

Transition Board – Shetland Merger Project

Committee	Transition Board – Shetland Merger Project
Subject	Code of Conduct and Register of Interests
Action requested	<input type="checkbox"/> For information only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For discussion <input type="checkbox"/> For recommendation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For approval
Brief summary of the paper	A Code of Conduct is presented for Board approval. A form for the declaration of interests is also presented for approval.
Resource implications [if yes, please provide detail]	No Click here to enter text.
Risk implications [if yes, please provide detail]	Yes Adoption of Code of Conduct is a requirement for assigned status.
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Equality and diversity	No
Status	Non-confidential
Freedom of Information Can this paper be included in 'open' business?*	Yes
Status following the meeting	

Context

As previously noted at the Transition Board we are seeking to achieve assigned status (TB2021-7 Steps to assignment). As part of the Code of Good Governance for Scotland's Colleges every college and regional strategic body must be governed by an effective board that is collectively responsible for setting, demonstrating and upholding the values and ethos of the organisation. The board is required to adopt and uphold a Code of Conduct and every board member must ensure that they are familiar with and their actions comply with the provisions of their board's Code of Conduct.

The Nine Principles of Public Life in Scotland, which incorporate the seven Nolan principles, must be the basis for board decisions and behaviour. These key principles, which apply individually and collectively are:

- Duty/Public Service
- Selflessness
- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Accountability and Stewardship
- Openness
- Honesty
- Leadership
- Respect

The Board is asked to review the proposed Code of Conduct (TB2021-9 Shetland UHI Board Code of Conduct) and approve for adoption.

The Board is asked to review the proposed Register of Interests form (TB2021-9 Declaration of Interests form) and approve for adoption.

Once these have been approved then Board members will need to sign and return the Code of Conduct and complete a declaration of interests form.

The Code of conduct will be published on the Transition Board website and a Register of interests will also be published there.

We will include a Declaration of interests item on all agendas.