

# Minute

## Special General Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 30 May 2024, 14:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



### Present

Councillors Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Raymond S Peace, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Ivan A Taylor, Mellissa-Louise Thomson, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

### Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

### Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.

### In Attendance

- Oliver D Reid, Chief Executive.
- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Sweyn Johnston, Head of Enterprise and Economic Growth.
- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

### Observing

- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.
- Maya Tams-Gray, Committees Officer.

### Apologies

- Councillor Janette A Park.
- Councillor John A R Scott.

### Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

### Chair

- Councillor Graham A Bevan, Convener.

## **1. Exclusion of Public**

On the motion of Councillor Graham A Bevan, seconded by Councillor Heather N Woodbridge, the Council resolved that the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting, as the business to be discussed involved the potential disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

## **2. UK Government Long-Term Plan for Towns Levelling Up Award**

### **Orkney Towns Board**

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Enterprise and Economic Growth, the Council:

Resolved:

**2.1.** That Stephen Hagan be appointed Chair of the Orkney Towns Board.

**2.2.** That the following members be appointed to the Orkney Towns Board:

- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

The Council thereafter noted:

**2.3.** That the Chair of the Orkney Towns Board intended to initially appoint a Board of 12 members.

**2.4.** That, should additional capacity be required within teams supporting the work of the Towns Board, this could be met from the funding received from the UK Government and that further reports would be submitted to future meetings to update members in that regard, if required.

## **3. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 14:08 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham A Bevan.