

Transition Board – Shetland Merger Project

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| Committee | Transition Board – Shetland Merger Project |
| Subject | Strategic Outline Case for Shetland Campus Redevelopment |
| Action requested | <input type="checkbox"/> For information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For discussion <input type="checkbox"/> For recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> For approval |
| Brief summary of the paper | An update on Islands Deal project development and the strategic outline case for Shetland Campus redevelopment are provided for note |
| Resource implications [if yes, please provide detail] | Yes If we are successful at this stage, resource will be required to develop a full bid |
| Risk implications [if yes, please provide detail] | No |
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| Status | Non-confidential |
| Freedom of Information Can this paper be included in 'open' business?* | Yes |
| Status following the meeting | |

Over the last year we have been engaged in discussions and preparations for bidding for projects within the Islands Deal. We have engaged both through SIC activities and UHI activities and also through our involvement in the Islands Forum. UHI and the Shetland colleges have direct engagement in a number of Islands Deal projects as listed below. Of direct relevance for the Transition Board is the Shetland Campus redevelopment project for which we have prepared a Strategic Outline Case (SOC, attached) that has been submitted for further consideration in the Islands Deal bidding process. Recently the overall package for the Islands Deal was announced as £100 million. At the moment there is no certainty that this (or any of the other bids) will be included by the government in the Islands Deal package or at what final level of funding. If we are successful in getting through this next phase the full business case will need to be developed for March 2021.

Islands Deal projects with direct UHI and Shetland colleges involvement:

Shetland Campus Redevelopment

TalEntEd Islands (pan islands skills and talent attraction project)

Shell-volution (Shetland based aquaculture innovation project)

Creative Islands Wellbeing (pan islands creative project)

In addition we will have a role to play in skills provision and other activities linked to other projects as outlined in the SOC.

The board is asked to note the SOC for the Shetland Campus Redevelopment project, to note the activity likely to be required for full bid preparation and the potential future need for an estates special project committee to oversee this activity should our bid be successful.