

# Delting Community Council submission of 4 March 2024

## PE1862/L: Introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities

There are two elements the Delting Community Council would like to feedback:

1. Legislation needs to recognise Shetland is an island and every piece of legislation that comes from the Scottish Government should consider the Islands Dimension and the Islands Impact Assessment. There should be an Islands Impact Assessment with all legislation.
2. There are times Shetland gets adversely impacted by our location. There needs to be an awareness of cost of living in the communities when allocating funds and recognise the on cost of Island life. Everything has an on-cost due to its location in Shetland. Particular attention should be focussed to the on-cost of living in an island community and the difference in buying power between Scotland mainland and Shetland and the difference in buying power within Shetland between Mainland Shetland and the island communities within Shetland.