

## **Item: 6**

**College Management Council Sub-committee: 20 January 2020.**

**Orkney College – Strategic Review.**

**Report by Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To brief members on the proposed Strategic Review of Orkney College.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Sub-committee is invited to note:

#### **2.1.**

The proposal to undertake a Strategic Review of Orkney College.

#### **2.2.**

That the planned Strategic Review would offer the opportunity to address both the strategic direction of the College, as well as the recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 28 November 2017, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, thus ensuring that Orkney College is best positioned to address current and future educational needs in Orkney.

#### **2.3.**

That the first stage of the Strategic Review, due to commence in late January 2020, will take the form of a scoping study and initial data gathering.

#### **2.4.**

That the scoping study will be used to define the final scope of the Strategic Review, the process for which will include engagement with key stakeholders from both within the Council and externally, including businesses, the University of the Highlands and Islands, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland, amongst others.

### **3. Background**

The College has not undergone a Strategic Review for many years and therefore such a process is overdue. The Strategic Review will also provide an opportunity to respond to previous Council decisions detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.

## **4. Strategic Review**

### **4.1.**

The planned Strategic Review would offer the opportunity to address both the strategic direction of the College and the previous decisions of Council referred to in Appendix 1, thus ensuring that Orkney College is best positioned to address current and future educational needs in Orkney. The first stage of the Strategic Review is planned for the end of January. This will take the form of a scoping study and initial data gathering. The scoping study will be used to define the final scope of the Strategic Review and will engage with key stakeholders from both within the Council and externally, including businesses, the University of the Highlands and Islands, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland, amongst others.

### **4.2.**

The process will comply with any procurement requirements and ensure that reports are brought to the College Management Council Sub-committee and any other relevant committees throughout the process.

### **4.3.**

Further reports will be brought to the College Management Council Sub-committee and Education, Leisure and Housing Committee as the Strategic Review is progressed.

## **5. Human Resource Implications**

There are no human resource implications resulting directly from this report. Any issues that arise in the process will be reported appropriately and Human Resources involved in the Strategic Review.

## **6. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this noting report.

## **7. Legal Aspects**

### **7.1.**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this noting report.

### **7.2.**

Under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public should be excluded from the meeting in respect of any discussion relating to Appendix 1 to this report. Appendix 1 contains exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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## **9. Appendix**

Appendix 1: Previous Council decision.