in any parts of Orkney would be locally restricted, although the lion share should go to the community which experiences most direct impact by hosting such a site.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
4	The income should benefit all of Orkney as the wind farms are to be owned by OIC. It would be grossly unfair to only benefit specific locations.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
5	I don't see why the parish of Harray or Tankerness or wherever shouldn't get a share when it wasn't up to the individual parish where the site was situated.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
6	It is about the whole of Orkney. That being said, I would want to make sure the Isles had the greater share. We seem to get forgotten. So you may use it for improving our broadband or the ferry services out to us?	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria

Comment No.	Comment	Response
1. What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?		
7	Because windfarms are a complete eye sore the local communities should benefit the most as they have to put up with these hideous things, they are only a money making exercise for the council however our visitors, tourists I'm sure don't come to our islands to see them they come for the beauty of our islands. Rant over	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
8	I understood the whole idea of these wind farms was for the benefit for the whole of Orkney not just for the communities where they are located.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
9	The fund would be spread equally throughout the whole county so everyone benefits.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
10	All surrounding islands should benefit	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
11	These large turbines affect everyone in Orkney	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
12	It separates the geographical areas into groups, and by those effected by different economic difficulties. Some of the north isles and south isles have different needs and expenses of those on mainland Orkney.	Noted for future project considerations
13	Whilst I think there should be compensation for the communities in the vicinity of the development, there is a danger of making Orkney a community of haves and have nots depending on whether you have a turbine close by. Funding could be directed at schemes to reduce fuel poverty, child poverty, de-carbonisation and other social projects throughout Orkney. It could also make a real difference to offset	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.

Comment No.	Comment	Response
1. What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?		
	council cutbacks which affect all resident. Some communities also already benefit substantially from existing turbines but a portion would still be fair.	
14	<p>Eday doesn't have the same resources as most of the other north isles and should benefit from this wind farm as it has to have the most significant visual impact.</p> <p>Westray already has a significant income for the foreseeable future and Sanday doesn't share its turbine money with Eday despite Eday having the visual impact!</p>	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
15	<p>My specific interest is the island of Eday and its lack of support. Faray has always been in the parish of Eday. Thus one has to look at the reasons why one might allocate the community fund elsewhere. The only reason I can deduce is visual amenity. As the Sanday wind farm offers no community funds to Eday, precedent has been set. Thus the only conceivable logic is that Eday should get the community fund in its entirety.</p>	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
16	<p>Faray is historically part of Eday parish and the Faray folk (9 crofts) who were mostly related to folk on Eday used to come to church on Eday on Sunday and collect their post from the Faray post box which still exists opposite the Surgery.</p> <p>Sanday hasn't shared its Community Benefit Fund with any other island so why should Eday?</p>	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria

Comment No.	Comment	Response
1. What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?		
17	Sanday hasn't shared its Community Benefit Fund with any other island so why should Eday?	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
18	The host community should receive most of the benefits of the wind farm because, remember they also are in the forefront of all the negative points. I am an Eday resident, it is also worth noting that there is a wind farm on Sanday where there is money given to the Sanday community many properties here on Eday are nearer to that wind farm nobody here have ever received a penny from it.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
19	Pharay is part of the parish of Eday and Pharay. Eday has the most visual impact from the development . Eday has the worst transport links of all the islands and a very constrained community turbine and we have hosted EMEC for years with very little benefit to Eday so to have another renewables development in our parish AND to enjoy the financial benefit could help our island community a lot. I am not saying for all income to be given to our community but I would ask that OIC give some for us to decide how to spend it and then prioritise benefit/ council services to Eday with the remainder. Community consultation more effective than this survey is a must though!	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
20	Funding and organisation is being accomplished by Orkney Islands Council on behalf all the people of Orkney therefore individual areas cannot be sole	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.

Comment No.	Comment	Response
1. What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?		
	beneficiaries of funding that will come from islands council reserves	
21	Some areas will have limited populations and therefore not really gain, e.g. Faray, who would gain from this? It's a n Orkney Islands Council project that should support all of Orkney as all of the residents of Orkney might be impacted by these developments. Viewing these may be from a very different location from where they are built and not in the same parish, but those residents would still be affected by them. The income from these would be disproportionate to any money other areas would ever get, so spreading the income throughout Orkney would see a better cumulative impact to all areas rather than just ring fencing it to certain community councils. The current mindset is that some places are neglected already, this would just increase that perception, e.g. Kirkwall gets everything at present.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
22	We think that the Faray wind farm project should have the biggest share, say 50% of the revenue should go to Eday and Westray first, but the rest of the north isles should get the other 50% divided among them.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
23	Too many communities want the benefits of wind power without wanting them too near to them. I think therefore that the benefits should be limited to those	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria

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1. What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?		
	willing to host, or those nearest to them (within 'everyday visible/audible distance')	
24	Orkney is a small community and it is only fair that all areas benefit - anything else would be divisive	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
25	The money is generated by Orkney and so should be for Orkney	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
26	All of Orkney to ensure profits are ploughed into projects which benefit all, e.g. low cost energy, subsidised travel. For occupied islands the majority of profits should be used to support projects which help inward migration and cost of living mitigations.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
27	If the scheme is being administered through Orkney Islands Council then it should benefit all the areas covered by the council.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
28	I think all Orkney residents should be receiving income or more preferably free power! I would suggest those communities already receiving an income from wind farms should be excluded from this	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
29	I think although host community will be more effected, the wind farms will still effect communities a certain distance away	
30	A local scheme for a proportion of income to go to community close to farm, but an overall benefit scheme for the whole of Orkney since it is being funded by the whole of OIC.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
31	It is my opinion that the communities that are most likely to be adversely affected by the construction, maintenance and visual impact should at least get	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria

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1. What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?		
	<p>the benefit of the community funding. As I understand the whole of Orkney will benefit from any profits made from the council owned farms therefore all residents will gain.</p>	
32	<p>Faray should NOT be considered for a wind farm due to its MPA status and the likely disturbance to one of the UK's most important grey seal breeding sites.</p>	<p>Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise</p>
33	<p>The income from the wind farms on Hoy and in Quanterness should benefit the entire Orkney community. I do not think agree that a wind farm should be sited on Faray.</p>	<p>Noted and met through '<i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i>' key criteria.</p>
34	<p>These developments will have a significant ecological impact and the community benefit fund should be used throughout Orkney to benefit environmental causes in each community.</p>	<p>Noted and met through '<i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i>' key criteria.</p>
35	<p>Scotgov suggest the Community Council area hosting the scheme is a good starting point and I agree with this. In the case of Hoy project this would necessarily include Graemsay which is part of the CC. There is a case for including Flotta which is relatively close by and may suffer visual intrusion and construction phase disruption to ferry services.</p> <p>Any suggestion for a widespread distribution of these funds is inappropriate and will not go down well in the affected communities. The advice from</p>	<p>Noted and met through '<i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i>' key criteria</p>

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1. What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?		
	ScotGov is clear that the fund is, in effect, compensation for immediately impacted communities.	
36	My first instinct, as a resident of South Walls was that communities closer to the wind farm should see the benefit - Hoy, Walls and Graemsay but it would be fairer to spread the benefits. I do have concerns though that as small populations our local communities will be largely overlooked for investment and support.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
37	<p>The effects of this project are not purely visual or environmental, although the destruction of a large area of significant natural beauty is bad enough. A whole range of issues regarding the impact of the construction phase must be taken into account, not least the disruption to ferry services which are already considerably stretched. The upheaval inevitably caused by such large scale building affects not just the community in that area but everyone who has cause to pass through it, which means everyone on Hoy and Flotta. A constant stream on heavy vehicles on roads that are barely kept viable for the traffic currently using them is a huge concern, as is the noise, diesel emissions, dust and other pollutants that such a project generates.</p> <p>All of these issues should be faced in real time and therefore compensation should be forthcoming from day one and not at some undetermined point in the</p>	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria

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	distant future when/if this project begins to turn a profit.	
38	The money invested has come from Orkney's taxpayers, so all of those households should benefit from the income.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
39	We are a community, so money should be spread around the islands within that community.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
40	I think that the Hoy money could be used mainly for Hoy but for a Ranger similar to Neolithic Orkney for Hoy and Flotta	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
41	Usually, Orkney wide projects benefit all in Orkney. However, should there be, once again, a Stromness/Kirkwall bias, that would not be so good, as these places already benefit from all kinds of general projects. (I except Quanterness from this because it is actually very close to Kirkwall). So my opinion is that all projects should demonstrate that the majority (even if it is just 51%) of their beneficiaries live outwith the towns.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
42	All of Orkney should receive an equal share to enable all of the communities to develop and grow.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
43	Everyone on the island should benefit rather than just some.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
44	Because these are the communities that will be directly affected by the wind farm	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
45	As it is the host community that are affected the most by the wind farms.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria

