

Item: 12

Development and Infrastructure Committee: 2 April 2019.

Inter-Island Ferry Services – Proposed Winter 2019 to 2020 Timetables.

Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the proposed inter-island ferry services timetables for winter 2019 to 2020.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

That the inter-island ferry services timetables for winter 2019 to 2020 are scheduled to operate from 1 October 2019 to 2 May 2020.

2.2.

That draft timetables in respect of ferry services to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during winter 2019 to 2020 were presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum members for consideration on 13 February 2019, with main comments and representations from transport representatives outlined in section 4 of this report.

2.3.

That, on 5 March 2019, the proposed timetables, together with feedback from the Ferry Services Consultative Forum, were considered by the Board of Orkney Ferries Limited and recommended to the Council for implementation.

2.4.

That the proposed timetables, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, remain broadly consistent with those operated during winter 2018 to 2019, and incorporates the Tuesday and Thursday return link from Eday to Sanday for education purposes as part of the continuation of the trial arrangements.

It is recommended:

2.5.

That the timetables in respect of ferry services to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during winter 2019 to 2020, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be approved.

3. Background

3.1.

In accordance with the Service Level Agreements entered into by Orkney Ferries Limited and the Council, a recommendation from the Board of Orkney Ferries must be made via the Head of Marine Services, Engineering and Transportation in order for the winter and summer timetable periods to be approved by this Committee.

3.2.

The six Outer North Isles Community Councils each appoint a Transport Representative to represent their respective communities on the Inter-Isles Ferry Service Consultative Forum.

3.3.

The draft timetables for winter 2019 to 2020 were considered by the Ferry Services Consultative Forum on 13 February 2019. The key issues discussed at the Forum are outlined in section 4 below.

3.4.

The draft timetables and feedback from the Forum were considered by the Board of Orkney Ferries Limited on 5 March 2019.

4. Ferry Services Consultative Forum

4.1.

The Education Service requested the continuation of links between Sanday and Eday on Tuesdays and Thursdays to enable the continuation of travel for a pupil to the Junior High School on Sanday. The Eday Community Council Transport Representative highlighted that there were some challenges associated with this around haulage and goods for the shop, but overall, the Community Council believed the link was positive for the island.

4.2.

The Graemsay, Hoy and Walls Community Council Transport Representative requested that the Saturday and Sunday final sailings be moved back from 16:00 to 17:00, and that subsequently the summer final Saturday and Sunday sailings be taken forward from 18:00 to 17:00, in order to give consistency throughout the year.

4.3.

It has been confirmed by the Ferry Services Manager that this is possible from an operational perspective, therefore this can be implemented from the winter 2019 to 2020 timetable period, as shown in the timetable attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

5. Links to Council Plan

5.1.

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan strategic priority theme of Connected Communities.

5.2.

The proposals in this report relate directly to Priority 1.9 - Work with Scottish Government and other partners to progress the outcomes of the Inter Isles STAG (Strategic Transport Appraisal Guidelines) Strategic Business Cases in order to develop and then deliver the Outline and final Business Cases for improved inter isles transport services and the associated ferry, air and infrastructure improvements.

6. Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priority of Strong Communities.

7. Financial Implications

7.1.

The timetables proposed in this report, and attached as Appendix 1, represent a continuation of the existing level of service provision, with the exception of the continuation of the Education request to accommodate a link between Eday and Sanday on a Tuesday and Thursday. It is noted that additional costs associated with this request, are £5,911 for a full year, and will require to be funded by Education Services by way of a budget virement.

7.2.

The level of support that the Council will receive from the Scottish Government in 2019 to 2020 is a total of £9,460,000 comprising £4,160,000 through grant aided expenditure and £5,300,000 of specific grant.

7.3.

The Council's draft budget for 2019 to 2020 makes provision for a subsidy to Orkney Ferries of £9,609,700 which is £97,400 more than the 2018 to 2019 budget and whilst it is £149,700 more than the support that the Council will receive from the

Scottish Government it is £899,900 less than the subsidy requirement of £10,509,600 identified in the Orkney Ferries draft budget considered by the Board of Orkney Ferries on 5 March 2019. This did not take account of the additional subsidy required to introduce road equivalent tariffs.

