

WHALSAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DATE: 16TH OCT 2025

To whom it may concern,

Letter of Support for Viking Genes Funding

I'm writing to express support for Viking Genes, whose work has highlighted significant genetic health risks affecting people in Shetland. Their efforts have already helped over 150 individuals by identifying genetic risks early, allowing for timely medical interventions that can make a real difference to health outcomes.

The Shetland Community Screening Project is a key part of their work, aiming to save lives through free genetic screening, improve community health, empower people with information for healthcare decisions, and raise awareness among healthcare professionals about the high prevalence of certain genetic variants in Shetland's population. Viking Genes shows how genetic insights can shape personalised healthcare strategies, especially for communities with unique genetic profiles.

Their approach not only advances genetic medicine but also addresses specific health needs of people in Shetland. Given the positive impact of Viking Genes so far, I strongly support their application for funding. Additional funding would help them expand their reach, inform more people about their genetic health risks, and enable early interventions that improve lives.

I believe Viking Genes is a valuable initiative with potential for significant positive impact on Shetland's community health. I wholeheartedly support their funding request and encourage consideration of their application.



Yours sincerely,

On Behalf of Whalsay Community Council