

**Council, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016**

**Motion following request from Mick Cash, General Secretary of RMT, in relation to the Keep CalMac Public campaign**

The Council:

- Notes that the £1 billion 2016-24 Clyde and Hebrides ferry services (CHFS) contract will be awarded at the end of May and that the two bidders are public sector operator CalMac and private multinational Serco.
- Welcomes the Scottish Government's significant increases in public investment in ferry infrastructure and services, including six new vessels for the CHFS network by 2025.
- Notes ferry expert Jeanette Findlay of Glasgow University's report for the RMT union, "*Economic benefits of public sector provision on lifeline Clyde and Hebrides ferry services*" which found that CalMac is an efficient operator that spreads benefits across the Scottish economy whilst Serco's profit-seeking model restricts performance to contractual minimums and would increase risk to workers, communities, passengers and the taxpayer.
- Agrees that the council will write to the First Minister and the Transport Minister of the Scottish Government, urging them to bear in mind the conclusions of the Findlay report, in particular around retaining public sector operation of lifeline ferry services to the benefit of the Scottish economy and society as well as the quality of current ferry arrangements, when assessing and weighting the CalMac submission for the award of the next CHFS contract.

Moved: Councillor Robin Currie

Seconder: Councillor Roddy McCuish