

**CHORD CAMPBELTOWN BERTHING FACILITY
PROJECT UPDATE**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines progress to date in the delivery of the CHORD Campbeltown Berthing Facility Project with specific information on the operator tender and the critical timeline for completing the project.

As outlined in the previous update of 5 November 2014, the primary risks concerned the cost submissions from the tender returns for the works and ensuring that an appropriate operator is in place.

The risks concerned with the cost submissions for the works have been addressed and a contractor was appointed in December 2014. As instructed by members a funding contribution was sought and secured from HIE (£120,000) and a reduction in costs, £25,000 was negotiated with the contractor.

It is anticipated that the berthing facility will be fully operational and open for business in May 2015 in time for the start of the sailing season provided the piling goes according to plan.

The original tender for an operator was sent out in December 2014, two submissions were received but as the returns did not meet the required quality standards, a new tender was issued on Friday 6th March 2015, to be returned by the 27th March 2015. It is anticipated that the award will be made on the 6 May 2015.

It is recommended that members:

1.1 Note the contents of the paper; and

1.2 Instruct officers to continue to procure a sustainable operator whilst managing an interim temporary solution to accommodate incoming enquiries and bookings from March until the operator is appointed at the start of May 2015

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress to date in the delivery of the Campbeltown Berthing Facility, both in terms of the works and the subsequent operation of the facility.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members:

- 3.1 Note the contents of the paper; and
- 3.2 Instruct officers to continue to procure a sustainable operator whilst managing an interim temporary solution to accommodate incoming enquiries and bookings from March until the operator is appointed at the start of May 2015

4.0 DETAILS

- 4.1 Since the last report on 5 November 2014, GSS was appointed in December to undertake the works, to date the contractor is on track to complete the pontoon construction works by the end of March/ beginning of April, provided there are no issues with the piling works, which are due to commence on the 9th March 2015.
- 4.2 The contract was awarded with the two component parts, the pontoons and the shower block. The latter is contractually due for completion by the 28 May 2015, thus the overall contract completion date is the 28 May 2015.
- 4.3 Transfer of the Assets from Campbeltown Berthing Company (CLBC) to Argyll and Bute Council was concluded in November 2014.
- 4.4 The original tender for an Operator was sent out in December 2014, two submissions were received but as the returns did not meet the required quality standards, a new tender was issued on Friday 6th March 2015, to be returned by the 27th March 2015. It is anticipated the successful operator will be appointed at the

beginning of May 2015

- 4.5 In the event that a satisfactory operator cannot be found, the proposed safe guard position could be that the Council runs the facility under its existing Harbour Authority with additional human resources funded through the income received from the new facility. Members will be consulted if this situation arises.
- 4.6 In the interim period between now and when an operator is appointed, incoming bookings and enquiries are being accommodated by the Harbour Master in Campbeltown and will continue to do so until a successful operator is appointed. CLBC have agreed to leave a voice mail message on the berthing facility phone re-directing callers to the Harbourmaster so that no potential business is lost.
- 4.7 At the end of March the transfer of the seabed license from CLBC to Argyll and Bute Council is expected to be concluded.
- 4.8 As at March 2015, the project has spent £68,500 and is on track to be delivered within budget.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The pontoon works are on schedule to be completed by the end of March/beginning of April 2015, provided there are no issues with the piling works. The shower block works are due for completion by the 28 May 2015. The overall contract completion date is the 28 May 2015.
- 5.2 If a satisfactory Operator cannot be found to run the facility then the Council could operate the facility under its existing Harbour Authority with additional human resources funded through the income received from the new facility. Members will be consulted if this situation arises.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy | The delivery of this project fits with the Council's Corporate Plan, Single Outcome Agreement and approved Development Plan key actions and policy for safeguarding our built heritage and town centre regeneration. The economic outcomes from this project will contribute to the Council's Economic Development Action Plan at a strategic and area based level. |
| 6.2 | Financial | No financial implications to date. |
| 6.3 | Legal | No legal issues to date. |
| 6.4 | HR | Personnel commitment across relevant departments for duration of project |
| 6.5 | Equalities | No equal opportunities implications |

- 6.6 Risk The main risk is slippage of the project programme due to unforeseen issues with the piling affecting a timeous handover of the operating contract prior to the sailing season start.
- 6.7 Customer Services There are no customer service implications

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