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46	These communities will be the ones seeing the wind farm most, be most affected by any work/disruption involved.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
47	As funds and resources are from county of Orkney should be shared to all county of Orkney.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
48	It's fair that everyone benefits.	
49	Money generated should be distributed across Orkney, based on need and social benefit. I think we need to know what the money will be spent on. If, for example, the funds are used to support enterprise start up grants, there's no reason why this should not be an Orkney wide initiative. But I do believe that the council need to address social issues, such as very poor transport disparity, fuel poverty, and isolation. However, I don't believe that the wind turbine should in and of itself be dedicated to this - the council should be using a combined set of funds to address critical issues across our communities. The funds, here, should support people across the isles.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
50	I think it is key to support all of Orkney while focusing more of the benefit to those in the local community.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
51	I would like to see those in poverty and especially fuel poverty to be the ones benefitting from these investments	Noted for future project considerations

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52	Except faray all people may feel compromised by the wind farm and compensated by a sweetener	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
53	Given that there has not been detailed costing for any of these developments or how they will be financed I am not clear what community If any community benefits there will be. Therefore given there is no information on where the finances will come from and the time to pay this back, if any funding comes from the reserve fund or other OIC money there is no option but to provide any eventual money ,to the whole of Orkney after-all the whole community is paying for it . In my opinion these developments should not even be considered until all actual costs of the development have been made public so the true cost can be assessed against any possible future financial benefits.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
54	The wind farm should benefit the whole community	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
55	To give parity across Orkney for grant distribution. It has been my experience that under the current system, children going on a sports or educational trip south, and attending the same school , can receive widely differing transport subsidies from their Community Council, depending on which parish they live in.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
56	In the event that these wind farms are successful & make money I understand that it will be used for the benefit of Orkney. It is only fair that those who are	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.

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	affected most by the construction and operation of the projects get some financial benefit. This may go a little way in offsetting the impact to them in other ways.	
57	This is the community taking on the impact of being in close vicinity to the wind farm. This community should be recompensed accordingly.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
58	These communities have the greatest negative impact.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria

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2. If you ticked 'all communities within a set distance of the windfarm' for any of the sites, which Community Councils areas would you include in this?		
59	Hoy - Hoy, Walls, Flotta & Graemsay Farray - Eday	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
60	All Orkney community councils.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
61	For Hoy. Flotta and Houton communities	Noted and met through ' <i>there also to be recognition for the communities surrounding the projects (Firth/Stenness,</i>

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		<i>Evie/Rendall, Westray, Flotta)</i> ' key criteria
62	Outer north isles	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
63	I didn't but surely if anyone ticks this box then it must be because there is some effect on the communities. Thus ipso facto the communities closest should get the most compensation. Anything else would be extremely unfair	Noted and met through 'there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)' key criteria
64	All the islands surrounding Faray - the communities that can see the turbines.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
65	Audible/visible distance - those that will be able to see/hear them everyday	Noted and met through 'there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)' key criteria
66	I am only aware of communities around Hoy and would suggest Flotta be included as they would be effected as well as Hoy	Noted and met through ' <i>there also to be recognition for the communities surrounding the projects (Firth/Stenness, Evie/Rendall, Westray, Flotta)</i> ' key criteria
67	Eday. Westray	Noted and met through 'there to be additional recognition for the host

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		communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)' key criteria
68	Don't know as I'm not familiar with CCs and boundaries with regard to Faray.	Noted

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3. If you selected 'a mix of the other options' for any of the sites you can give further detail here.		
69	I believe that all of Orkney should benefit from turbines not just some communities. Due to its location and geography it is unlikely that the community I represent would ever host a turbine. However I also believe that a larger share of the funds should go to the host communities, to compensate for their impacts.	Noted and met through 'all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund' key criteria.
70	All of Orkney should benefit but the communities in whose community council area the windfarm is developed should get an enhanced level of benefit, because they are the ones who will be dealing with the direct impact of the turbines, visual impact, noise, impact on the environment, disruption during construction etc.	Noted and met through 'there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)' key criteria
71	Already explained above to some degree. However, to be more precise, I am unconvinced that this project is financially	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise

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	viable and so vague promises of 'jam tomorrow' are not acceptable.	
72	The capital costs have been very basically worked out and, as we all know, are frequently well above initial estimates (Hatston Pier for example). The reality of Brexit has increased pressure on this factor, the cost of cement alone (a major material component) has risen several fold over the past six months.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
73	The expected selling price of electricity generated has been estimated far too high and the very important issue that a base rate must be met BEFORE any percentage profit can be estimated and therefore before any percentage can be put into community projects, has to be addressed.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
74	As above. Ranger for the Inner Isles but mainly for local benefit. (Money off electric)	Noted for future project purposes
75	I think there should be a gradient...more support for local communities but some of the money from each going to support the whole of Orkney.	Noted and met through 'all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund' key criteria.
76	I believe that all of Orkney should benefit from turbines not just some communities. Due to its location and geography it is unlikely that the community I represent would ever host a turbine. However I also	Noted and met through 'there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)' key criteria

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78	Already explained above to some degree. However, to be more precise, I am unconvinced that this project is financially viable and so vague promises of 'jam tomorrow' are not acceptable.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise

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4. If you selected 'I think there's another option' for any of the sites you can provide further detail here		
79	There is only one option: to refrain from an industrial development on an island which is not permanently inhabited. Wildlife has a haven where disturbances through humans are limited to the occasional sheep grazing. And it should stay like this.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise

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4. If you selected 'I think there's another option' for any of the sites you can provide further detail here		
80	Quanterness - mainland communities	Noted and met through 'all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund' key criteria.
81	Faray has always been in the parish of Eday	Noted and met through 'there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)' key criteria
82	Do not go ahead with a wind farm in Faray. Ecologically and environmentally it is totally the wrong location.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
83	Stop wasting public money on this project. The future of Wind Generation has moved offshore and this idea comes ten years too late.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
84	All of Orkney on a per head of population basis	Noted and met through 'all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund' key criteria.
85	We in the North Isles often feel underinvested in. We want (actually NEED) basic flood defences when Kirkwall got fancy glass-topped ones. The isles (and presumably the same applies for other outlying areas) NEED council jobs in satellite offices but the creation of this kind of facility stopped after Stromness had opened the Warehouse building. A ferry not running, is much more serious than a bus not running because you cannot hitchhike across the sea....	Noted and met through 'all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund' key criteria.

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5. How should the scheme be administered?		
86	Every community council should get a pro rata amount (based on no. Of people living in each community) of the combined total income from all 3 projects, each year.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
87	A SPV could be designed to best meet the needs to be available, accessible and with good governance, which would be difficult for OIC to achieve, and administratively challenging for the Community Councils	Noted and met through ' <i>the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils</i> ' key criteria
88	Each community council could better represent the needs of its own community with its own elected members.	Noted and met through ' <i>the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds</i> ' key criteria
89	Community Councils should be quite capable of administering funds.	Noted and met through ' <i>the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds</i> ' key criteria
90	Decisions on how the money can benefit communities are best made locally.	Noted and met through ' <i>the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds</i> ' key criteria
91	As long as it's not administered by OIC it'll be safe with anyone!	Noted
92	This would be my first option as long as it did not cost a lot of the money. We need a vision for the fund and if it	Noted and met through ' <i>the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils</i> ' key criteria

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	<p>goes to the community councils, which would be my second option; we may not get best value for the whole of Orkney.</p> <p>If it stays with the council, it may just get lost and used for other things</p>	
93	The council has lots of thing's it administers and another is maybe too much.	Noted
94	Orkney Islands Council and Community Councils are not the best organisations to administer money. Far too much is wasted on useless things and pet projects	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
95	Empower local people to decide how to spend money to benefit their area. OIC will be looked on more favourably by not controlling (claiming ownership of) the fund. If the money is spread amongst all of Orkney the amounts should remain manageable for community councils.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
96	Community Councils are best placed to know the needs of their communities	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
97	All opinions from all over Orkney represented	Noted
98	I think that there's should be a separate trust/group set up to co-ordinate the funds and applications.	Noted

