

**Scottish Ferries Plan & Kerrera Transportation & Infrastructure Business Case**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This paper is to advise Members of the development of the Business Case for future transportation links to the island of Kerrera and the potential construction of a north-south link road on the island.
- 1.2 A verbal update on progress with Transport Scotland with regard to the Needs Analysis for the ferry services operated by the Council will be provided to the Area Committee.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

2.1.1 Note that the Executive Director for D&I Services has nominated the Strategic Transportation service to undertake the business case which will appraise transportation and road infrastructure options for Kerrera, as informed by the STAG, and in light of Transport Scotland's position.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 Jonathon Welch, Transport Planner, has been nominated to undertake the Business Case for the potential provision of a north-south link road for the island of Kerrera. The timescale to undertake the Business Case is two months, with the study expected to be completed by mid December.

**4.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Policy
- The Council's policy with regard to the future operation of its ferry services is that these ferry services should be the responsibility of the Scottish Government. The Council does not have a fixed policy position with regard to transport links for the island of Kerrera. The proposed development of the business case for transportation links for Kerrera, as set out within the Recommendation, will allow the Council to consider policy options in due course.

- 4.2 Financial                    The proposed business case approach will identify financial implications.
- 4.3 Legal                        The proposed business case approach will identify relevant legal implications.
- 4.4 HR                            The proposed business case approach will identify any HR implications.
- 4.5 Equalities                 The proposed business case approach will identify the scope of any required Equalities Impact Assessment.

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