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## **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Members

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and had input from partners including CalMac. They worked in partnership to lobby the Scottish Government in relation to the service, including meeting with the Transport Minister to put forward the case for making the service permanent.

- 4.2 In December 2015, the decision was made by the Scottish Government that the Campbeltown to Ardrossan service would be made permanent and would operate a summer service during the months from April to September.
- 4.3 Members will be aware that the KIP is no longer in operation, but that the Ferry Sub-Group has continued to operate. The Group met recently in January and February of 2016, and discussions have taken place in regard to the future operation of the Group. From these discussions, it has become clear that the Group see their focus changing to being concerned with becoming involved in the consultation process in regards to timetabling of the service. At the last meeting of the Group, Simon Richmond from CalMac provided them with information on the formal consultation process which is undertaken by CalMac and by Transport Scotland in relation to ferry timetabling.
- 4.4 In terms of the formal process, there are 2 tiers of consultation. The Group would fall into the Tier 0 category as the first point of consultation. Mr Richmond

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Campbeltown Ferry Sub-Group has been successful in helping to ensure that the seasonal service from Campbeltown to Ardara has now become a