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Good Afternoon

Thank you for your patience as we worked to deliver the phased release of our Summer 22 timetables. We are now moving on to consultation for the upcoming Winter 22-23 timetable and are writing to invite requests.

Having listened to community feedback during previous rounds of consultation, we have made some changes to the process for this season in agreement with Transport Scotland. We have now agreed a clear set of parameters that will be used to guide the decision-making process. Much of these criteria are already used in the assessment and decision-making process and are simply now being formalised to aid transparency and responsiveness.

In addition, CalMac will now have authority to approve or decline requests directly in line with these criteria. This will enable quicker decisions to be taken and fed back to communities in a more responsive manner. Extraordinary requests, such as those which would require significant funding, will now only be considered by Transport Scotland by exception using the standard consultation process.

We would now like to invite feedback for the forthcoming Winter 22/23 timetable. Please note, the starting point will be the timetable published in Winter 19/20 (the last timetable unaffected by any covid changes). For this consultation period we are assuming that no covid restrictions will be in place.

As noted above, requests for changes will only be accepted or progressed if they meet the following criteria:

- Must be operationally feasible
- Cost neutral
- Current vessel deployment
- Does not impact on another route
- Complies with Fatigue Management Rules

We would be grateful if you could consult within the community and provide a single consolidated response by using the electronic form linked below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedhhO3QWXVj0PExdgufC8Khv-V_lC3UzKIC9BBxc7YIAS7Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

All forms must be submitted online no later than Wednesday 23 February.

During this time, we are also happy to meet with community groups to discuss any upcoming proposals prior to submission. We can also help explore the feasibility of requests to increase the chance of approval. If this is something you feel would be helpful, please contact us.

Have a nice weekend.

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