7.4.

The supplementary fairer ferry funding of £5,500,000 provided by Scottish Government in 2018 to 2019 has been cut to £5,300,000 for 2019 to 2020, a reduction of £200,000.

7.5.

The Council's initial budget proposals had anticipated the continuation of the fairer ferry funding at £5,500,000 in 2019 to 2020 and had built in allowance for inflation of £294,700. The reduction in the specific grant funding has resulted in the inflation provision being reduced by £200,000 and growth in the budget of only £94,700.

7.6.

The Board of Orkney Ferries Limited met on 19 March 2019 to consider its budget and agreed to approve a budget incorporating the available Council subsidy and with an increase in fares and freight charges of 3%. The Orkney Ferries Board recognised that there was a significant risk that it would not be able to deliver the timetabled service for the full financial year within the subsidy available and the Board resolved to keep the Council apprised of financial performance throughout the year with regular monitoring reports to highlight if problems were being encountered and if emergency measures would be required.

7.7.

The areas of particular high risk in the Orkney Ferries budget for 2019 to 2020 are the impact of increases to fares and freight charges on volumes carried; the budget price for fuel of 48 ppl which is very close to the current price and the adverse impact on the budget from any increase in price, and; the refit budget set at just under £1.9 million with a fleet of old vessels that are requiring increasingly more maintenance to stay in service.

8. Legal Aspects

8.1.

Section 153 (2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 empowers the Council to “acquire, provide, maintain, improve and operate any ferry situated wholly or partly within their area”.

8.2.

Orkney Ferries Limited operates the ferry services on behalf of Orkney Islands Council under Service Level Agreements dated 30 May 2008.

8.3.

The Service Level Agreements state that the timetables for the winter period should be recommended by the Company to the Council's Development and Infrastructure Committee for approval.

8.4.

The Service Level Agreements state that Orkney Ferries Limited will operate the "Approved Services" and in return for funding from the Council. The definition of "Approved Services" covers inter-isles ferry services as approved by the Council.

9. Contact Officers

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10. Appendix

Appendix 1: Orkney Ferries Winter 2019 to 2020 Timetables.

North Isles Ro-Ro Service
Effective from 1 October 2019 – 2 May 2020

(Sailings subject to alteration during the Christmas and New Year period)

(This timetable will not operate during the refit periods of 'Earl Thorfinn', 'Earl Sigurd' and 'Varagen' which will commence on 5 January 2020 until 7 March 2020)

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	Sunday			Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
Kirkwall dep				0700A	0720A	0740A	0700B	0720B	0740B		0720B	0740B	0700B	0720B	0740B		0720B		0700B	0720B	
Eday arr									0855						0855						
Eday dep									0905B						0905B						
Stronsay arr																					
Stronsay dep																					
Sanday arr						0905			0925			0905			0925						0840
Sanday dep						0915A			0935B			0915B			0940B						0850B
Stronsay arr				0840			0835						0840								0925
Stronsay dep				0855A			0900B			0730B			0855B			0730B					0935B
Eday arr				0930						0805			0930			0805					0955
Eday dep				0945A						0820B			0945B			0820B					1005B
Westray arr					0845			0845			0845			0845			0845				0845
Westray dep					0900A			0900B			0900B			0900B			0900B				0900B
Kirkwall arr				1100	1025	1040	1040	1025	1100	0935	1025	1040	1100	1025	1105	0935	1025		1120	1025	
Kirkwall dep								1330		0950♦	1035♦	1055♦		1300			1045	0950			
Eday arr												1210									
Eday dep												1220♦									
Sanday arr												1240						1115			
Sanday dep												1250♦						1130			
Stronsay arr										1125											
Stronsay dep										1135♦											
Westray arr								1455			1200			1425							
Westray dep								1505			1210♦			1435							
P.Westray arr								1545									1235				
P.Westray dep								1600									1300				
Kirkwall arr										1315	1335	1415		1605			1450	1255			
Kirkwall dep	1600A	1700A	1620A	1500	1620	1520	1600		1520	1500	1620	1520	1600	1620♦	1500	1600	1620	1640	1520A	1620A	
Eday arr				1615						1615			1615			1715					
Eday dep				1630						1630			1630			1730					
Stronsay arr	1735			1705			1740			1705			1705			1805					1700
Stronsay dep	1745A			1715						1715											1710A
Sanday arr			1745			1645			1645			1645			1625			1805			1745
Sanday dep			1755A			1655			1655			1655			1635			1815			1755A
Eday arr			1815						1715						1655						1815
Eday dep			1825A						1730						1700						1825A
Westray arr		1825			1745			1745			1745			1745			1745			1745	
Westray dep		1835A			1755			1755			1755			1755♦			1755			1755	1755A
Kirkwall arr	1925	2000	1940	1855	1920	1820	1920	1845		1855	1920	1820	1920	1815		1955	1920	1940	1940	1920	

