

APPOINTMENT TO GOUROCK HARBOUR REFERENCE GROUP

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report asks the Area Committee to consider the appointment of an Elected Member to the Gourock Harbour Reference Group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

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3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Council has received a formal request from Caledonian Maritime Assets (CMAL) for one Elected Member representative to join the Gourock Harbour Reference Group.
- 3.2 The Group has been formed to bring together the project design teams, community representatives, Elected Members and regional transport bodies in facilitation of the project which will deliver a modern, reliable and resilient lifeline ferry service which meets the needs of passengers and communities in the areas covered by the Gourock to Dunoon and Gourock to Kilcreggan ferry services. The Group already has an Elected Member who represents the Dunoon area (Councillor Alan Reid). As the project is progressing CMAL have requested the nomination of one Member to represent the Kilcreggan element of the project.
- 3.3 Members of the Group will provide feedback on the current service and will input into the design of the future infrastructure upgrades and new vessels as well as considering the passenger facilities and how these integrate with services and other modes of transport. Argyll and Bute Council are leading on the Kilcreggan Infrastructure part of the project and CMAL are leading on the vessel.
- 3.4 The meetings of the Group will be held approximately every 16-20 weeks. It is intended that the Group will commission a Strategic Business Case, an Outline Business Case and a Final Business Case and will be circulated to the Reference Group. The Reference Group will continue to operate until the infrastructure has been completed and the vessels delivered.
- 3.5 The appointment to the Reference Group will be until the next Local Government Elections in May 2022.

