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sustainability costs and future improvement costs associated with the piers and harbours which the Council has a responsibility for.

Agree that the asset management plan will continue to be updated on a rolling 10 year basis.

5.0 DETAIL

- As previously agreed, in order to fund the various works identified in the Asset Management Plan in future years, it will be necessary to increase fees and charges, over and above any required inflationary increase, on a year-on-year basis. Annual increases in future years are expected to be in the order of 2 to 10%, depending upon works identified for that particularly year (plus any inflationary increase).
- 5.2 It is proposed to increase all piers and harbours fees and charges, over and above any inflationary increase, by 5% to generate sufficient income to develop the Council's marine infrastructure.
- 5.3 The first draft of the Council's marine asset management pla

Dunoon Pier – Feasibility study (berthing arrangement for new vessel) o Scheme completion – year 24/25	£350,000
Easdale / Ellenabeich – Feasibility study Study into new Ferry Slips to support bow-ramp vessel o Scheme completion – year 23/24	£250,000
Feolin - New fender design o Scheme completion – year 23/24	£30,000
Fionnphort Overnight Berth - construction stage o Scheme completion – year 22/23	£4,050,000
Gigha Overnight Berth (study for new hybrid vessel) o Scheme completion	£400,000

<u>Table 1 – Previous Years' Expenditure</u>

Expenditure	320,000	1,486,178	3,060,589	4,866,640
Loans Charges	6,549	43,962	148,123	198,634
Additional Income	113,590	177,012	515,873	806,475
generated by uplift				
Surplus income added	107,041	133,050	367,750	
to earmarked reserves				

5.8 It was agreed that there would be an attempt to smooth the increase to fees and charges over future years so that there would not be large spikes in thTJETB1.48 0.48 ref249.7

7.5.2 Socio-economic Duty None directly arising from this report.

7.5.3 Islands See risk below.

7.6 Risk Above inflation increases may have a detrimental

economic impact on businesses using the facilities e.g. fishermen, bulk oil importers, timber exporters, wind farm developers and cruise companies. Significant increases may also reduce usage and customers while making attracting new business more difficult. External influences may come to bear on ferry usage patterns which may, in turn, impact on income from ferry fees and charges i.e. Brexit, Covid 19 and potential

changes in RET.

7.7 Customer Services Customers and key stakeholders will be informed of

fees and charges set when agreed.

Appendix A – 10 Year Marine Asset Management Plan **Appendix B** – Recommended fees and charges – 2021/22

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