



## COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR: 25 JUNE 2025

### COMMITTEE DECISION REPORT

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: 17 JUNE 2025

At its meeting on 17 June 2025, 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 29 April 2025	1	The Minute of Meeting of 29 April 2025 was approved.
Declaration of Interest	2	Mr Duncan MacInnes wished to record, in respect of item 9, that he was a member of the Outer Hebrides Local Action Group (LAG). Mr MacInnes did not consider this to be an interest that needed to be declared in terms of the code of conduct.
MG Alba - Lèirsinn Strategy Update	3	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the presentation from MG Alba on the implementation of its Lèirsinn strategy, and notes proposals to develop a strategy for Stornoway's 'Media Village'.
Economic & Community Regeneration: Outcome Delivery Report	4	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle notes the end of year progress of the 2024/25 Outcome Delivery Plan for the Economic & Community Regeneration Service.
Development Plan Scheme 2025	5	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:  (1) approve the Outer Hebrides Development Plan Scheme 2025 as detailed in the Appendix to the Report; and  (2) authorise the Chief Planning Officer to publish the Development Plan Scheme 2025, and draft Participation Statement for public consultation.
Local Housing Strategy Update	6	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the achievements and challenges of Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 and progress towards preparation of Local Housing Strategy 2025-2030.
Business Gateway Services: Performance Update 2024-25.	7	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agrees to note the range and scale of support delivered successfully to Outer Hebrides businesses by Business Gateway during 2024-25.
Scottish Government – Cruise Ship Levy Consultation	8	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agrees to:  (1) homologate the response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the potential intro-duction of a local authority cruise ship levy in Scotland; and  (2) pause the further development of an Outer Hebrides Visitor Levy Scheme until all tourism levy options for local authorities can be assessed.

Community-Led Local Development Programme 2024-25	9	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) note the success of the Scottish Government Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Pro-gramme 2024-25; and</li> <li>(2) continue its function as Accountable Body for the Outer Hebrides Local Action Group (LAG) for the CLLD Programme 2025-26.</li> </ul>
Spaceport 1 Project Update	10	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) note the update on the construction of the enabling infrastructure as outlined at paragraphs 6.1 – 6.5 of the Report;</li> <li>(2) note the priorities for the coming period as outlined at paragraphs 8.1 – 8.5 of the Report; and</li> <li>(3) agree that the elected Members for Uibhist a Tuath be the Comhairle representatives on the and Amenity Management Plan Steering Group.</li> </ul>
Reports Outstanding	11	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.</p>
Lews Castle Lease	12*	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) to renegotiate its lease with the operator of Lews Castle on the basis of the operator paying a fixed annual rent in line with an independent rental valuation; and</li> <li>(2) that a rent review be carried out every three years. .</li> </ul>