A - Vehicles must be booked before 1400hrs on Saturday B - Vehicles must be booked before 1600hrs the day before sailing Sailings marked ♦ will only operate until 24th October 2019

All other vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure from Kirkwall. Vehicles must be available for boarding 20 minutes before departure, passengers 10 minutes before departure.

1. **A weekly service will be carried out to North Ronaldsay, weather permitting. As departure times vary from week to week, see reverse for proposed sailings.**
2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No Show Charges** – All cancellations must be made **at least than 24 hours before the intended time of travel** or full charges may apply.
4. **For information on these services contact Ferry Services, Shore Street, Kirkwall. Telephone: 01856 872044, Fax: 01856 872921, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk**

**Ro-Ro timetable covering the refit period Outer North Isles service
From Sunday 5 January 2020 until 7 March 2020.**

but it may extend beyond this date, following which sailings will revert to normal published timetable.

**** Sailings could be subject to delays due to cargo operations ****

	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
Kirkwall dep			0740A	0720A	0740B	0720B	0740B	0720B	0740B	0720B		0720B	0800B	N
Eday arr					0855				0855					
Eday dep					0905B				0905B					R
Sanday arr					0925				0925					O
Sanday dep					0935B				0935B					N
Stronsay arr			0920		1010		0920		1010				0940	A
Stronsay dep			0930A		1020B		0930B		1020B		0730B		0955B	L
Sanday arr			1005				1005						1030	D
Sanday dep			1015A				1015B						1040B	S
Eday arr			1035				1035				0805		1100	A
Eday dep			1045A				1045B				0820B		1110B	Y
Westray arr				0845		0845		0845		0845		0845		
Westray dep				0900A		0900B		0900B		0900B		0900B		
Kirkwall arr			1200	1025	1200	1025	1200	1025	1200	1025	0935	1025	1225	
Kirkwall dep				1040	1040	1330		1035		1300	1010	1045		
Sanday arr				1205				1200						
Sanday dep				1215				1210						
Stronsay arr					1220			1245						
Stronsay dep					1230			1255						
Eday arr				1235							1125			
Eday dep				1245							1135			
Sanday arr					1305						1155			
Sanday dep					1315						1205			
Westray arr						1455				1425				
Westray dep						1505				1435				
P. Westray arr						1545						1235		
P. Westray dep						1600						1250		
Kirkwall arr				1400	1440			1435		1600	1330	1440		
Kirkwall dep	1520A	1620A	1600	1620	1540		1540	1620	1640	1620	1600	1620		1620A
Westray arr		1745		1745		1745		1745				1745		1745
Westray dep		1800A		1755		1755		1755				1755		1755A
Eday arr	1635		1715				1655				1715			
Eday dep	1650A		1730				1710				1730			
Stronsay arr					1720									
Stronsay dep					1730									
Sanday arr	1710		1750		1805		1730			1745	1750			
Sanday dep	1720A		1800		1815		1740			1755	1800			
Stronsay arr	1755		1835				1815		1815		1835			
Stronsay dep	1805A		1845				1825				1845			
Eday arr					1835					1815				
Eday dep					1845					1825				
Kirkwall arr	1945	1925	2025	1920	2000	1920	2005	1920		1940	2025	1920		1920

A Vehicles must be booked before 1400hrs on Saturday

B Vehicles must be booked before 1600hrs the day before sailing.