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5. How should the scheme be administered?		
99	Community Councils are not a good way of distributing funding to communities. They have very limited experience in that area and are more often than not, particularly in the case of Kirkwall & St Ola, not representative of their communities.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
100	I think a mixture of Option 1 & 2 is best. Small schemes could be administered by community councils but larger schemes might need the experience and public scrutiny that OIC can provide.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
101	Community Empowerment and it gives the Community Councils something positive to do	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
102	In general and I am involved with other wind farms, the fund is administered by the community council. As there has always been a feeling in the North Isles that OIC tends to take everything for the mainland, to do anything else would be paternalistic and smack of not trusting the islands to administer their own funds.	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
103	The Community Benefit Fund should be used for exactly that - the community. The Northern Isles are extremely neglected by the centralised administration in Kirkwall and Eday	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria

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	could make good use of these funds. The Eday Community Council is perfectly able to administer these funds for the benefit of the Eday population.	
104	Option 3, consisting of OIC, Community Councils etc to administer the fund, but I think that the Council need to be in charge	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
105	I believe some held and administered by OIC to prioritise Eday services as well as agreed amounts going to Eday Community groups....Eday Partnership, Eday Community Enterprises, Eday Community Association and our Community Council would spread the benefit of the income and result in community led spending.	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
106	I think benefits should be spread for Quanterness and Faray and therefore think an independent body would be best for administering the fund.	Noted
107	OIC are the developer so they should control the income of the money and then distribute it equally to all community councils. There will be instances in Orkney where no community council would ever be able to gain from a project like this due to heritage reasons as they wouldn't be able to erect turbines for income due to	Noted

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	heritage issues, e.g. Stenness etc. So sharing the money around all is the best option.	
108	As far as Papa Westray is concerned we feel that we would be able to administer the funds for the good of the island	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
109	Think the communities themselves should be allowed to administer and the council should not benefit in any way	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
110	The OIC cannot be trusted with the money! But who will choose and regulate this special vehicle?	Noted
111	This needs an identity of its own so it is known about and how residents can access. OIC holding it will mean it is "lost" and CC are not very proactive in advertising funds available.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
112	OIC should administer all options. Setting up and administering an SPV adds costs. Community Councils would require support to administer.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
113	Because the community councils are best placed to direct funds to where they are needed most.	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
114	I absolutely do not believe the OIC should administer this without an overhaul internally. It is plain to see that there are issues within the council and	Noted

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	these should be resolved. An external vehicle with appropriately qualified people (external to the OIC) would be my preferred choice.	
115	I believe the community councils have more Knowledge of the needs of the different areas effected and would put the funds to better use.	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
116	Communities within Orkney are desperate for money to improve things for the locals and they never have the funds to achieve everything they would like too.	Noted
117	No point wasting money on setting up yet another level of administration. The community Council is more accessible to local people and groups than the OIC. People probably trust the Community Council more because the council is rather tainted at the moment by terrible decisions it has made lately..	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
118	Having been on the Evie and Randall CC where a fund was set up for the Burgar Hill turbines, I know how difficult it is for a "volunteer" committee to spend time on this aspect. Also, if a community can't think of suitable projects, the monies could be apportioned to another area.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria

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5. How should the scheme be administered?		
119	I believe that there should be a specific group that administers the fund which should be independent of the current council or community council structure to ensure the funds are fairly distributed among the local communities	Noted
120	There should not be a wind farm built in Faray at all. Otherwise, a completely independent from OIC vehicle should administer the fund for other sites.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
121	I think a 'third party' option to administer the fund and grants is likely to be more objective in their approach to how the fund is handled.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
122	A SPV is preferable to ensure funds are distributed fairly and impartially - this can be difficult to achieve at time through a community council due to the size of the communities served. And difficult to do cost effectively by OIC.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
123	There should be a range of interests represented in the process including the CC but also the Dev Trust, other community groups and interested individuals. OIC could be the fund holder but only to act as banker to disburse the fund as recommended by the SPV.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria

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5. How should the scheme be administered?		
124	Community Councils would hopefully be better placed to provide support in line with local community priorities	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
125	Something along the lines of the Shetland Development Trust model would allow real benefit to the community. This would mean that Community Council's and Development Trusts wouldn't have the administrative burden but could still bid for funding for projects.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
126	Because it needs to be independent from the council, so the council don't waste it like the recent radicolous bin and gravel incidents.	Noted
127	Independent body is fairer and causes less criticism	Noted
128	Cuts out admin and means the money is going to the places it will benefit.	
129	The Orkney island council do not spend fairly at all! We cannot even get public bins for Stronsay! It's a disgrace that the isles are treated so differently while money is squandered on things like useless bollards for Kirkwall.	Noted
130	OIC and community councils have history of wasting vast amounts of money, also saving money that should	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria

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5. How should the scheme be administered?		
	have been used for projects i.e. covid, stone imports therefore an independent board is my choice.	
131	Community councils would have a better idea who or what was needed to improve their area	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
132	I believe we need a dedicated service to distributing the funds. The community councils are made of volunteers, and I don't think it's fair to place more burden on them. Also, I would like to see this fund clearly defined, so people have greater access.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
133	Community Councils have a better idea of what's important in their area	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
134	A separate group (one entity for all three sites) ensures that it is managed equally across all three sites.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
135	The funding needs to be ring fenced and then made available to the organisations best placed to deliver the projects	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
136	Audited control of funds should be maintained by the Council. As with electricity itself, the longer the 'cable' the greater the loss! The other options just consume funds and I wouldn't trust the community councils as they are run by volunteers, people come and people go	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria

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5. How should the scheme be administered?		
137	Administration should be independent of the council & time & money should not be wasted on setting up new bodies or structures.	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
138	Again, it should be the right of the community taking on the burden to decide where their money is spent. These people live within that community and know their needs best.	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria
139	To get the decision making as close to the people living there as possible.	Noted and met through <i>'the Community Councils to take a lead role in administering the funds'</i> key criteria

Comment No.	Comment	Response
6. If you selected 'a mix of the other options' for any of the sites you can provide more detail here.		
140	<p>Seeking advice from a variety of similar trusts/projects on how to grant applications, eligibility criteria, points scheme. There's also needs to ensure that applications benefit the local communities and help them to grow and become viable.</p> <p>I also think that there needs to be real people, local; community minded people involved in the process. Also - involve people who want our community to grow as develop, as well as making our communities better for the children.</p>	Noted

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6. If you selected 'a mix of the other options' for any of the sites you can provide more detail here.		
	If the council own the project/wind farm they need to be responsible for the project and put sensible people in the team.	
141	There is a lack of resource within community councils to administer large schemes. Also Councillors are essentially volunteers and may lack experience and resource to run these schemes. Community Councils do small grants and that would be appropriate. They could also assist with the delivery of larger schemes.	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria
142	Some of the fund could be passed to Community Councils to administer as small grants within their own communities e.g. up to £250, while the remainder for larger grants to bigger projects could be administered by a number of elected trustees, perhaps including a scrutineer from outwith Orkney to ensure transparency	Noted and met through <i>'the funds to be manageable for the smaller Community Councils'</i> key criteria

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7. If you selected 'I think there's another option' for any of the sites you can provide more detail here.		
143	As before: No development should take place on Faray.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise

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144	There are development trusts on or near the islands in question. So for Hoy and Faray the funding should be delivered through these bodies. They already deal with economic development in their areas, they can evidence real community benefit and it means OIC don't need to administer the funding.	Noted
145	There should be no wind farm built in Faray due to the likely disturbance to one of the UKs biggest and most important breeding sites for grey seals	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
146	Local development trusts have experience in managing grants, are elected from the community. Are registered charities and can claim the gift aid making the funds go further. Also can source additional funding to match fund far easier than community councils.	Noted

