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## Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay  
Area Community Planning Group

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## Briefing Note: PIER INFRASTRUCTURE

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This briefing relates to activities which fall under SOA Outcome 2 – ‘We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth’. Work on the Council’s ‘piers and harbours’ asset management plan is ongoing – final completion will be dependent upon the outcome of future meetings with both Transport Scotland and Calmac and also the outcome of principal surveys to be carried out this autumn on the Council’s main piers and harbours.

The briefing is for noting and discussion.

### Summary

The Council is responsible for a number of piers and harbours which are used for a variety of purposes. The Council also operates a number of ferries.

The following question has been raised:- Does the Council have a strategic plan for use, maintenance and development of the piers which they own, and secondarily how much do they liaise with CMAL regarding those piers and harbours used by Calmac ferries?

Further information is available at:-

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=567&Year=0>

### Key Points for Consideration

The Council is responsible for 41 piers and harbours. There are 6 main ports – Port Askaig, Craignure, Oban (North Pier), Campbeltown, Rothesay and Dunoon.

Piers and harbours are inspected on a biennial basis with a principal inspection, generally, for the structures at Craignure, Rothesay, Dunoon, Oban and Campbeltown every six years which involves a dive survey and detailed report. Principal inspections are being organised, specifically, for this autumn at Bruichladdich, Craighouse, Gigha (south pier), Helensburgh, Port Askaig and Rothesay. Information produced from these inspections will inform the overall marine asset management plan which is currently being compiled.

The Council meets regularly with representatives from Transport Scotland, CMAL and Calmac to discuss, inter alia, operational and developmental issues relating to the Council’s piers and harbours.

The Group will be interested to know that a review of fees and charges is currently in progress with a view to presenting findings and recommendations to the November Harbour Board. Fees and charges apply to all facilities, however it is worth noting that not all harbours generate income.

The Council operates 4 ferry services – Islay to Jura, Easdale, Luing and Lismore. Discussions are ongoing between the Council and Transport Scotland regarding the potential transfer of these services.

## **Key Points for Discussion**

Fees and charges review – comments welcome.

Ferry services – again, comments welcome.

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