All other vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before the departure from Kirkwall.

Notes:

- All enquiries must be made through the Kirkwall Office. Telephone 01856 872044.
- Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **20 minutes** before departure, passengers **10 minutes** before departure.
- A weekly service will be carried out to North Ronaldsay, weather permitting. As departure times vary from week to week, see reverse for proposed sailings.**
- For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
- No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made at least **24 hours** before the intended time of travel or full charges may apply.

**For information on these services contact Ferry Service, Shore Street, Kirkwall.
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**GRAEMSAY AND HOY (MOANESS)
EFFECTIVE FROM 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 UNTIL 2 MAY 2020**

Our service from Stromness to Hoy/Graemsay is a **PASSENGER ONLY** service. Vehicles can be carried by prior arrangement to Graemsay on the advertised cargo sailings.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Stromness dep	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0930	0930
Hoy (Moaness) dep	0810	0810	0810	0810	0810	1000	1000
Graemsay dep	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	1015	1015
Stromness dep	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		
Hoy (Moaness) dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030		
Graemsay dep	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045		
Stromness dep	1200A		1200A	1200A			
Graemsay dep	1230A		1230A	1230A			
Hoy (Moaness) dep	1240A		1240A	1240A			
Stromness dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1700	1700
Graemsay dep	1615	1615	1615	1615	1615	1715	1715
Hoy (Moaness) dep	1630	1630	1630	1630	1630	1730	1730
Stromness dep	1745	1745	1745	1745	1745		
Graemsay dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800		
Hoy (Moaness) dep	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815		
Stromness dep					2130		
Graemsay dep					2145		
Hoy (Moaness) dep					2200		

A Cargo Sailings will have limitations on passenger numbers therefore booking is advisable. These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.

Notes:

- All enquires must be made through the Kirkwall Office. Telephone: 01856 872044.
- Passengers are requested to be available for boarding **5 minutes** before departure.
- Monday cargo to be booked by **1600hrs** on previous Friday otherwise all cargo must be booked before **1600hrs** the day before sailing. Cargo must be delivered to Stromness Pier no later than **1100hrs** on the day of sailing.
- For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
- No show charges** - All cancellations must be made by **1600hrs** Monday to Friday and **1400hrs** Saturday for the Sunday and Monday Sailings or full charges may apply.

**For information on this service contact Ferry Services, Shore Street, Kirkwall.
Telephone: 01856 872044, Fax: 01856 872921, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk**

Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Ro-Ro Service

Winter Timetable Effective from 30 September 2019 until 2 May 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rousay dep	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650
Egilsay dep	0710	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710B
Wyre dep	0730	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730B
Rousay dep	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745
Tingwall dep	0820	0820	0820	0820	0820	0840
Rousay dep	0850	0850	0850	0850	0850	
Wyre dep	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900	
Rousay dep	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910
Egilsay dep	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930B
Wyre dep	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950
Rousay dep	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005
Tingwall dep	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040
Rousay dep	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115
Tingwall dep	1150	1150	1240	1150	1150	1150
Rousay arr	1215	1215	1305	1215	1215	1215
Rousay dep	1315	1315		1315	1315	1315
Egilsay dep	1335C	1335A		1335A	1335A	1335B
Wyre dep	1355C	1355A		1355A	1355A	1355B
Rousay dep	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410
Tingwall dep	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445
Rousay dep	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520
Wyre dep	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530
Tingwall dep	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605
Rousay dep	1635	1635	1635	1635	1635	1705B
Egilsay dep	1655	1655	1655	1655	1655	
Wyre dep	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715B
Rousay dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730
Tingwall dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Rousay arr	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825
Rousay dep	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830B
Wyre dep	1840A	1840A	1840A	1840A	1840A	1840B
Egilsay dep	1900A	1900A	1900A	1900A	1900A	1900B
Rousay arr	1915A	1915A	1915A	1915A	1915A	1915B

