



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

Minute of Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Stornoway, on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 5.00pm

PRESENT

Mr Norman A MacDonald (Convener)
Mr Calum Macmillan
Mr Iain A Macneil
Mr Donald Manford
Mr Roddy Mackay
Mr Iain M Macleod
Mr Uisdean Robertson
Mr Finlay Cunningham
Mr Paul A. Finnegan
Mr John G Mitchell
Mr Ranald Fraser

Mr Angus Morrison
Mr Finlay Stewart
Mr Iain M Macaulay
Mr Neil Mackay
Mr Gordon Murray
Mr Donald F. Crichton
Mr John A Maciver
Mr Calum Maclean
Mr John Mackay
Mr John N Macleod

APOLOGIES

Mr Roddie Mackay (Leader)
Mr Alasdair Macleod

Mr Charlie Nicolson
Mr Kenneth Macleod

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Malcolm Burr
Mr Robert Emmott
Mr Tim Langley

Mrs Dolina Macleod
Mr Derek Mackay
Mrs Marina Macaulay

Prayer

The Meeting was preceded by prayer, led by Mr John Mackay

Declaration of Interest

1 There were no declarations of interest.

CROFT HOUSING

Financial Assessment of Croft Property and Social Care Charges

2 The Chief Executive submitted a Report, following a request for a Special Meeting, to consider Financial Assessment of Croft Property and Social Care Charges. The Report detailed the terms of the request and indicated that the Comhairle had previously considered the matter at meetings of the Communities and Housing Committee on 26 February and 18 June 2019 and at a Seminar for all Members on 27 August 2019. The Communities and Housing Strategic Member/Officer Working Group considered the issues raised at the Seminar and the recommendations of the Working Group were detailed in the Report.

Mr Norman A MacDonald, seconded by Mr Donald Crichton, moved the following:

That the Comhairle note:

- (1) the request in terms of Standing Order 6 that a Special Meeting of the Comhairle be called to consider aspects of Comhairle policy in respect of the financial assessment of croft property and social care charges; and
- (2) that the Chief Executive, Director for Assets, Finance and Resources, Director for Communities and the Chief Officer, Health and Social Care, would submit a Report to Communities and Housing Committee to be held on 28 April 2020 in respect of the matters set out in the request, and on any other related issues.

Mr Donald Manford, seconded by Mr Calum Macmillan, moved the following amendment.

That the Comhairle suspend any ongoing action in respect of taking croft property into consideration when making financial assessments for care charges until such time as the Comhairle had considered its policy position.

The Comhairle then proceeded to debate the motion against the amendment.

The vote was taken by roll call as follows:

MOTION	AMENDMENT
Mr Norman A MacDonald	Mr Calum Macmillan
Mr Uisdean Robertson	Mr Iain A Macneil
Mr Finlay Cunningham	Mr Donald Manford
Mr Paul Finnegan	Mr Roddy Mackay
Mr Finlay Stewart	Mr Ian M Macleod
Mr Neil Mackay	Mr Ranald Fraser
Mr Donald Crichton	Mr Gordon Murray
Mr John Mackay	Mr John A Maciver
	Mr John N Macleod

The amendment, having received the majority of the votes cast, became the finding of the meeting.