

The logo features the words "Discover Space" in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. A stylized white rocket ship is positioned behind the word "Space", pointing upwards. Two white curved lines arch over the rocket ship. Below "Space", the words "UK Space Port" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Discover Space

UK Space Port

The journey so far.....

What is a Spaceport?

- Must first consider “what is it not”
- UK Govt. wants a £19 billion space business by 2020
- UK Govt. wants a £40 billion space business by 2030
- What proportion of these targets will be fulfilled by the UK Spaceports?
- Must act as a catalyst for meeting these targets
- Cannot simply be a runway with some facilities to be used occasionally



Where we are now



- Reached the second stage of selection process
- Attended the UK Space Conference
- Attended the DfT “Industry day”
- Presented to UK/Canada Science symposium
- Presented to the Royal Aeronautical Society
- Met with major global and UK aerospace companies
- No longer a “competition” but licences may be limited in number
- Vertical launch now included by UK Govt.



What is next?

- UK Government to legislate for licensing requirements and locations to apply for licence
- Continue to foster interest in the location and ensure that the unique advantages of the site are understood by potential operators, users and likely stakeholders
- Continue to influence what a UK Spaceport should be
- Make strategic relationships with companies and stakeholders whose ambition for the UK space industry accords with ours



What do we need?

- Continued support from Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, both financial and political
- Support of local politicians, MSPs and MPs
- Continued support of the local community and businesses
- A firm timescale from the DfT on legislation
- A wider appreciation of what Campbeltown can offer, therefore.....
- A comprehensive PR campaign to capitalise on the unique benefits of Campbeltown



Opportunities



- Economic bonus and legacy – quality local jobs and supply chain opportunities
- Assist in reversing population demographic
- Academic benefits in increasing interest in STEM subjects
- Sustainability
- Benefits felt in local, regional, Scottish and UK markets
- Redevelopment of an existing asset
- Benefits outweigh the risks

Obstacles

- Funding – availability and hurdles (State Aid)
- Limited number of licences?
- Potential for a number of sites competing for market share
- Potentially long lead in for income stream
- ITAR and other treaties – time scale for resolution?
- Preconceptions
- Managing expectations
- Ensuring a smooth integration of change in the community

Economic impact



- Clear policy framework established through Single Outcome Agreement, Economic Development Action Plans and Local Development Plan;
- Delivering economic recovery and growth through a rising population;
- Improving life chances and new high value job opportunities;
- Creation of vibrant business base allowing businesses to consolidate and grow;
- Creation of a diverse and resilient economy with a focus on key strengths;
- Sustainable use of our outstanding natural and built environment as key economic assets;
- Business friendly procurement, planning and regulation focussed on growth.

Conclusion



- Kintyre is open for business and ready for the spaceport investment
- Spaceport aligns with the Single Outcome Agreement main outcomes;
- Kintyre offers an outstanding environment for spaceport to succeed, a safe distance from conurbations but enjoying good transportation links that can be enhanced further if required;
- Kintyre is an outstanding tourist destination in its own right offering world class Scottish experience scenery, sailing, golf, whisky and tourist facilities;
- A strong and welcoming community used to significant economic change and keen to embrace additional investment.

