

# UHI North, West and Hebrides Local Advisory Committee North AGM

Wed 29 April 2026, 17:15 - 18:30

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## Agenda

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### 17:15 - 17:15 **1. Welcome, apologies and establishment of quorum**

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*Information*                      *Graham Birnie*

A quorum shall be no less than one half of the voting members and in any case not less than four. No business can be conducted at a meeting unless a quorum is present. If after 10 minutes from the appointed start time for a meeting, a quorum is not present, the Chair shall adjourn the meeting. It shall be recorded that, owing to a lack of the necessary quorum, no business could be transacted

### 17:15 - 17:15 **2. Declarations of interest**

0 min

*Declarations*                      *Graham Birnie*

Members must declare a personal interest, either financial or non-financial in any item on the Agenda and should do so at the start of the meeting or as early as possible during the meeting. Members must not remain, nor participate in any way in a part of the meeting in which they have declared a personal interest. Members must declare a connection which does not amount to a personal interest in any item on the Agenda where in the interests of transparency they consider that it is appropriate to do so.

### 17:15 - 17:15 **3. A.G.M. Business**

0 min

*Discussion*                      *Graham Birnie*

Annual report from the Chair

Appointment of the Chair for the forthcoming year

The appointment of additional members

### 17:15 - 17:15 **4. Minutes of the meeting held on 06.10.2025**

0 min

*Approval sought*                      *Graham Birnie*

Approval sought for the last minute of this committee

### 17:15 - 17:15 **5. Action tracker**

0 min

*Discussion*                      *Graham Birnie*

The committee are invited to review and update the action tracker

### 17:15 - 17:15 **6. Recruitment data**

0 min

*Discussion*                      *Lydia Rohmer*

discussion on the increased demand for FE and HE courses

17:15 - 17:15 **7. Student experience, retention and performance**

0 min

*Discussion* *Tracy Kerr /Hannah Ritchie-Muir*

Benchmark against national statistics for student experience & satisfaction. Retention & performance figures 2024/25 and 2025/26 v targets

17:15 - 17:15 **8. Up coming School offer**

0 min

*Discussion* *Hannah Ritchie-Muir*

How will UHI NWH meet demand

17:15 - 17:15 **9. Opportunities available to school leavers, parents and businesses**

0 min

*Discussion* *Susan Maclean*

17:15 - 17:15 **10. Growth**

0 min

*Discussion* *Debbie Miller / Derek Bond*

Inclusive of a brief description of LADDER (Debbie Miller)

**10.1. New initiatives in development phase - for local area thinking**

*Discussion* *Debbie Miller / Derek Bond*

**10.2. Maritime, Engineering and AI**

*Discussion* *Debbie Miller / Derek Bond*

How these areas sit within the income growth strategy

17:15 - 17:15 **11. Offshore Wind**

0 min

*Discussion* *Debbie Miller*

17:15 - 17:15 **12. Highland Council presentation**

0 min

*Information* *Debbie Miller*

15 minute presentation

17:15 - 17:15 **13. Marketing and communications update - North**

0 min

*Discussion* *Julia Maclean*

an officer will be appointed to attend for this item

17:15 - 17:15 **14. A.O.B.**

0 min

*Information* *Graham Birnie*

Two year post merger report update, induction package and Terms of reference (draft)