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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 March 2010</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment and Community Protection</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>ECP/ENV/AB10.36</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Scottish Ferries</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress of the Scottish Ferries review, and the planned Public Consultation exercises.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Scottish Ferries Review has now reached the Public Consultation stage.
- 2.2 It is proposed to carry out this consultation exercise at various locations throughout Scotland.
- 2.3 It is important to note that for Inverclyde, a meeting has been included with Inverclyde Council, Greenock and a public meeting is included at Gourock.
- 2.4 Additional venue information will be provided when available.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the progress to date and a further report will be brought forward if required notifying arrangements for the consultation exercise as and when they are made available

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Members will recall a report on this matter brought to committee Report No ECP/ENV/AB08.25
- 4.2 This report contains a summary (APP1) of the proposals, move to a Public Consultation exercise, locations as advised. Dates and times of meeting are subject to further advice.

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**Subject:** Scottish Ferries Review - Public Consultation

Good afternoon everyone

Further to my email giving details of the revised timetable I now attach a note of the locations where public consultations on the Ferries Review Consultation Document are planned to be held. These locations reflect the views put forward by Group members, subsequent conversations, and the comments that we did not visit enough island communities during the initial information gathering stage. As previously advised we will make every effort to accommodate the wishes of the Councils to have presentations given to them before other locations in their area are visited.

Locations for meetings with local Councils:

Argyle & Bute Council, Lochgilphead.

Inverclyde Council, Greenock.

North Ayrshire Council, Brodick

Western Isles Council, Stornoway

Highlands Council, Inverness.

Orkney Islands Council, Kirkwall

Shetlands Islands Council, Lerwick

Locations where public meetings will be held:

In Argyle & Bute: Dunoon, Rothesay, Oban, Mull, Colonsay, Islay, Jura, Tarbert (Kintyre), Coll, Tiree, The Small Isles.

Inverclyde Council: Gourock

North Ayrshire Council: Brodick, Millport.

Western Isles Council: Stornoway, Tarbert (Harris), Benbecula, Barra.

Highlands Council: Mallaig, Raasay, Portree, Ullapool, Thurso.

Orkney Islands Council: Kirkwall, North Ronaldsay, Hoy.

Shetlands Islands Council: Lerwick, Yell.

I will group locations together to make travelling arrangements easier and to limit the number of days the teams carrying out the consultations are out of the office. Timings of the meetings will also be sympathetic

to local ferry arrivals/departures and it may be that more than one meeting is held at the same location. I will provide further information on this in due course.

I will contact members of the Council sub Group individually to gather local information which should be taken into account when the arrangements for the consultations are being made and to establish suitable venues in their areas where the consultations can be held.

If you have any queries please give me a call.

Regards

Bob Watson

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**From:** Bob.Watson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk  
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**Subject:** Scottish Ferries Review - Consultation Events

Hi Alan

I trust you received my emails giving details of the revised timetable for the production of the Ferries Plan and the details of the locations for the consultation events. The consultation period is for 12 weeks between 7 June and 27 August. As indicated in the emails we are planning to have the meeting with the Council before any other meeting in the Council area.

In Inverclyde would it be most convenient to have a meeting with the Council in Greenock ? The only other meeting in Inverclyde would be a public meeting in Gourrock.

Can you let me have a note of a date and venue where it would be convenient to have the meeting with the Council during the 12 week consultation period. For the public meeting in Gourrock, can you suggest a suitable location I could approach to make the necessary arrangements.

We are also planning to invite younger people/students to the events. Do you have any contact details for organisations/educational facilities where we could promote the events.

Also if you are aware of any local issues we should take into account when arranging the events can you please let me know as this information would be very helpful.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course. If you have any queries please give me a call.

Regards

Bob

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