

# **COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR**

## **BUDGET AND STRATEGY BOARD**

Minute of Meeting held in Committee Room 1 / MS Teams, Council Offices, Stornoway on Monday 19 August 2024 at 11.00am.

PRESENT Mr Paul F Steele (Chair)

Mr Duncan MacInnes MBE Mr Robert Mackenzie (substitute Member)

Mr David Macleay

Mr Kenneth MacleodMr Calum MacleanMr Iain A MacNeilMr Iain M MacaulayMs Susan ThomsonDr Frances MurrayMr Uisdean RobertsonMr Angus McCormack

APOLOGIES Mr Paul Finnegan Mr Angus Morrison

Mr Donald Crichton Mr Ranald Fraser

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE Mr Norman Macdonald

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Mr Derek Mackay Ms Alison Cropper Mrs Anne Murray

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#### **MINUTES**

Minute of Meeting of 20 June 2024

The Minute of Meeting of 20 June 2024 was approved.

#### **FINANCE**

It was agreed that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the Comhairle) would be disclosed.

Crown Estates
Revenues Round 5

— Pan Island
Distribution

The Chief Executive submitted a Report concerning the distribution of the Crown Estates Revenues Round 5 Pan Island fund. The Report stated that, following a Members Funding Seminar and the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 24 April 2024, it was agreed to allocate £150,000 Crown Estates Revenues funding to a Pan-island competitive fund. It was agreed to invite applications from organisations that provided activities across islands or Ward areas; twenty-five applications were received.

The Report indicated that Regeneration Officers had scored the applications using a scoring matrix developed by the Scottish Government's Improvement Service which was adapted to include criteria aligned with the purpose of Crown Estate Revenues funding. The process concluded with six projects being recommended for funding support. A complete list of applicants and scores was provided in the Appendix to the Report.

### It was agreed:

 to note the Report and that officers would report back to the Board with further information in relation to the applications from Tighean Innse Gall and Macaulay College;

- (2) to note conditional letters of offer had been sent to and returned by five projects requesting smaller amounts of funding support at a total of £50,219; and
- (3) that the Community Engagement Unit would consult with Elected Members on proposed changes to the process prior to the next round of Crown Estate funding.