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Members of the group advised that they had not had sight of a draft letter outlining key concerns to Calmac as agreed at the last meeting. The group expressed concern over the attendance at meetings and in particular that of Calmac and Transport Scotland.

Members agreed to send a list of their key issues to the Project Officer who would in turn forward to the Area Committee Manager. The Area Committee Manager agreed to draft a letter to Calmac, Transport Scotland and the Transport Minister, which is to incorporate the list of key issues.

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Members of the group noted that there had been no feedback in terms of discussions between the Marine Operations Manager and the Council's Head of Economic Development. The Project Officer agreed to take this matter up with the Head of Economic Development and feed back to the group.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Members of the Group were asked to nominate and agree the Chair and Vice Chair for the Group.

Councillor Armour nominated Councillor Horn as Chair, this was seconded by James Lafferty.

Councillor Horn requested that the appointment of Vice Chair take place at the next meeting of the group, with a view to more Members being in attendance.

With no one being otherwise minded this became the decision of the group.

4. **2015 TIMETABLE**

Members noted that the 2015 timetable starts on 30 April 2015.

General discussions were had in relation to discussions with the Transport Minister following the commencement of the first year of the pilot service. Members noted that the then Transport Minister, Keith Brown, had been very positive about giving a fourth year to the pilot as the first year had been very rushed.

Members noted disappointment at the lack of communication and consideration that the group had received during the timetable agreement for all years of the pilot with both Councillor Armour and Mr MacDonald advising of several letters written to Calmac and Scottish Ministers asking to be consulted on the timetable, however the timetable was published with no consultation.

Further discussion took place in respect of the statistics from the local survey carried out at the end of the second year, with Members noting that 99% of people in the local area had been aware of the service.

Members discussed the possibility of inviting the current Transport Minister to the next meeting of the group to discuss key issues as identified by the group; and also the possibility of tying the service into other services within the area and being added to the "Island Hop Scotch" programme.

5. WORK PLAN

The group agreed that going forward it was necessary to ensure that the group have some stability. They suggested that as a starting point, there was a need to look at the current membership list and ensure that the appropriate persons were being invited to attend meetings. The Senior Area Committee Assistant agreed to ensure that the contacts list was upto-date in terms of contact details for the group.

Members requested that an invite be extended to the current Transport Minister, Derek Mackay to attend the next meeting of the group. The