Scottish Ferry Services

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Transport Scotland
Transport Scotland

- Transport Scotland is the Scottish Government’s transport agency, delivering the Scottish Government’s vision for transport
- Motorway and trunk road network
- Rail services and rail improvement schemes
- Broader transport policy - including buses, concessionary travel, aviation & accessibility
- Responsibility for legislation, policy and guidance relating to ferry services, ports, harbours and canals
Transport Scotland

• Ferries Unit
  – Sponsorship of companies owned by Scottish Ministers – CalMac and Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL)
  – Policy development and policy implementation
  – Ferry contract management
  – Infrastructure (vessels and ports and harbours)
  – Procurement of ferry services
Why do we support ferries services?

- Essential part of Scotland’s transport network
- Essential for access to vital services
- Enable movement of freight
- Encourage sustainable and growing communities
- Must provide a safe, sustainable system
- Quality employment
What services are there?

- **Directly subsidised ferry services**
  - Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services – CalMac Ferries Ltd (2016 – 2024)
  - Northern Isles Ferry Service – Serco Northlink Ferries (2012 – 2018)
  - Kerrera Ferry Service – Kerrera Ferry Ltd (grant funding since 2013)

- **Local authority ferry services**
  - Argyll & Bute, Highland, Orkney and Shetland

- **Commercial services**
  - Western Ferries and Pentland Ferries
How much do we spend?

- Ferries Unit’s budget for 2016/17 is £198.6 million
  - Support for ferry services is £153.4 million
  - Ferry Infrastructure is £45.2 million
Ferries Plan

• The Ferries Plan was published in December 2012, which set out the future for ferry services until 2022.

• Publication of the Plan followed a comprehensive Ferries Review, including a Needs Based Assessment of each community’s ferry needs.
Ferries Plan

• Ferries Plan set out:
  ➢ Investment programme for vessels, ports & harbours
  ➢ Improvements to ferry services – short, medium & long term
  ➢ Plans to roll out Road Equivalent Tariff and conduct a Freight Fares Review
  ➢ Offer to assume responsibility for all lifeline ferry services in Scotland
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• Engagement key to our work

• CalMac new Communities and Stakeholder Engagement Director

• Link between Ministerial portfolios