

**PIERS & HARBOURS -**

**GOUROCK – DUNOON – KILCREGGAN HARBOUR REFERENCE GROUP**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on the planning timeline for development of infrastructure and reintroduces the Terms of Reference for the Harbour Reference Group.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are asked to note and consider this report with the updated Terms of Reference.

**3.0 DETAIL and TIMELINE**

- 3.1 This project brings together Transport Scotland, CMAL, CFL Argyll and Bute Council and community stakeholders to deliver an improved passenger ferry service for the Gourock, Dunoon and Kilcreggan.
- 3.2 Until now the project has focused on the plans for Gourock as well as the development of the Gourock – Dunoon vessel concept. Infrastructure design at Dunoon and Kilcreggan depends on the vessel dimensions and characteristics as well as service reliability. Plans have now progressed with vessel design so that the infrastructure at Dunoon and Kilcreggan can proceed.  
The purpose of the project is the replacement of Gourock Harbour Infrastructure, improvements to the infrastructure at Dunoon Harbour, improvements at Kilcreggan Harbour and the delivery of new vessels.
- 3.3 To ensure resilience across the service, the infrastructure at Kilcreggan will be designed to accommodate the “Dunoon Class” of vessel. This also allows Argyll

and Bute Council to proceed with design concepts at Kilcreggan without waiting for the final decision on the “Kilcreggan Class” design.

- 3.4 The first Reference Group meeting with focus on Dunoon and Kilcreggan is planned for 20<sup>th</sup> December by TEAMS. It is hoped that a preferred option can be presented at this meeting as well as an update on the Options Appraisal process.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

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#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy - none directly arising from this report.
- 5.2 Financial - there are none related to this report.
- 5.3 Legal - considered to be none directly arising from this report
- 5.4 HR - none
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
- 5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics - none directly arising from this report.
- 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - none directly arising from this report.
- 5.5.3 Islands - none
- 5.6. Climate Change – the project will take full cognisance of the Council Decarbonisation Plan.
- 5.6 Risk - none known
- 5.7 Customer Service - none

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**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Gourock, Dunoon and Kilcreggan Harbour Reference Group  
Terms of Reference Rev 9.

Appendix 2: Briefing Note dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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**Gourock, Dunoon & Kilcreggan Harbour Reference Group**  
**Terms of Reference**

**Background**

“Scottish Ministers are committed to delivering a passenger ferry service between Gourock and Dunoon and Gourock and Kilcreggan with improved reliability and resilience, as the Minister and his officials discussed with local stakeholders.”

**Membership**

This project brings together Transport Scotland, CMAL, CalMac, Argyll and Bute Council and community stakeholders to deliver an improved ferry service for the Gourock – Dunoon service and the Gourock - Kilcreggan service.

Name	Organisation	Role
Ruairidh Campbell	CMAL	Chair
Paul Linhart-MacAskill	Transport Scotland	Deputy Chair
Scott Reid	Argyll & Bute Council	Deputy Chair
Michael Kean	Transport Scotland	Infrastructure Project Manager
Graeme McGinty	CMAL	Gourock Infrastructure PM
Andy Crossan	CMAL	Vessels Project Manager
Ian Anderson	CalMac	CalMac Project Manager
Allan Finlay	Argyll & Bute Council	Infrastructure Project Team
Cllr. Chris McEleny	Inverclyde Council	
Cllr. Alan Reid	Argyll & Bute Council	Ward 6 - Cowal
Cllr. Audrey Forrest	Argyll & Bute Council	Ward 7 - Dunoon
TBC (17/12/21)	Argyll & Bute Council	Ward 9 - Kilcreggan
Geraldine Harron	Gourock Community Council	
Willie Lynch	Dunoon Community Council	
Alistair Lamont	Kilcreggan Community Council	
Christine Murdoch	Kilcreggan Community Council	
Ranald Robertson	HITRANS	
Stephano Mannucci	HMNB Clyde	
Murray Gray	RNAD Coulport	

**Project Purpose**

The aim is to provide a modern, reliable and resilient lifeline ferry service which meets the needs of its passengers and their communities.

This will be achieved through:

- replacement of Gourock Harbour infrastructure
- improvements to Harbour infrastructure at Dunoon

- improvements to Harbour infrastructure at Kilcreggan
- delivery of new vessels

### **Reference Group Objectives**

This group has been formed to bring together the project design teams, community representatives, elected members and regional transport bodies.

Members will:

- provide feedback on the current service
- input into the design of the future infrastructure upgrades and new vessels
- consider the passenger facilities and how these integrate with services and other modes of transport

Thus ensuring the provision of a resilient ferry service on this route for the community that it serves.

### **Reference Group Working Methods**

- Meetings will be held approximately every 16-20 weeks
- Agenda and papers will be distributed 7 days in advance of the meeting
- Meeting notes / actions to be recorded and distributed to the Reference Group members within 10 days, with a view to be finalised within 20 days
- A Strategic Business Case, an Outline Business Case and a Final Business Case will be commissioned by the Working Group. These reports are required at key stages during the project's development and will be circulated to the Reference Group. A 14 day period will be allowed for feedback

Reference Group members will be bound to a confidentiality agreement on those items which are legitimately restricted by provisions contained within the Local Government Act (Scotland) 1973. It is recognised that the Reference Group has a duty to provide transparent and accurate reports through its members to their constituents. To assist this it is requested that draft reports be provided to the Reference Group chair, with a minimum of 5 working days notice, to allow all Working Group members to comment upon accuracy and provide further information, if available.

The Reference Group shall remain in situ until the infrastructure has been completed and vessels delivered.

CMAL and Argyll & Bute Council shall provide the secretariat for any meetings and will meet any venue costs associated with meetings. Any costs associated with membership of the Reference Group will be met by the relevant participant's home organisation.

### **Products:**

The Reference Group Chair shall provide:

- updates to the Project Working Group
- updates to the Network Strategy Programme Steering Group
- updates to Scottish Ministers