Comment No.	Comment	Response
8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
147	I think that should be decided by each community council, without any limitation/restriction of type of project.	All noted for future consideration
148	Delivery fairness and parity...e.g. Eday does not have the facilities or access to the facilities of the mainland, this should be addressed. Meaningful access to	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	secondary education, play park, healthy living centre, home care...I could go on!!!	
149	<p>Grants for house building in the community for young couples with a pay back if the properties were sold within 10 years.</p> <p>Funding for youth groups to travel to mainland events.</p> <p>Grants towards businesses being set up in the community's hosting the turbines.</p>	
150	<p>To relieve fuel poverty. Provide grants for home insulation (not limited to one company as before and not limited to materials, so any measures should be supported with a fixed sum, including sheep wool insulation, hemp insulation etc.). Subsidise 'green' local power for heating... there is a host of measures which could be used to finally solve the issue of the region where wind energy is most abundant to pay the highest energy prices.</p>	
151	Economic development. Energy efficiency.	
152	Whatever is needed.	
153	<p>Improving the inequities between the Isles and the mainland</p> <p>Improving the ferry services for Isles folk</p>	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	<p>- that would include making sure links work say from the Isles and the Pentland ferry and flights?</p> <p>Improving the Broadband for everyone at the same time?</p> <p>Improving dental services to the Isles?</p> <p>Just a few early thoughts</p>	
154	For Flotta a community bus with drivers, restoration of historic buildings for tourists to visit and a cafe for locals and visitors.	
155	Any projects that benefit Orkney, However we need to make sure that all the islands get specific benefits not just the Mainland.	
156	To help fund council services. It should not be used for any projects public, community lead or private	
157	Maintenance of infrastructure, community activities/charitable organisations, supporting those experiencing hardship in the community etc. Will be different for different community councils.	
158	Decisions should lie with community councils	
159	Helping to reduce electricity costs for all Orcadians	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
160	<p>Improvements to availability of services such as sports, travel grants from islands to picky, also to pay for people to come from Kirkwall to other districts throughout the county for health and welfare. Particularly for under 18s but also to encourage all ages back into fitness. Most importantly some of the money could be used to bribe councillors and their employees to go out into the community outside Kirkwall to see what Orkney is based on. Might surprise them</p>	
161	<p>Developing schools/community centres/playing fields/verge cutting, and equipment for these places. They are the areas that have been struggling and had budgets cut, and expected to still be at the same standard.</p>	
162	<p>Capital projects to help improve the energy efficiency of Orkney's non-domestic building stock. Particularly buildings owned and operated by 3rd sector, charity and church groups. There is lots of funding for domestic properties, however funding is harder to come by for non-domestic buildings and most charities and voluntary bodies don't have the capacity to develop projects and bid for funding. Funding could be</p>	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	administered by the Council or potentially Aspire Orkney which I think has just been set up.	
163	Adaption to Climate change De-carbonisation schemes. Child poverty Fuel poverty Support for charities Affordable housing for particularly for young people Education Offset against future council budget cuts. Low emission transport Improving public transport	
164	Eday requires a serious amount of infrastructure enhancements and job creation. This money will enable what is a very fragile island to be viable and sustainable.	
165	Eday has a need for investment. The roads are in a poor state and the infrastructure is generally old and a bit tired. To have better tourist facilities and better amenities at the sites of interest would be useful. Most of all I feel that this is the realm of the community itself not for OIC to decide on their behalf. Otherwise it is not a community fund, merely part of OIC funding, which would	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	exacerbate the feeling already present that this is what OIC wants.	
166	Upgrading the facilities for the young people of the island. Environmental apprenticeship schemes. Upgrading equipment for community events. Improving tourist facilities.	
167	Infrastructure projects	
168	Projects identified by community groups from a fund allocated to each and then OIC led projects for services that are identified as needed/ lacking within our community plan or via additional consultation.	
169	Major Projects should show manifest benefit for all of Orkney – a proportion of the income each year should be distributed to community Council areas based on population to be used for local projects. This proportion should be decided each year by OIC and Chairs of community councils.	
170	Improving energy efficiency in local homes and reducing fuel poverty by sharing the funds with residents	
171	improving facilities for local people, e.g. playparks, cycle routes, paths, improving dilapidated facilities such as toilets etc as	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	the OIC do not do much of this at present. Improve the appearance of our rural villages such as Dounby, which never gets anything spent on it, but could be a much nicer place with some relatively minor improvements.	
172	Preservation of Orcadian built and natural heritage. Preservation and promotion of Orcadian cultural heritage; history, identity and dialect should be at the forefront of priorities.	
173	When we get a new boat service here on Papay we will need to have our own haulage system so that we can help to support it. Rentable Housing for the island	
174	Anything that will improve the community. New projects, improvement of local area.	
175	Further renewable energy, green or recycling projects or schemes	
176	Public walkways, upkeep and possibly increasing paths there is	
177	Projects for community benefit that are not covered by statutory services - this should not be regarded as a 'top-up' for services that should be provided by central government	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
178	Projects for small groups which perhaps do not have a charity or set community group affiliation. They are often unable access funding because they have no official set up. If there is evidence the money will help then it should be awarded.	
179	Low cost energy, transport infrastructure (e.g. cycle/walking lanes on main routes across Orkney), subsidised travel within Orkney, superfast broadband for all.	
180	Projects that will directly benefit residents of Orkney to aid with employment or infrastructure not visitors	
181	Mental health support Schemes to support our youth following this pandemic (supporting their mental health, physical health etc) Family support for low income families (respite, access to sports facilities, befriending) Lunch clubs for the lonely and vulnerable.	
182	I don't think it should be used for projects. I think energy should be subsidised for all given the appalling fuel poverty rates in the county	
183	All different areas need funding for different projects to improve the areas. These in my opinion should be based on	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	improving Health and Wellbeing in the communities. Connectivity and transport.	
184	<p>Play parks all over - improve and reinstate all removed play park items. To name a few needing restored items Summerdale, Papdale, Marwicks, Faravel and Hamnavoe.</p> <p>Skate park in Stromness and improvements or expansion to the Kirkwall one.</p>	
185	<p>It should Not be used for projects that should be publicly funded and are currently being neglected, e.g. the maintenance of the roads in the isles, provision of recycling facilities in the isles that are standard on the mainland if Orkney. It needs to not be subject to a million rules that basically make it impossible for any groups to apply for funding.</p> <p>Environmental projects like community food waste recycling/composting would be good. A community garden and polytunnel for the Longhope village. Funding for energy efficient housing improvements, or just housing improvements generally for people on low incomes. There's a lot of owner</p>	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	<p>occupied houses in Hoy that are below a tolerable standard. Pest control measures to reduce problems with geese and rats could be funded. Social projects like funding paid life support roles so the swimming pool could open more easily, funding a youth club bus, helping fund projects for kids such as gymnastics, dance, football, netball that isles kids miss out on and are on the back foot when they go up to kgs or Stromness academy. It would require a lot of community consultation and the remit should not be really narrow and impossible to fit!</p>	
186	<p>Helping eradicate fuel poverty, travel grants for all to bring travel cost more in line with the rest of UK, re-introduce some of the services which have been cut by OIC over recent years due to lack of funds.</p>	
187	<p>I would like to see the fund used to encourage small business start-up, creation of permanent employment, improvement to the fabric of private homes, to prevent fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions who are unable to access funding through other channels</p>	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
188	Environmental - if you go ahead with Faray, the funds need to be used to put right the damage that will be caused.	
189	Perhaps it could be used to help lower income families and disadvantaged children with living costs. For example, it could be used to install cheaper and greener energy supplies to those who cannot afford to access this option.	
190	I feel there should be strong focus on environmental projects, before on land and within Orkney waters. This is particularly important due to the proposed development on Faray.	
191	The Dev Trust on Hoy runs a number of community projects and services, transport, wellbeing, leisure, renewables etc so these are some examples of the type of projects possible. The Hoy Kirk, Lifeboat Museum, Gable End Theatre amongst others run various cultural and heritage projects, often with Dev Trust support. So there is an existing set of potential recipients with suitable admin, governance and outcomes profiles. The CC and DevTrust jointly produced an island action plan two years ago which discusses many relevant issues. Contact the DevTrust for details.	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
192	<p>Projects that support employment especially for young people on non-linked islands</p> <p>Projects that improve access to services that support those with mental health issues and other socioeconomic issues.</p>	
193	Any funding must be used for projects not covered by the statutory responsibilities of OIC	
194	The fund should be flexible enough so that it can support a wide range of projects that would support community development and sustainability. The Isles development trusts have good criteria for their wind farm funding.	
195	Both community projects and local businesses who serve those communities	
196	They should be distributed for projects that help the community to grow and help keep jobs in the Islands.	
197	Nature/tourism/education and locals benefit with money off electric bill.	
198	<p>A) Catchup on infrastructure and jobs in the outer lying areas</p> <p>B) Similar top-ups and investments for projects to what the oil-fund has been used for</p>	
199	Anything that benefits the community	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
200	Reduce electricity bills for all Orkney residents	
201	Cycle lanes on country roads (benefits all road users) Community projects like planting trees and wildflowers (benefits everyone) Other projects who don't receive money from larger bodies (sports, clubs etc already get)	
202	General housing, upgrading or new build	
203	Community spaces. Help to those on low income with energy bills.	
204	Ferries! Electric car charging points. Recycling collections Anything and everything else the OIC is failing at or refusing to acknowledge.	
205	To build a facility to convert wasted energy from the windmills that are not sold to the local grid for the whole of Orkney residents to use, to reduce fuel poverty in Orkney a real problem, it would at least reduce everyone's bills and benefit everyone. In years to come Scotland mainland to have huge wind farms capable of suppling all of Scotland, so the draw and amount Orkney will be able to sell to grid will be reduced at that time more energy would be available to	

