

## Minute

### Special General Meeting of the Council

Monday, 1 November 2021, 14:00.

Microsoft Teams.



### Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, David Dawson, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, John T Richards, Stephen Sankey, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Graham L Sinclair, James W Stockan, Magnus O Thomson, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Heather N Woodbridge.

### Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.

### In Attendance

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.
- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.
- Hayley Green, Interim Executive Director of Environmental, Property and IT Services.
- Gareth Waterson, Interim Executive Director of Finance, Regulatory, Marine and Transportation Services.
- James Wylie, Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Karen Greaves, Head of Executive Support.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

### Observing

- Andrew Groundwater, Head of HR and Performance.
- Lorraine Stout, Press Officer.

### Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

### Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston, Convener.

## **1. Proposed National Care Service for Scotland**

After consideration of a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

**1.1.** That, on 5 October 2021, when advised of the Scottish Government's consultation relating to proposals for a National Care Service for Scotland, the Council noted that the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care was currently preparing a draft response to the National Care Service consultation for consideration by the Council in advance of the closing date of 2 November 2021.

**1.2.** The extensive consultation that had taken place, both locally and nationally, in a relatively short timeframe.

**1.3.** The range of views and opinions from staff, Elected Members, service users and key stakeholders that had been heard through the consultation process and contributed to the draft response from the Council, attached as Appendix 1 to the joint report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.

The Council resolved:

**1.4.** That the response to the consultation by the Scottish Government on the proposed National Care Service for Scotland, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

**1.5.** That the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care should submit the response in relation to the consultation on the proposed National Care Service for Scotland to the Scottish Government, on behalf of the Council, by the deadline of 2 November 2021.

**1.6.** That the draft letter prepared by key partners in Orkney, attached as Appendix 2 to this Minute, be submitted in conjunction with the formal response referred to at paragraph 1.4 above.

Councillor Norman R Craigie joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

## **2. Conclusion of Meeting**

At 14:41 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.