

The Trustees of Shetland Charitable Trust  
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Dear Charity Trustees

**Shetland Charitable Trust – SC027025**

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2011 providing further details of the proposed changes to the governance arrangements of the Trust.

We are satisfied that both the actions to be taken and the timeline involved meet the undertakings set out in my letter of 24 November 2011, and look forward to engaging with the Trust in support of this process.

We note that the Trust intends to effect the governance changes via the charity reorganisation route. We recognise that the Trust is not obliged to use this mechanism but wishes to do so to maximise transparency and minimise future criticism, and we commend the Trust for this course of action which, in the circumstances, is entirely appropriate. In the interests of transparency, if there is anything we can assist with to help explain key aspects the reorganisation processes to your beneficiaries, please let us know.

In the timetable you have provided, we note that the time periods allotted for OSCR to perform its role in the reorganisation process are based on the maximum timescales provided in the legislation. For planning purposes this is a prudent assumption. Our experience with this type of application, however, suggests there is probably scope to shorten these in a number of respects. We would be happy to discuss this or any other aspect of the application process, and we would encourage you and/or your legal advisers to make contact with the case officer who will be dealing with the Trust's application:

(Kenny Mathers; email [kenny.mathers@oscr.org.uk](mailto:kenny.mathers@oscr.org.uk)).

In line with your timetable, we now look forward to receiving the Trust's application for charity reorganisation later this month which will then be considered in line with the statutory process.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive