



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR: 4 DECEMBER 2024

COMMITTEE DECISION REPORT

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: 26 NOVEMBER 2024

At its meeting on 26 November 2024, the Sustainable Development Committee considered the business referred to below. The Committee has approved the recommendations detailed for approval by the Comhairle. Where the Committee has exercised delegated powers or used the conditional delegation provisions for any item, this is stated.

Items marked with an asterisk* were considered with the press and public excluded from the Meeting.

<i>Item Title</i>	<i>Agenda Number</i>	<i>Committee's Decision</i>
Minute of Meeting of 24 September 2024	1	The Minute of Meeting of 24 September 2024 was approved.
Minute of Meeting of Housing Sub-Committee of 8 October 2024	2	The Minute of Meeting of Housing Sub-Committee of 8 October 2024 was noted.
Declaration of Interest	3	There were no declarations of interest.
Economic and Community Regeneration – Outcome Delivery Report	4	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle notes the half-year progress of the 2024/25 Departmental Outcome Delivery Plans.
Heritage Service Update	5	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agrees to note: (1) progress on the actions required to regain full Museum Accreditation following the cyber-attack; (2) current and anticipated pressures on the Archaeology Service; and (3) the increased income generated through donations and shop sales by the Museum Service.
Additional Council Tax Income from Second Homes (ACTISH)	6	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle approves the proposed allocation of Additional Council Tax Income from Second Homes for the period 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 as detailed in 6.1 of the Report.
Fisheries Management Measures within Scottish Offshore Marine Protected Areas Consultation	7	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agrees to homologate its response to the Scottish Government Consultation, as appended to the Report.

Regional Economic Strategy	8	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) approve the Highlands and Islands Regional Economic Strategy at Appendix 1 to the Report; and (2) agree to a refresh of the Outer Hebrides Economic Strategy as outlined at Appendix 2 to the Report.
Lews Castle Lease	9*	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) notes the update on rental and related financial aspects of the Lews Castle lease; (2) agree that, depending on the income generated in previous years, the Comhairle examine options in relation to the Lews Castle lease at the July 2026 break point, with a view to maximising the Comhairle's financial return from the Lews Castle operation; and (3) agree to invite the Chief Financial Officer of Together Travel to a future meeting of the Committee.
Reports Outstanding	10	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.