

Good afternoon Cllr Reid

Below is a time line for the Argyll & Bute Council aspects of the project, although we are still working closely with CMAL as they determine the details for the new vessel design. With the working Group we will be looking in increasing detail at how the engineering and operational integration will shape the requirements for the vessels as well as Gourock, Dunoon and Kilcreggan infrastructures.

Argyll & Bute Council step time line:

- Determine and confirm members of the Reference Group and Wider Stakeholder Group: Appoint, brief and update local members and / or Harbour Board Members appropriately through proper Council channels and procedures.
- We hope to confirm the members of the “Reference Group” and Wider Stakeholder Group” this week.
- Aim to publish a Briefing Note to appointed Members and then wider group members next week (or as soon as they are confirmed).
- We would like Motts to have a slot at the 6th December Working Group meeting: “Appraisal of Options for Dunoon and Kilcreggan”. Appraise Options against TPO’s and STAG criteria.
- First meeting with the Reference Group week commencing 20th December or as close after Christmas break as possible.
- Public engagement commence January 2022.

There remains a lot of basic work to pull together and it is recognised that this time line is ambitious in some respects, however we will remain optimistic as we proceed with due process.

Best regards

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