



Purpose of Briefing

The Shetland Amenity Trust Board meeting was held via video-conference as a response to the current Covid-19 restrictions and guidance. As such, the decision was taken to cancel the usual public session of the meeting and continue with the private session. This briefing aims to provide an overview of the meeting discussions in relation to those items that are public.

The discussions included:

- The delivery of the 2021/22 programme of works funded by the Shetland Charitable Trust.
- The draft service plan for Shetland Museum and Archives for 2021/22.

The following points were noted by the Trustees:

- Shetland Museum and Archives will remain closed to the public until mid-February in line with schools and leisure centres.
- An EU audit of the Follow the Vikings project has been successfully completed.
- Shetland Museum and Archives' first online exhibition "Fair Game" was launched recently as part of the Between Islands Project, a collaboration between Shetland, Orkney and the Western Isles.
- Shetland Amenity Trust has received a grant of over £60,000 from Highlands and Islands Enterprise for the provision of outside areas at a range of Trust sites throughout Shetland. The grant will also cover the provision of enhanced wheelchair access to the longship Skidbladner in Haroldswick.
- Shetland Amenity Trust has received a grant of almost £74,000 from Historic Environment Scotland towards preparing Sumburgh Head Lighthouse, Visitor Centre and Nature Reserve for re-opening to the public for the 2021 season.
- The Trust has received formal confirmation from Museums Galleries Scotland that we have retained our official Recognised Collections status for both our Archaeology and Textiles collections.