

# ISLANDS GROWTH DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held through Microsoft Teams, on Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at 4.00pm.

## PRESENT

Cllr Emma Macdonald, Shetland Islands Council (Chair)  
Cllr Paul Steele, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr James Stockan, Orkney Islands Council  
Cllr David Dawson, Orkney Islands Council  
Cllr Dennis Leask, Shetland Islands Council  
Cllr Donald Crichton, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

## OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Anne Murray, Islands Deal Programme Director  
Mr Neil Grant, Shetland Islands Council  
Ms Louise Shearer, Shetland Islands Council  
Mr John Mundell, Orkney Islands Council  
Ms Inga Burton, Orkney Islands Council  
Mr Malcolm Burr, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar  
Mr Calum Iain Maciver, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar  
Mr Derek Mackay, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

## MINUTES

Minute of Meeting of 2 December 2022 1

The Minute of the Meeting of 2 December 2022 was approved with the correction of the date of the minute at item 1 to read 26 October 2022.

Declaration of Interest 2

There were no declarations of interest.

Final Outline Business Cases 3

With reference to item 5 of the Minute of the Meeting of 26 October 2022, Ms Anne Murray, Islands Deal Programme Director submitted a Report which sought endorsement of final Outline Business Cases for inclusion within the Full Deal agreement and associated documentation. The Report noted that there are a total of sixteen projects / programmes within the Islands Growth Deal for which an Outline Business Case (OBC) is required. Each of these was presented to, and approved by, the Islands Growth Deal Programme Board and Joint Committee prior to their formal submission to UK and Scottish Governments. The Full Deal cannot be signed until all OBCs are at a reasonable level and to the satisfaction of Scottish and UK Governments.

The Report further noted that ten of the OBCs were approved by the Islands Growth Deal Joint Committee on 26 October 2022. Following on from this, work has continued with the remaining six. The Report provided a summary status of the inclusion of the remaining project/ programmes, details included:

- *Knab Redevelopment, Orkney World Heritage Gateway Site and Vertical Farm* - will be accepted for the purposes of the Full Deal, with any remaining Scottish Government (SG) comments to be carried over and dealt with either in a further iteration of the OBC, or in the development and completion of the FBC. From UK Government perspective, reviewers are content but final endorsement is awaited.

- *Dales Voe* - similar position to the Orkney Future Fuels Hub OBC in that it has been accepted for Full Deal but requires further elaboration and sign off as an OBC closer to the delivery of the project.
- *Destination Development* – approved by SG. From UK Government perspective, reviewers are content but final endorsement is awaited.
- *Talented* – approved by both Governments, but from SG there are a number of comments to be carried over and dealt with at FBC.

**It was agreed to endorse the Outline Business Cases detailed within the Report for inclusion within the Full Deal agreement and associated documentation.**