

The Scottish Ferries Review Consultation Document

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What is the document for?

- To seek our views
- To inform the Government
- To support the preparation of the Draft Ferries Plan
- It is a CONSULTATION
- Current consultation phase open to 30th September 2010

Basic Introduction

- Current consultation phase open to 30th September 2010
- 33 specific questions to help tease out views and opinions
- Consultation document and materials available to download at www.scotland.gov.uk
- Send to scottishferriesreview@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

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The Scottish Ferries Review

- A commitment made in the NTS in 2006
- A further pledge by the Minister of Transport to the 2008 TICC Inquiry into Ferry Services
- Period of SFR – up to 2022

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Purpose of SFR

- To develop a shared vision and outcomes for lifeline ferry services in Scotland, in the context of the Government's Purpose, Economic Strategy and National Transport Strategy.
- To analyse the current lifeline ferry services and network, identifying how well it meets the proposed outcomes and how it links to other modal networks.
- To inform the Scottish Government's long term plan for lifeline ferry services in Scotland and influence the next round of procurement of ferry services.
- To identify policies to be taken forward to deliver the long term plan, including the planned investment framework.

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Recommendations will be made in the plan on:

- Where investment should be focussed to make connections for island and remote rural communities better
- Improving reliability and journey times
- Seeking to maximise the opportunities for employment, business, leisure and tourism
- Promoting social inclusion
- **SAFETY WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED**

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Key Consultation Questions & Considerations

- How should ferries be funded and procured?
- Fares
- What kind of ferry services should be funded?
- Who should be responsible for providing ferry services?
- Accessibility
- Environmental issues

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How should ferries be funded?

- The status quo
- CMAL to access funds through different channels
- Make ports and harbours self financing
- Tender some routes on a single basis with operator's own vessels. Could include the **Pentland Firth Crossing**
- Tender for more (smaller) bundles or flexible specifications aimed at offering greater scope to innovate.

Fares

- Increase all fares
- Increase visitor fares
- Reduce fares for island & peninsular residents
- Reduce CV fares
- RET or other distance based system
- Set fares to manage demand
- Mixed approach

What kind of ferry services should be funded?

- Should there be a consistent approach to defining what services and service levels should be funded?
- Methodology being developed for determining routes and the level of service a community should receive.
- Recognition of different needs and economic reliance on ferries.
- Need to continue guarantees on access to health.

What kind of ferry services should be funded?

- Methodology proposes a 6 step approach:
 - 1) Define the community's current and future needs, relative to other communities.
 - 2) Define the ferry service required to meet these needs.
 - 3) Define current service and associated issues.
 - 4) Define gaps on the basis of (2) and (3).
 - 5) Consider options to address gaps
 - 6) Prioritise future spending.

Who should be responsible for providing ferry services?

- Current mixed approach to funding – SG, LA, SPT, commercial
- Alternative approaches could be:
 - SG take responsibility for all ferry services
 - SG take responsibility for mainland to island with LA/RTP taking responsibility for the remainder
 - LA/RTP take responsibility for all ferry services
 - Responsibility split if a “Sea” route

Other Issues?

- **Accessibility**

- Accessibility fund for ferries and infrastructure.
- Better luggage facilities for all.

- **Environment**

- Questions posed on whether we should support longer journey times to support CO₂ emission reduction targets?

What happens after this Consultation phase is completed?

- Draft Ferries Plan will be produced.
- Draft Ferries Plan will be subject to a further 6 week consultation
- Following consultation on draft plan a final Ferries Plan will be produced and implemented.
- A high-level Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been undertaken of the issues raised in the Consultation Document.
- A SEA will also be undertaken of the proposals to be taken forward to the Draft Ferries Plan following the first period of public consultation. This more detailed SEA will inform the Draft Ferries Plan.
- An Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) will also be undertaken on the Draft Ferries Plan.



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