

**COUNCIL OPERATED FERRIES – POTENTIAL TRANSFER TO TRANSPORT
SCOTLAND**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 At the Policy and Resources Meeting of 16th May 2019, Members were provided with an update on progress in relation to the potential transfer of Council-operated ferries to Transport Scotland.

1.2 The Policy and Resources Committee -

1. Agreed that the Council continue to pursue the transfer of ferries to Transport Scotland.
2. Agreed that the transfer should be on the basis of 'no transfer of revenue funding'.
3. Referred the decision of the Committee to the Council for endorsement.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- endorse the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 The detail of the Council Ferries report can be found in the report which was submitted to Policy and Resources Committee.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 The Council are asked to endorse the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – The Council’s current policy position is that the Council would seek to transfer the four ferries to Transport Scotland providing this can be done in a way that is cost effective to the Council.
- 5.2 Financial – Argyll and Bute Council is currently subsidizing lifeline ferries in the region of £1M per annum.
- 5.3 Legal – None known
- 5.4 HR – Should the ferry transfer take place, there will be staffing (including TUPE) implications which will need to be dealt with in line with Council policy and procedure.
- 5.5 Equalities / Fairer Scotland Duty – None known
- 5.6 Risk – There is a risk to existing core Council services should the ongoing subsidy of lifeline ferry services continue to be made.
- 5.7 Customer Service – None known

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