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	Orkney residents rather than wasted as all windmills do at the moment, in addition battery banks could be built to store excess energy to again supply the local grid to benefit all Orkney residents, especially as fuel costs are increasing	
206	Improve housing affordable rented accommodation and employment options	
207	Enterprise Grants - not just community organisations, but we should we supporting innovative start up grants. Social Housing - spread across the island communities.	
208	Improved broadband access for the North Isles	
209	I think it would be great if the fund was used to help the islands create projects that help them be greener, achieving net zero, increasing long term sustainability (horticulture projects), etc.	
210	To benefit those in poverty in our community - upgrading of heating, windows, addressing dampness in home, child poverty, elderly poverty etc	
211	Capital projects e.g. improvement in a community building	
212	Reducing fuel poverty. Some homes in Orkney are spending between £350-£400	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	<p>a month on electric alone!</p> <p>Proper apprenticeships, trades, moving away from tourism and growing real skills that benefit the community</p> <p>Any funding for tourism should be scrapped, as we saw in the pandemic these businesses were scuppered without cruise ships etc.</p> <p>Help get young people on the property ladder, folk from south are migrating north cash rich and driving up the price of housing making it impossible for young couples to buy homes.</p> <p>I would stop incomers buying homes as holiday let's and air B&B, some folk own dozens of properties and live abroad, this is just wrong, bad for Orkney. They put nothing in and bleed Orkney dry of affordable housing</p>	
213	Any project currently not eligible for other adequate funding grants.	
214	Rather, I would like to strongly suggest that it is NOT spent to plug holes in areas where the OIC have failed to satisfactorily carry out their responsibilities to	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	<p>communities - I understand, at an early stage that someone representing the council at a meeting in Hoy suggested that we might spend monies on the roads! This should not be an excuse for further handing over responsibility for infrastructure to the local community as has happened with play parks.</p>	
215	<p>Community development. Living off mainland, communities find it much harder to access facilities and activities which the majority take for granted. This money should be used to level the field here, contributing to the provision of amenities, youth activities, transport and access for the elderly and disabled, and in supporting the growth of trade, appropriately scaled tourism, affordable homes and new business ventures in these communities.</p>	
216	<p>I'd leave that up early island to decide what is important to them. They all have development plans which have been formed following wide consultations within their communities.</p>	
217	<p>Not an immediate question I realise but you asked for thoughts. I think the Sanday model is broadly appropriate. Community Councils might need some</p>	

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8. What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?		
	widening of their powers. I hope these developments all go ahead and commend the effort and work you and your team have put into it all.	
218	I believe at least some of the funds should go towards helping with our ever increasing electricity bills.	

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9. Do you have any other comments to make?		
219	It is vital that, for example, an SPV is able to be based administratively in the isles, not centralised like so much of the public sector. OIC should lead by example in decentralisation of their own and associated operations to the isles that they serve.	Noted
220	This is very important and you need to make sure all voices are heard around the table - you may want to think about a road show to the Isles? If I had not seen Twitter, I would not have known about it... The best of luck	Noted
221	We moved from near the biggest wind farm in Europe which was a nightmare. Wind farms are not very environmentally	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise

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9. Do you have any other comments to make?		
	friendly with the concrete used to build the base for them and they are an eye sore	
222	The idea of the wind farms was to help with funding council services to save cutting the level of services	Noted
223	The local council employees who make these decisions should be out in the different islands etc to see and learn what makes Orkney work.	Noted
224	Surely the advancement of offshore wind means it is more sensible for the Council to invest in one of the much larger projects being developed in Orkney's waters? It would spare our landscape and my understanding is that the new cable, which this is trying to prop-up, doesn't help alleviate the grid capacity issues on Orkney for domestically generated and utilised electricity.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
225	These schemes all depend on grid connection to allow energy to be exported. Improved grid connection has been spoken about for 20 years or more and really hasn't moved forward. Are we confident it will actually happen? Is this something that needs to come out of the commercial realm and requires Government to step in to say it is in the	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise

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9. Do you have any other comments to make?		
	National interest? Otherwise we'll be in consultation for another 20 years.	
226	It is outrageous that the Council should even consider that the Community Benefit Fund should be paid to any other island but Eday and there is no precedent for splitting the fund - Sanday hasn't had to share their fund! Most of the Faray people came to Eday as they were part of the same parish and many were related. Most of them settled in houses on the west side of Eday from where they could see their previous homes.	Noted and met through ' <i>there to be additional recognition for the host communities (Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday, and Hoy)</i> ' key criteria
227	It was very vague the answers and open to manipulation!	Noted
228	Listen to your communities. Please.	Noted
229	I really hope communities feel the benefit of this because it will have an impact on our islands. It's very important we contribute to reducing climate change. It's also very important further renewable developments are publicly owned so I support the proposals. But our communities must feel the benefit too, not just be left feeling OIC is taking all the profits and spending them in Kirkwall. There is a real perception in the isles of inequality, and the notion that OIC is supporting fragile communities in the	Noted

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9. Do you have any other comments to make?		
	<p>isles is laughable. We have lost our old folks worker, our youth club, our swimming pool currently shut (not because of covid). Yes we have fewer people, so perhaps the numbers don't justify these things but the thing is they are the only ones we have, our old folk can't just get the bus to a different lunch club, our kids can't just go to another youth club. Add to that we have almost useless recycling facilities, and despite a fantastic council worker, he is one man doing a job that 20 years ago was done by 3, our roads, especially at the North end if the island where tours list traffic is heaviest, are terrible. The OIC pushes for more tourism but in Hoy all that means is the roads are clogged up and you can't get on the boat.</p> <p>Lots of complaints but Hoy is still the best place to live and I would like to see the council handle this really well and make us proud of them, instead of communities in the isles feeling forgotten.</p>	
230	Please do not go ahead with a wind farm in Faray. It is totally the wrong location to do this due to the ecological and environmental sensitivity of the area.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise

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9. Do you have any other comments to make?		
231	I do not believe that Faray is a suitable location for the proposed wind farm.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
232	Your timescale is far too tight. Some organisations here have not had a chance to meet for discussion and anyway, meetings are pretty dysfunctional at the moment. I am unaware of any input from any elected OIC representatives. Disappointing! Their support and involvement could have been sought and encouraged. A direct approach to the main island organisations would have been appropriate.	Noted
233	It isn't financially, environmentally or aesthetically viable.	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
234	It is important that the most vulnerable areas get a considerable chunk of funding. If funding is administered on a per-head basis Kirkwall will get far more funding than it needs, but smaller areas with much lower populations that really require the funding support will get next to nothing.	Noted and met through ' <i>all of Orkney to benefit from the location-specific community benefit fund</i> ' key criteria.
219	Eday is also affected by another wind farm, will The same criteria apply?	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise

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9. Do you have any other comments to make?		
220	It is vital that, for example, an SPV is able to be based administratively in the isles, not centralised like so much of the public sector. OIC should lead by example in decentralisation of their own and associated operations to the isles that they serve.	Noted
221	This is very important and you need to make sure all voices are heard around the table - you may want to think about a road show to the Isles? If I had not seen Twitter, I would not have known about it... The best of luck	Noted
222	We moved from near the biggest wind farm in Europe which was a nightmare. Wind farms are not very environmentally friendly with the concrete used to build the base for them and they are an eye sore	Outwith the scope of this consultation exercise
223	The idea of the wind farms was to help with funding council services to save cutting the level of services	Noted
224	The local council employees who make these decisions should be out in the different islands etc to see and learn what makes Orkney work.	Noted

1. Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council response

Question 1 – What should be the geographical spread of the fund? i.e. which communities should get the money?

Kirkwall and St Ola Community considers that the fund should benefit all of Orkney, and allocated on a per head of population basis (given that Kirkwall and St Ola Community Council has approximately 40% of the total population of Orkney) to the 20 community councils.

Question 2 – How should the scheme be administered? I.e. who should look after the money?

Given that some areas already administer funding from community turbines and also that community councils already distribute funding, Kirkwall and St Ola Community considers that community councils should be responsible for and administer funding raised from the proposed location-specific community benefit scheme.

Question 3 – Do you have any more general view on the type of projects that the funding could be used for?

Suggestions for use of the funds include infrastructure projects, such as footpaths, play parks and fuel efficiency projects. The fund should not be used to fund administration costs, but to the benefit of the entire Orkney community.

