
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	7 April 2016
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Subject:	Keeping CalMac Public – Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty, countersigned by Councillor Loughran, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22.
- 1.2 The Notice of Motion is attached as Appendix 1.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion by Councillor Clocherty.

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Draft Motion to Scottish Councils on Keeping CalMac Public
March 2016

Council notes that the £1 billion 2016-24 Clyde and Hebrides ferry services (CHFS) contract will be awarded at the end of May and that the two bidders are public sector operator CalMac and private multinational Serco.

Council welcomes the Scottish Government's significant increases in public investment in ferry infrastructure and services, including six new vessels for the CHFS network by 2025.

Council notes ferry expert Jeanette Findlay of Glasgow University's report for the RMT union, "*Economic benefits of public sector provision on lifeline Clyde and Hebrides ferry services*" which found that CalMac is an efficient operator that spreads benefits across the Scottish economy whilst Serco's profit-seeking model restricts performance to contractual minimums and would increase risk to workers, communities, passengers and the taxpayer.

The Council will write to the First Minister and the Transport Minister of the Scottish Government in support of awarding the next CHFS contract to CalMac and retaining public sector operation of lifeline ferry services, to the benefit of the Scottish economy and society.

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