

**FERRY SERVICES IN KINTYRE**

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- 1.1** This report updates the Kintyre Initiative Working Group on the work carried out by Argyll and Bute Council and Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay Area Committee in connection with ferry services in Kintyre and serves as an invitation for them to form a sub-group to progress the future development of these services.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1** That the Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG) consider an invitation to form a sub-group to undertake development work towards meeting the potential of all current and future ferry services from Kintyre.

**3 DETAIL**

- 3.1** At the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 it was agreed that a report should be submitted to Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee to consider a mechanism to support the Council's future actions with regard to the question of ferries in Kintyre.
- 3.2** Further to the above Council decision, members of the Area Committee discussed the best mechanism to take this work forward, with a view to considering not just the new ferry service between Campbeltown and Ayrshire and how best the Council should seek to ensure that the ferry provides maximum benefit to the Kintyre area, but also to deal with all current and potential ferry services from Kintyre.
- 3.3** Members of the Area Committee considered existing groups and partnerships in the area which could lead or link into this work, and the work of the KIWG, specifically in relation to the economic regeneration, development and infrastructure of the Kintyre area, was discussed and highlighted.
- 3.4** If KIWG were agreeable to the invitation to form such a sub-group, it would be essential that the Terms of Reference and objectives for the group were considered and agreed at any initial meeting, in order that the scope of the work and the expectation of outcomes are clearly agreed. Community engagement mechanisms would also require to be put in place to allow all interested groups and communities to link into the work and outcomes of the group. Representation from West Kintyre and

from Mid Argyll should be invited to participate in the work of the sub group to ensure that the economic and community benefit potential from existing and future ferry services is maximised across the area.

- 3.5** It is also proposed that a reporting mechanism is put in place to forward any issues raised by the group to the MAKI Area Committee and then to Full Council if required.

#### **4 CONCLUSIONS**

The Kintyre Initiative Working Group is requested to consider the above information and particularly the invitation extended to them to form a sub group to assist with development work towards meeting the potential of all current and future ferry services from Kintyre

#### **5 IMPLICATIONS**

<b>5.1</b>	Policy	None
<b>5.2</b>	Financial	None
<b>5.3</b>	Legal	None
<b>5.4</b>	HR	None
<b>5.5</b>	Equalities	None
<b>5.6</b>	Risk	None
<b>5.7</b>	Customer Service	None

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