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Trustees' Meeting – 11 February 2011

At their meeting today, Trustees of Shetland Charitable Trust set their budget for the year to 31 March 2012.

Officers were recommending a budget of £10.8 million, which was 2% down on 2010/11.

Trustees approved the budget, with the addition of £15,323 per annum for the next three years to Shetland Islands Citizens Advice Bureau, to fund 50% of a Welfare Rights post.

Trustees agreed to the additional funding to secure the service of an additional Welfare Rights officer, which it is predicted will bring an additional £0.8 million into Shetland, and which will enhance the lives of the most vulnerable in society.

Chairman Bill Manson said "the decision today proves that the Trust can live within its means, and that the future of Shetland's funds is in good hands, whilst at the same time safeguarding the future of the voluntary sector".

Chairman

cc: Vice Chairman of Shetland Charitable Trust