

## Shadow Board – Shetland Merger Project

<b>Committee</b>	Shadow Board
<b>Subject</b>	Revised timeline
<b>Action requested</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> For information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Special Resolution
<b>Brief summary of the paper</b>	Shadow Board to consider revised timeline and assumptions around its development
<b>Resource implications</b> [if yes, please provide detail]	Yes Longer period in current configuration with attendant costs
<b>Risk implications</b> [if yes, please provide detail]	No
<b>Date paper prepared</b>	12-May-20
<b>Date of committee meeting</b>	20-May-20
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<b>Equality and diversity</b>	No
<b>Status</b>	Non-confidential
<b>Freedom of Information</b> Can this paper be included in 'open' business?*	Yes

A revised timeline to merger is presented below. The following considerations have to be noted:

- COVID-19 restrictions has had significant implications for the parliamentary process and the full effect on timelines and legislative process is not yet clear;
- The implications of Brexit on the legislative process are unknown;
- Parliamentary recess dates have not been set for 2021 and are therefore assumed based on this year; and
- The date of the Scottish Parliamentary Election has not been set. The assumption is that this will happen around w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021. This would assume that the dissolution of the Scottish parliament is likely to happen around 26 March 2021.

### Shetland Merger: Shetland College UHI; NAFC; Train Shetland

Draft Timeline and merger requirements

Key actions				Dates (actual)
Shetland - NAFC & Shetland Islands College	UHI	SFC	Scot Govt	
Final Ministerial Business Case signed off by Shadow Board				
Consultation with Unions				20th April
Final MMBC to College board and then SIC				22nd April
Final MMBC to NAFC Board				1st April
Final MMBC to UHI for endorsement				w/c 4th May
	Final MMBC to SFC			w/c 4th May
Shadow Board Instruct Institutions to consult				20th May
Consultation Process: Staff, students, UHI and Stakeholders.				20th May - 12th Aug
Parliamentary Recess 27 June - 30 August 2020				
SFC Led Evaluation Visit				w/c 17th August 2020
MMBC to SFC, Scottish Government and Cabinet Secretary				w/c 13th April 2020
Parliamentary Recess 10th - 25th Oct 2020				
		Advice to Council i.e. Council paper (2 weeks before Council meeting)		30-Oct-20

		Council meeting		12/13 Nov
		SFC advice to Scot Govt & Cabinet Secretary		w/c 16 Nov 2020
Inform OSCR of intent to merge				
			Scot Government Analysis of SFC & Consultation Responses: SG Consultation process	16 Nov - 8th Feb 2021
Parliamentary recess 24th Dec - 8th Jan 2021				
Parliamentary Recess 5th - 16th Feb 2021				
			Advice to Ministers submitted	16th Feb 2021
			Ministers approve response	2nd March 2021
			Announcement / response to consultation	8th March 2021
Dissolution of Parliament 26th March 2021				
			Parliamentary process – SSI laid in Parliament (Approx 28 days)	17 May 2021 -22 June 2021
			Parliamentary process – SSI approved	28-Jun-21
Vesting date ???				