2. Holm Community Council response

Holm Community Council considers that a large proportion of the fund should be allocated to community councils to be spent in each community council area. The majority of the fund should be shared based on the population of each community council area with a smaller portion split equally between the community councils so that areas with small populations have a slightly larger pot of money.

Suggested breakdown as follows.

20% to hosting community. Either island development group or community council to be decided by population of local community.

20% split among community council areas equally.

60% split among community council areas on a population basis.

Hoy, Kirkwall and St Ola, Eday 20% of £144k per year = £28,800 per year.

Each community council fixed figure 20% of 3 times £144k per year / number of community councils (20) = £4,320 per year for each community council.

Community council population percentage 60% of 3 times £144k per year / electors in Orkney times electors in a community council area.

Holm 626 electors.

Orkney 17,551 electors.

Holm Community Council would get £9,245 for population and £4,320 for having a community council, a total of £13,565.

North Ronaldsay with only 56 electors would be allocated £5,147 in total.

Data on number of electors from OIC split of community council grants for 2020/21.

3. Papa Westray Community Council Response

What should the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit fund be?

We think that the Faray wind farm project should have the biggest share, say 50% of the revenue should go to Eday and Westray first, but the rest of the north isles should get the other 50% divided among them.

How should the scheme be administered?

Orkney Islands Council passes the money directly to Community Councils to administer the fund. As far as Papa Westray is concerned we feel that we would be able to administer the funds for the good of the island

What type of projects do you think the fund should be used for?

When we get a new boat service here on Papay we will need to have our own haulage system so that we can help to support it.

Rentable Housing for the island

4. Shapinsay Community Council Response

Apologies for the last minute response. Thank you for coming to our meeting the other night, I had tried to get replies before that, but was finding it hard to explain everything! We had a quick chat after the meeting and I have put together the following response to the three questions. I think what members were most keen to emphasise was that the inner isles often feel left out of decisions that are made for the isles, we feel that we play second fiddle to the North Isles, and I think would be disappointed if they were forgotten again.

What should be the geographical spread of the location-specific community benefit scheme be? i.e. which communities should get the money?

We feel the money should benefit all the islands in Orkney, not just those closest to the turbines, as this is a decision that will affect all of Orkney, not just those closest. One way we saw this being done is when the money for the Faray turbine is shared out that Shapinsay and Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre be included in the "North Isles", as we are in fact the inner North Isles. It may be that the decision is taken that the closest get most, but we would like to ensure us inner North isles are not a forgotten area.

Presumably these additional turbines feeding into the grid could have an effect on the generation capacity of wind turbines already in place on other islands?

How should the location-specific community benefit scheme be administered? i.e. who should look after the money?

We didn't feel that OIC should be administering the location specific funds, as the things applied for will also presumably be "location specific" and need to be overseen locally. The Community Councils could be given a small pot of money that they are able to give out for smaller sums, say up to £250, and any larger sums could be decided by a separate body made up of representatives from the various Community Councils involved.

Do you have any more general views on the type of projects that the funding could be used for?

- Improvements to island infrastructure
- Improvements to island facilities
- Supporting work of local groups and organisations
- Community events

5. Eday Community Council

Eday Community Council is supportive of the proposals for community funding in the order of £144,000 per annum that will be available as a result of the OIC Community Wind Farm project. From an environmental point of view, the greatest visual impact will be borne by Eday residents. It is also the case that the wind turbines will be constructed within the Parish of Eday and Pharay. To date, Eday has not benefited from other wind farm schemes, even where there is visual impact, such as that based on Sanday. It is also the case that Eday's own community turbine has suffered from significant curtailment, resulting in very small income in comparison with that of Westray, for example.

Eday's social and economic fabric is fairly fragile and has been so for the last 10 to 15 years with population dropping to from 165 to 120; there is an ageing population and limited economic opportunities for younger people and those of working age. The island desperately needs investment in infrastructure, jobs and housing to create a long term viable and sustainable future for Eday.

Based on the facts above, Eday Community Council would like to see Eday receive the majority of community funding available – at least 75% - with the remaining monies split between other islands potential on a geographical / distance basis.

Eday Community Council would be happy to manage such funds and would work in partnership with the Development Trust to ensure that the monies were spent in the most effective and efficient way. We would also seek to work with OIC and establish whether or not there might be an opportunity to outsource Orkney Mainland Council posts to a community hub on Eday. By being able to secure a substantial annual sum, it would be possible not only to invest in badly needed infrastructure but also potentially support medium term employment positions.

Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project – Appendix 4 – Breakdown of allocations per Community Council under Options 1 – 9.

Please note the figures are per annum and based on an assumption of 28.8MW installed capacity at £5000 per MW per year, therefore £144,000 per year per site, or £432,000 per year across all three sites. The final figure – and allocations – are therefore dependent on achieving planning permission on all three sites and future Council decisions.

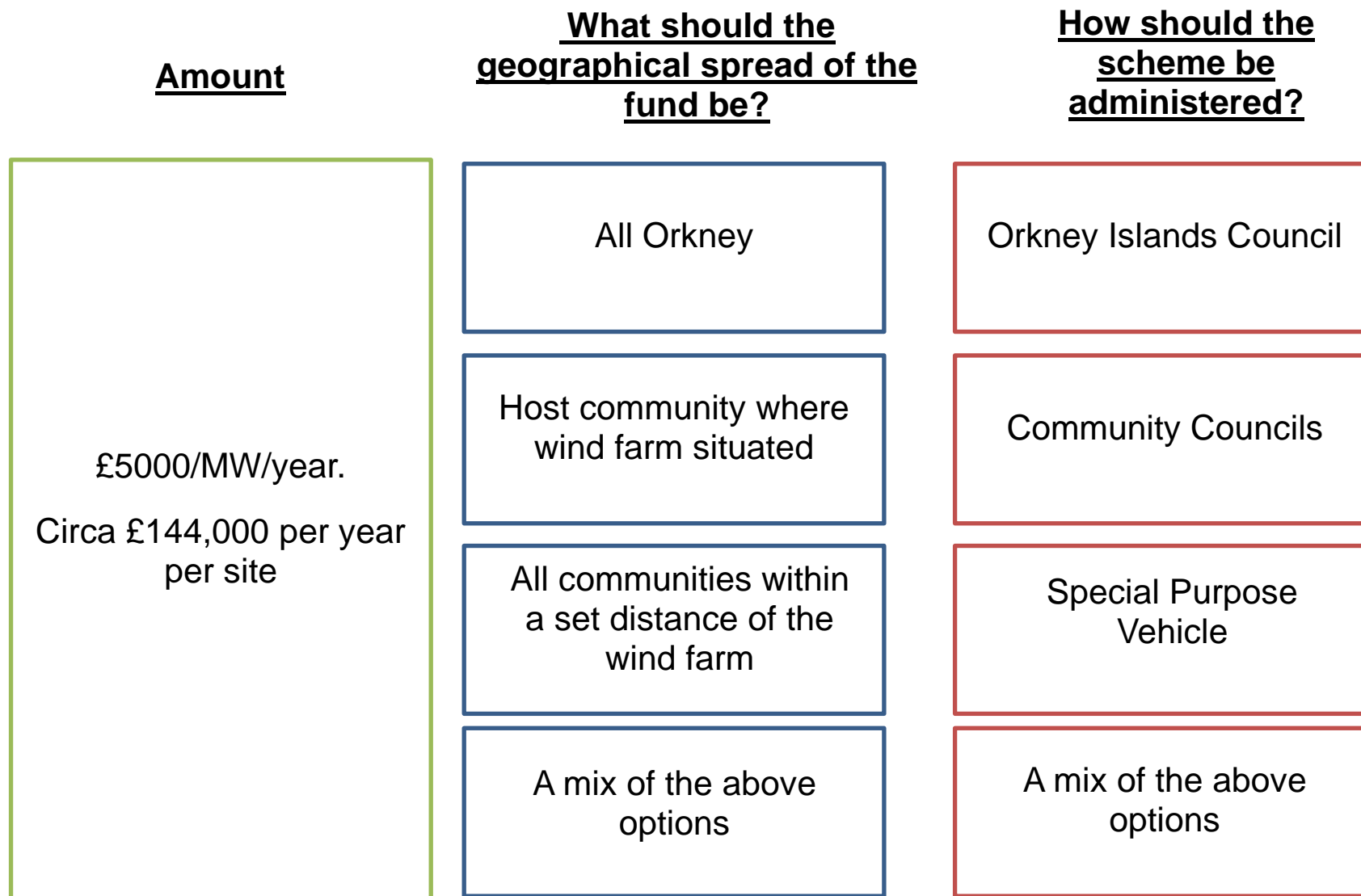
	Recommended Options	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Discounted Options	Option 5	Option 6	Option 7	Option 8	Option 9
Birsay		£0.00 ¹	£0.00	£0.00	£10,273		£16,516	£0.00 ²	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Eday		£36,000	£36,000	£48,000	£86,400		£2,609.	£72,000	£27,160	£72,000	£96,000
Evie and Rendall		£24,000	£5,165	£18,000	£9,416		£15,138	£48,000	£10,330	£10,330	£36,000
Firth and Stenness		£24,000	£9,574	£18,000	£17,454		£28,060	£48,000	£19,148	£19,148	£36,000
Flotta		£36,000	£10,460	£24,000	£5,000		£1,477	£72,000	£20,920	£20,920.	£48,000
Graemsay, Hoy and Walls		£36,000	£61,540	£48,000	£86,400		£8,689	£72,000	£123,079	£123,079	£96,000
Harray and Sandwick		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,790		£28,601	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Holm		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£9,584		£15,408		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Kirkwall and St Ola		£24,000	£57,261	£36,000	£86,400		£167,818	£48,000	£114,521	£114,521	£72,000

¹ Under Options 1, 2 and 3, Community Councils noted as £0.00 could bid into the OIC pot of £226,000.00.