On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre (Sailings marked A & B). Customers are requested to make advanced bookings as follows -

- A Requested **morning** and **afternoon** sailings marked A **must** be booked by 1700 on the day before travel. Requested **evening** sailings marked A **must** be booked by 1400 on the day of travel.
- B Requested sailings marked B **must** be booked by 1700 on Friday. In the event of urgent bookings being required after this time please contact the Kirkwall office on 01856 872044 before 1200 on Saturday.
- C Requested sailings marked C **must** be booked by 0900 on Monday.

NOTES

1. All enquiries **must** be made through the Tingwall Office, (except as in **B** above). Telephone 01856 751360.
2. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **15 minutes** before departure and passengers **5 minutes before** departure times.
3. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
4. **No Show Charges** - All cancellations **must** be made by **1600hrs** on the day before the intended date of travel or charges may be incurred.

Shapinsay Ro-Ro Service

Winter Timetable Effective From 30 September 2019 until 2 May 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Shapinsay dep	0730A	0730B	0730B	0730B	0730B		
Kirkwall dep	0815A	0815B	0815B	0815B	0815B		
Shapinsay dep	0900A	0900B	0900B	0900B	0900B	0900B	
Kirkwall dep	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	
Shapinsay dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030A
Kirkwall dep	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130A
Shapinsay dep	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330A
Kirkwall dep	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415A
Shapinsay dep	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515A	
Kirkwall dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600A	
Shapinsay dep	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645A	
Kirkwall dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730A	

A Vehicles must be booked or cancelled before 1400hrs on Saturday.

B Vehicles must be booked or cancelled before 1600hrs the day before sailing.

All other vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure.

Notes:

1. All enquiries must be made through the Kirkwall Office. Telephone 01856 872044.
2. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **15 minutes** before departure and passengers **5 minutes** before departure.
3. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
4. **No show charges** - All cancellations must be made by **1600hrs** on the day before the intended date of travel, or by 1400 on Saturday for sailings marked A, or full charges may apply.

For information on this service contact Ferry Services, Shore Street, Kirkwall.

Telephone: 01856 872044, Fax: 01856 872921, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Longhope dep	0625	0625	0625	0625	0625	0800
Lyness dep		0650	0650	0650		
Flotta dep	0650	0710	0710	0710	0650	0830
Lyness dep	0710				0710	0900
Houton arr	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0935
Houton dep	0800	0800	0800	0800	0800	0950
Lyness dep	0845				0845	1030
Flotta dep	0910	0845	0845	0845	0910	1055
Lyness dep		0910	0910	0910		
Houton arr	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	
Houton dep	1015	1015	1015	1015	1015	
Lyness arr	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	
Lyness dep	1100	1100		1100	1100	
Flotta dep		1200		1200		
Houton arr	1135				1135	1130
Houton dep	1145				1145	
Lyness dep	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230	
Houton arr	1305	1305	1305	1305	1305	
Houton dep	1315	1315	1315	1315	1315	1415
Flotta dep					1400	
Lyness dep	1400	1400	1400	1400		
Flotta arr	1415	1415	1415	1415		
Flotta dep	1425	1425	1425	1425		1500
Lyness dep					1425	
Houton arr	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	
Houton dep	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515	
Flotta dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	
Lyness dep	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1530
Houton arr	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1605
Houton dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1615
Lyness dep	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	1700
Flotta dep	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1720A
Longhope arr	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	1740

A At the very latest (except in an emergency) bookings for these services must be made by 12 noon on the day of travel.

NOTES

1. All vehicle bookings must be made through the Houton Office. **Telephone: 01856 811397, Fax: 01856 811701**
2. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **15 minutes** before departure and passengers **5 minutes** before departure.
3. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
4. **No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made by **1700 on the day before the intended date of travel (or by 1700 on Friday for Monday travel)** or charges may be applied.

For information on these services contact Ferry Services, Houton, Orphir. **Telephone: 01856 811397, Fax: 01856 811701, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk**