

## Transition Board – Shetland Merger Project

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| <b>Committee</b>   | Transition Board – Shetland Merger Project   |
| <b>Subject</b>   | Shetland's Colleges Economic Impact Report   |
| <b>Action requested</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For information only<br><input type="checkbox"/> For discussion<br><input type="checkbox"/> For recommendation<br><input type="checkbox"/> For approval  |
| <b>Brief summary of the paper</b>  | <p>An economic impact assessment has been completed by BiGGAR Economics for the University of the Highlands and Islands. The assessment determined that in 2019, the university partnership contributed £653 million to the Scottish economy and supported 7,200 jobs across Scotland. UHI contributed £560 million to the Highlands and Islands, Moray and Perthshire economies and supported 6,200 jobs throughout the region. For every £1 spent on the university, the university partnership put £5 back into the Scottish economy, £4 of which was retained in the Highlands and Islands, Moray and Perthshire. A separate report was also presented for Shetland. Shetland College UHI and the NAFC Marine Centre UHI were found to contribute £34 million and support 250 jobs throughout the Shetland Islands. The report is included as a separate PDF (TB2020-26 NAFC &amp; Shetland College UHI Economic Impact Final Report) for the Board's information.</p> |
| <b>Resource implications</b><br>[if yes, please provide detail]                  | <p>No</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a></p>   |
| <b>Risk implications</b><br>[if yes, please provide detail]                      | No   |
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| <b>Equality and diversity</b>  | No   |
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| <b>Freedom of Information</b><br>Can this paper be included in 'open' business?* | Yes  |
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