
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	12 January 2023
Report By:	Interim Director, Environment & Regeneration	Report No:	E+R/23/01/07/SJ
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Subject:	General Update		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 To provide Committee with an update on the Gourock, Dunoon, and Kilcreggan ferry project following an outstanding remit and to provide an update on the extension of the temporary contract for the Grounds Manager (Shared Services).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Committee note:-
a) the update on the Gourock, Dunoon, and Kilcreggan ferry project, and
b) the extension of the temporary contract for the Grounds Manager (Shared Services).

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Gourock Dunoon and Kilcreggan

- 3.1 The Gourock to Dunoon and Gourock to Kilcreggan project has been under consideration for some time, and Officers regularly attend meetings on the subject.
- 3.2 Work is well underway to develop the vessel and port design options and the associated business case work. Indicative delivery dates provided as part of project updates are subject to completion and approval of all relevant project stages, as well as availability of funding.
- 3.3 This work is linked to the wider Islands Connectivity Plan, which will be published for consultation shortly and will set out a long-term investment programme for vessels and ports across our ferry network. Part of the work includes a community needs and market assessment of all routes within the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service network to identify the current and future needs of passengers and communities and propose options to address any gaps in service provision. The Gourock to Dunoon and Gourock to Kilcreggan routes are being appraised as a first priority and will be completed early next year. It would be inappropriate to pre-empt the outcome of this assessment and what it means for the future of services, however this important work must be completed before any long-term investment decision is taken regarding vessel provision.
- 3.4 CMAL's vessels team continues to progress the Dunoon and Kilcreggan vessel variants, Outline Business Case and Tender Specification. Once the outcome of the needs and market assessment is known, the final stages of the concept vessel designs will be completed. The public will also be able to have its say as a consultation will be undertaken before the vessel designs are finalised. All of this will allow for a long term investment decision to be taken regarding vessel provision, and the Outline Business Case will be presented to Transport Scotland's Investment Decision Making Board prior to progressing to procurement.
- 3.5 Following public consultation and feedback from the Programme Reference Group, CMAL's Infrastructure Team has selected a preferred option for the redevelopment of the terminal at Gourock. Transport Scotland's Investment Decision Making Board agreed to prioritise the planned infrastructure upgrades due to their critical need for replacement. As a result, CMAL appointed engineering firm Mott MacDonald to carry out both land and marine side ground investigation works. The works have started and are scheduled to be completed in January 2023. Work to complete the detailed design for the project will continue and be issued as part of the tender for the works.
- 3.6 Argyll and Bute Council's Marine Team has recently launched a consultation to inform the public of its progress on developing solutions to accommodate the new ferries at Dunoon and Kilcreggan and to gain feedback on the proposed preferred option for ferry terminal upgrades at Dunoon. Information regarding the proposals at Kilcreggan will be published soon.
- 3.7 Grounds Manager (Shared Services)

As part of the Chief Executives management structure a report is due to be presented to Members in May / June. With this in mind it is proposed to extend the temporary arrangements for the Grounds Services Manager until 31st May 2023.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Officers will continue to attend the working group meetings for the Gourock, Dunoon and Kilcreggan ferry provision.

4.2 The temporary arrangement for the Grounds Manager will be continued until 31 May 2023.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial		X	
Legal/Risk		X	
Human Resources		X	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)		X	
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty		X	
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X	
Environmental & Sustainability		X	
Data Protection		X	

5.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.3 Legal/Risk

None.

5.4 Human Resources

The Head of Human Resources, Policy and Communications has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

5.5 Strategic

None.

5.6 Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

None.

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

5.7 Children and Young People

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

5.8 Environmental/Sustainability

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

5.9 Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 None.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.