² Under Options 4,5,6,7, 8 and 9 Community Councils noted as £0.00 have no Council-held fund to bid into.

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North Ronaldsay	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000	£1,378	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Orphir	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,670	£12,332	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Papa Westray	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000	£1,748	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000	£5,612	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Sanday	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,200	£9,969	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Shapinsay	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000	£6,277	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
South Ronaldsay and Burray	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,162	£27,592	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
St Andrews and Deerness	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£12,937	£20,799	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Stromness	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£27,329	£43,936	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Stronsay	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000	£6,818	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Westray	£36,000	£36,000	£24,000	£6,981	£16,516	£72,000	£116,839	£72,000	£48,000





Equality Impact Assessment

The purpose of an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is to improve the work of Orkney Islands Council by making sure it promotes equality and does not discriminate. This assessment records the likely impact of any changes to a function, policy or plan by anticipating the consequences, and making sure that any negative impacts are eliminated or minimised and positive impacts are maximised.

1. Identification of Function, Policy or Plan	
Name of function / policy / plan to be assessed.	Location-specific community benefit scheme for Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project
Service / service area responsible.	Development and Infrastructure
Name of person carrying out the assessment and contact details.	Kirsty Groundwater
Date of assessment.	19 October 2021
Is the function / policy / plan new or existing? (Please indicate also if the service is to be deleted, reduced or changed significantly).	New

2. Initial Screening	
What are the intended outcomes of the function / policy / plan?	To define the make-up of a location-specific community benefit scheme for Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project.
Is the function / policy / plan strategically important?	No.
State who is, or may be affected by this function / policy / plan, and how.	All community members may be affected as potential beneficiaries of community benefit.
How have stakeholders been involved in the development of this function / policy / plan?	Public consultation on options for a location-specific community benefit fund attached to Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project, was held between 20 June and 13 August 2021, with the

	results of that consultation used to inform the options presented to Council.
<p>Is there any existing data and / or research relating to equalities issues in this policy area? Please summarise.</p> <p>E.g. consultations, national surveys, performance data, complaints, service user feedback, academic / consultants' reports, benchmarking (see equalities resources on OIC information portal).</p>	<p>The Scottish Government guidance on good practice principles for communities, businesses, local authorities sets out recommendations that are based on fairness and inclusion. These principles have been used in undertaking consultation and in preparing options for Council consideration.</p>
<p>Is there any existing evidence relating to socio-economic disadvantage and inequalities of outcome in this policy area? Please summarise.</p> <p>E.g. For people living in poverty or for people of low income. See The Fairer Scotland Duty Interim Guidance for Public Bodies for further information.</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Could the function / policy have a differential impact on any of the following equality areas?</p>	<p>No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.</p>
<p>1. Race: this includes ethnic or national groups, colour and nationality.</p>	<p>No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.</p>
<p>2. Sex: a man or a woman.</p>	<p>No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.</p>
<p>3. Sexual Orientation: whether a person's sexual attraction is towards their own sex, the opposite sex or to both sexes.</p>	<p>No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.</p>
<p>4. Gender Reassignment: the process of transitioning from one gender to another.</p>	<p>No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split</p>

	geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.
5. Pregnancy and maternity.	No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.
6. Age: people of different ages.	No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.
7. Religion or beliefs or none (atheists).	No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.
8. Caring responsibilities.	No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.
9. Care experienced.	No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.
10. Marriage and Civil Partnerships.	No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.
11. Disability: people with disabilities (whether registered or not).	No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.
12. Socio-economic disadvantage.	No. The only differential impact in relation to the selected option will be in relation to how community benefit payments might be split geographically, with public consultation used to inform that position.

3. Impact Assessment	
Does the analysis above identify any differential impacts which need to be addressed?	No.
How could you minimise or remove any potential negative impacts?	N/A
Do you have enough information to make a judgement? If no, what information do you require?	Yes

4. Conclusions and Planned Action	
Is further work required?	No. As the project progresses further reports to Committee related to Community Benefit may require new Equality Impact Assessment to ensure that potential impacts are identified accordingly.
What action is to be taken?	New EQiA if further reports on this subject are submitted to Committee
Who will undertake it?	Report Writers
When will it be done?	When further reports on this subject are submitted to Committee
How will it be monitored? (e.g. through service plans).	N/A.

Signature:



Date: 19 October 2021

Name: Kirsty Groundwater

Please sign and date this form, keep one copy and send a copy to HR and Performance. A Word version should also be emailed to HR and Performance at hrsupport@orkney.gov.uk

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PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS	Responses
Please provide a brief description or summary of the policy, strategy or service under review for the purposes of this assessment.	<p>The 'Location-Specific Community Benefit Scheme for Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project' will establish a framework for the geographical extent and administrative arrangements for location-specific community benefit fund payments from the proposed 'Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project'.</p> <p>At a meeting of the Policy and Resources committee on 23 November 2021, Elected Members will be presented with a menu of nine options as to how the scheme might be structured.</p> <p>Their decision will form a policy position for the Council, but implementation of the fund will only be undertaken at a later date if the project goes ahead, and will therefore be subject to consideration at an additional meeting of the Council where the details of the structure of the fund would be finalised.</p>
STEP 1 - Develop a clear understanding of your objectives	Responses
What are the objectives of the policy, strategy or service?	<p>The objectives of the scheme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a location-specific community benefit scheme attached to the proposed Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project, specifically a £5000 per MW per year payment to local communities to fund projects with the aim of providing community benefit. • As far as practicable, follow the Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles for Community Benefit from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments - https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-government-good-practice-principles-community-benefits-onshore-renewable-energy-developments/documents/ in developing the scheme

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For that scheme – in line with the Good Practice Principles referred to above - to have been developed in consultation with local communities with particular reference to two issues – which communities should benefit from the financial payment and how should this payment be administered.
Do you need to consult?	Yes – consultation carried out June to August 2021
How are islands identified for the purpose of the policy, strategy or service?	<p>For the purpose of the scheme, island communities have been identified by Orkney’s Community Council areas as defined by Orkney Islands Council’s Scheme for Orkney Community Councils – 2007.</p> <p>The Community Council areas are listed in alphabetical order below. The ferry-linked islands have been noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birsay • Eday (ferry-linked) • Evie and Rendall • Firth and Stenness • Flotta (ferry-linked) • Gramesay, Hoy and Walls (ferry-linked) • Harray and Sandwick • Holm • Kirkwall and St Ola • North Ronaldsay (ferry-linked) • Orphir • Papa Westray (ferry-linked) • Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay (ferry-linked) • Sanday (ferry-linked) • Shapinsay (ferry-linked) • South Ronaldsay and Burray • St Andrews and Deerness • Stromness • Stronsay (ferry-linked)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westray (ferry-linked)
<p>What are the intended impacts/outcomes and how do these potentially differ in the islands?</p>	<p>The intended outcome is the development of a location specific community benefit scheme for Orkney’s Community Wind Farm Project in line with the Scottish Government’s Good Practice Principles for Community Benefit from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments.</p> <p>At a meeting of the Policy and Resources committee on 23 November 2021, Elected Members will be presented with a menu of nine options as to how the scheme might be structured.</p> <p>The impacts will differ for all the island communities identified above in terms of how the scheme is structured – some island communities may receive more funding than others depending on the final structure of the scheme.</p>
<p>Is the policy, strategy or service new?</p>	<p>Yes. It should be noted that this will form a policy position for the Council, but implementation of the fund will only be undertaken at a later date if the project goes ahead, and will therefore be subject to consideration at an additional meeting of the Council where the details of the structure of the fund would be finalised.</p>
<p>STEP 2 - Gather your data and identify your stakeholders</p>	<p>Responses</p>
<p>What data is available about the current situation in the islands?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal views were gathered during early consultation events in 2019 which showed that communities were interested in finding out more about how the location-specific community benefit scheme would be structured and in being involved in the establishment of that scheme • A desktop exercise was carried out to determine which island communities were already in receipt of location specific community benefit payments from other onshore wind farms and how these schemes are administered • A formal consultation exercise was carried out between June and August 2021 which gathered the views of local

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	<p>community councils and members of the public to ask opinions on three questions – ‘which communities should benefit from the scheme?’, ‘how should the scheme be administered?’ and ‘what should the fund be used for?’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data was gathered on population numbers in the island communities in order that per head of population calculations could be produced for some of the options being considered.
Do you need to consult?	Yes – consultation carried out June to August 2021
How does any existing data differ between islands?	<p>The online survey that was used asked the respondents to identify which community council area they were resident in and therefore data could be split down by community council, or island community, area.</p> <p>Different island communities expressed different views during the consultation with the key theme being that the island communities which might host the turbines (Kirkwall and St Ola; Gramesay, Hoy and Walls; and Eday) or are closest to the turbines (Firth and Stenness, Evie and Rendall; Flotta; and Westray) identified for that they should benefit the most from a location-specific community benefit scheme due to the proximity of the turbines.</p>
Are there any existing design features or mitigations in place?	No
STEP 3 - Consultation	Responses
Who do you need to consult with?	<p>The consultation (carried out between June and August 2021) involved all 20 community council areas as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birsay • Eday • Evie and Rendall • Firth and Stenness • Flotta • Gramesay, Hoy and Walls • Harray and Sandwick • Holm

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirkwall and St Ola • North Ronaldsay • Orphir • Papa Westray • Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay • Sanday • Shapinsay • South Ronaldsay and Burray • St Andrews and Deerness • Stromness • Stronsay • Westray <p>Community Councils, members of the public, and other interested organisations were invited to comment.</p>
<p>How will you carry out your consultation and in what timescales?</p>	<p>The consultation was carried out from June – September 2021.</p> <p>Due to the Covid19 restrictions around large public gatherings the consultation was carried out predominantly online, with one on one telephone opportunities and postal packs available on request.</p> <p>The Project Officer also attended a series of community council meetings to present the consultation materials and invite views.</p>
<p>What questions will you ask when considering how to address island realities?</p>	<p>The questions asked followed the Scottish Government Good Practice Principles, namely <i>which communities should benefit from the financial payment and how should this payment be administered</i>. For each question a series of options was drawn up which the island communities could choose from – or they could suggest their own option.</p>

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<p>What information has already been gathered through consultations and what concerns have been raised previously by island communities?</p>	<p>Views had previously been gathered on the importance of a location-specific community benefit scheme to the communities most affected by the proposed developments.</p> <p>Key concerns that have been raised by the communities were that the communities who are either 'hosting' the turbines or who closest to the turbines should benefit the most from a location specific community benefit payment.</p> <p>A secondary concern that has been raised at previous consultation events was the capacity for smaller island communities to administer a large community benefit payment.</p>
<p>Is your consultation robust and meaningful and sufficient to comply with the Section 7 duty?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>STEP 4 - Assessment</p>	<p>Responses</p>
<p>Does your assessment identify any unique impacts on island communities?</p>	<p>At a meeting of the Policy and Resources committee on 23 November 2021, Elected Members will be presented with a menu of nine options as to how the scheme might be structured.</p> <p>Each community will be impacted uniquely depending on how the scheme is structured in terms of which communities should benefit from the fund.</p>
<p>Does your assessment identify any potential barriers or wider impacts?</p>	<p>A potential barrier that was identified was the capacity for smaller island communities – with small volunteers community councils - to deal with the administration of a large community benefit payment.</p> <p>The wider impacts are dependent on how the final scheme is structured - each island community will be impacted differently depending on how the scheme is structured.</p>
<p>How will you address these?</p>	<p>At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 23 November 2021, Elected Members will be presented with a menu</p>

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of nine options as to how the scheme might be structured.

For each option an analysis of the financial benefit that each island community will receive will be presented.

The options have been shaped around the feedback received during the consultation exercise including the specific issues identified around very large payments to smaller island communities – or conversely unfairly low payments to island communities - and options ruled in or out as a result.

You must now determine whether in your opinion your policy, strategy or service is likely to have an effect on an island community, which is significantly different from its effect on other communities (including other island communities).

If your answer is **NO** to the above question, a full ICIA will NOT be required and **you can proceed to Step**

SIX. If the answer is **YES**, an ICIA must be prepared and **you should proceed to Step FIVE**.

To form your opinion, the following questions should be considered:

- Does the evidence show different circumstances or different expectations or needs, or different experiences or outcomes (such as different levels of satisfaction, or different rates of participation)?
- Are these different effects likely?
- Are these effects significantly different?
- Could the effect amount to a disadvantage for an island community compared to the Scottish mainland or between island groups?

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STEP 5 – Preparing your ICIA	Responses
In Step Five, you should describe the likely significantly different effect of the policy, strategy or service:	The likely significant different effects will be dependent on the final structure of the scheme in that, dependent on how the scheme is structured, different island groups communities will receive a varying level of community benefit payments
Assess the extent to which you consider that the policy, strategy or service can be developed or delivered in such a manner as to improve or mitigate, for island communities, the outcomes resulting from it.	<p>At a meeting of the Policy and Resources committee on 23 November 2021, Elected Members will be presented with a menu of nine options as to how the scheme might be structured.</p> <p>For each option an analysis of the financial benefit that each island community will receive will be presented.</p> <p>The options have been shaped around the feedback received during the consultation exercise including the specific issues identified around large payments to smaller island communities – or conversely unfairly low payments to island communities - and options ruled in or out as a result.</p> <p>Options have been prepared so as to allow Council to select a policy position which is viewed as being fair and representative in consideration of the potential impacts of Orkney’s Community Wind Farm Project on Orkney as a whole, as well as on specific islands and community Council areas.</p>
Consider alternative delivery mechanisms and whether further consultation is required.	Nine options – or ‘alternative delivery mechanisms’ have been identified in response to the data gathered during the consultation for consideration by Elected Members.
Describe how these alternative delivery mechanisms will improve or mitigate outcomes for island communities.	Each alternative delivery mechanism has different impacts on each island community – some delivery mechanisms have already been discounted as they do not meet with the aspirations identified by our local communities OR they place fragile island communities at a particular disadvantage

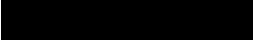
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Identify resources required to improve or mitigate outcomes for island communities.	Under the Scottish Government’s Good Practice Principles for Onshore Renewable Energy Developments it is suggested that the ‘developer’ works alongside communities on a community action plan for their community benefit payment. This option will be explored further with the relevant communities once a final scheme has been established.
STEP 6 - Making adjustments to your work	Responses
Should delivery mechanisms/mitigations vary in different communities?	Yes - there may be variance on the delivery mechanism for each island community depending on which Option elected members choose
Do you need to consult with island communities in respect of mechanisms or mitigations?	Yes – consultation carried out June – September 2021
Have island circumstances been factored into the evaluation process?	Yes
Have any island-specific indicators/targets been identified that require monitoring?	No
How will outcomes be measured on the islands?	Outcomes in the islands will be measured as part of the Community Action Plan
How has the policy, strategy or service affected island communities?	The policy will provide funding to island communities to deliver community benefit.
How will lessons learned in this ICIA inform future policy making and service delivery?	The outcomes of this ICIA will inform the policy position selected by Council, which will in turn be reconsidered when the policy is implemented if Orkney’s Community Wind Farm Project goes ahead.

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STEP 7 - Publishing your ICIA	Responses
Have you presented your ICIA in an Easy Read format?	Yes
Does it need to be presented in Gaelic or any other language?	No
Where will you publish your ICIA and will relevant stakeholders be able to easily access it?	Will be published as part of a report to Elected Members in November and will be available at www.orkney.gov.uk
Who will sign-off your final ICIA and why?	OIC SMT.

ICIA completed by:	Kirsty Groundwater
Position:	Project Officer (Communication and Engagement)
Signature:	
Date complete:	24 September 2021

ICIA approved by:	Gavin Mitchell
Position:	Head of Legal Services
Signature:	
Date approved:	28 September 2021