

Graemsay and Hoy (Moaness)
Effective From 30 September 2024 until 3 May 2025

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	0730	0730	0730	0730	0730	0815C	
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	0755	0755	0755	0755	0755		
Graemsay	dep	0810	0810	0810	0810	0810	0845C	
Stromness	dep	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	0930	0930
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1000	1000
Graemsay	dep	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1015	1015
Stromness	dep	1200A		1200A	1200A			
Graemsay	dep	1230A		1230A	1230A			
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1240A		1240A	1240A			
Stromness	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600		
Graemsay	dep	1615	1615	1615	1615	1615		
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1630	1630	1630	1630	1630		
Stromness	dep	1800B	1800B	1800B	1800B	1800B	1800	1800
Graemsay	dep	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815
Hoy (Moaness)	dep	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830	1830
Stromness	dep					2130C		
Graemsay	dep					2145C		
Hoy (Moaness)	dep					2200C		

- A** Cargo Sailings to Graemsay, will have limitations on passenger numbers therefore booking is advisable. These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.
- B** ON REQUEST to and from Hoy (Moaness) must be booked online or through the Kirkwall Office by 1700hrs on the day of sailing.
- C** ON REQUEST must be booked online or through the Kirkwall Office by 1600hrs on Friday.

Notes:

- Passengers are requested to be available for boarding **5 minutes** before departure.
- For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
- No Show Charges - Cancellations must be made at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.
- 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 information on this service contact Orkney Ferries, Shore Street, Kirkwall.
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North Ronaldsay Sailings – 2024 / 25

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Proposed sailing times from Kirkwall to North Ronaldsay are noted below. All are weather permitting and subject to confirmation the day before sailing.

Return sailings will depart North Ronaldsay on completion of cargo operations.

Passengers from North Ronaldsay to Kirkwall should be ready to board as soon as the vessel arrives in North Ronaldsay.

As sailing times will vary from week to week, prospective passengers and shippers are advised to check with the Company to confirm timings of each sailing.

October 2024

Saturday	05 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	12 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	19 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	26 th	Dept Kirkwall

November 2024

Saturday	02 nd	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	09 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	16 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	23 rd	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	30 th	Dept Kirkwall

December 2024

Saturday	07 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	14 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	21 st	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	28 th	Dept Kirkwall

January 2025

Saturday	04 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	11 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	18 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	25 th	Dept Kirkwall

February 2024

Saturday	01 st	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	08 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	15 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	22 nd	Dept Kirkwall

March 2024

Saturday	01 st	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	08 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	15 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	22 nd	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	29 th	Dept Kirkwall

April 2024

Saturday	05 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	12 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	19 th	Dept Kirkwall
Saturday	26 th	Dept Kirkwall

May 2024

Saturday	03 rd	Dept Kirkwall
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North Isles Ro-Ro Service Effective from 30 September 2024 – 3 May 2025

(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 2025 until 8 March 2025)

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	Sunday			Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
Kirkwall dep				0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	N
Eday arr									0855												
Eday dep									0905												R
Stronsay arr				0840			0835			0840			0840			0840			0840		O
Stronsay dep				0855			0900			0855			0855			0855			0850		N
Sanday arr						0905			0925			0905			0905			0905	0925		A
Sanday dep						0915			0935			0915			0915			0915	0935		L
Eday arr				0930						0930			0930			0930			0955		D
Eday dep				0945						0945			0945			0945			1005		S
Westray arr					0845			0845			0845			0845			0845			0845	A
Westray dep					0900			0900			0900			0900			0900			0900	Y
Kirkwall arr				1100	1025	1040	1040	1025	1100	1100	1025	1040	1100	1025	1040	1100**	1025	1040**	1120	1025	
Kirkwall dep								1330		1115♦	1035♦	1055♦		1300			1040				
Eday arr												1210									
Eday dep												1220♦									
Sanday arr												1240									
Sanday dep												1250♦									
Stronsay arr										1250											
Stronsay dep										1300♦											
Westray arr								1455			1200			1425							
Westray dep								1505			1210♦			1435							
P.Westray arr								1545									1235				
P.Westray dep								1600									1300				
Kirkwall arr										1440	1335	1415		1605			1450				
Kirkwall dep	1600	1700	1620	1500	1620	1520	1600		1520	1500	1620	1520	1600	1620♦	1520	1600	1620	1640	1520	1620	
Eday arr				1615						1615			1715			1715					
Eday dep				1630						1630			1730			1730					
Stronsay arr	1735			1705			1740			1705			1805			1805			1700		
Stronsay dep	1745			1715			1755			1715			1820			1815			1710		
Sanday arr			1745			1645			1645			1645			1645			1805	1745		
Sanday dep			1755			1655			1655			1655			1655			1815	1755		
Eday arr			1815						1715										1815		
Eday dep			1825						1730										1825		
Westray arr		1825			1745			1745			1745			1745			1745			1745	
Westray dep		1835			1755			1755			1755			1755♦			1755			1755	
Kirkwall arr	1925	2000	1940	1855	1920	1820	1930	1920	1845	1855	1920	1820	2000	1920	1820	1955	1920	1940	1940	1920	

Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours. **Sailings marked ♦ will only operate until 25th October 2024.**

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.

A scheduled feeder service for passengers/light cargo will operate between **Pierowall (Westray) & Papa Westray** to connect with the above sailings. A private minibus service is available on request between Rapness and Pierowall.

** These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.

1. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **20** minutes before departure, passengers **10 minutes** before departure.
2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

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Westray - Papa Westray Passenger Service
Winter Timetable effective from 30 September 2024 to 3 May 2025

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pierowall	dep	0730 B	0740	0740	0740	0740	0740 A	
Papa Westray	arr	0755	0805	0805	0805	0805	0805	
Papa Westray	dep	0800 B	0810	0810	0810	0810	0810 A	
Pierowall	arr	0825	0835	0835	0835	0835	0835	
Pierowall	dep	0830*	0915 A	0915	0915 A	0915 A	0915 A	
Papa Westray	arr	0855*	0940	0940	0940	0940	0940	
Papa Westray	dep	0900*	0945 A	0945	0945 A	0945 A	0945 A	
Pierowall	arr	0925*	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010	
Pierowall	dep	0930 A						
Papa Westray	arr	0955						
Papa Westray	dep	1000 A						
Pierowall	arr	1025						
Pierowall	dep			1230		1510*		1315
Papa Westray	arr			1255		1535*		1340
Papa Westray	dep			1300		1540*		1530
Pierowall	arr			1325		1605*		1555
Pierowall	dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1610 A	1625 A	1700 A
Papa Westray	arr	1625	1625	1625	1625	1635	1650	1725
Papa Westray	dep	1630	1630	1630	1630	1640 A	1655 A	1730 A
Pierowall	arr	1655	1655	1655	1655	1705	1720	1755
Pierowall	dep	1815 A		1815 A	1815 A	1815 A	1815 A	1855 A
Papa Westray	arr	1840		1840	1840	1840	1840	1920
Papa Westray	dep	1845 A		1845 A	1845 A	1845 A	1845 A	1925 A
Pierowall	arr	1910		1910	1910	1910	1910	1950

* Sailings will operate during school term only.

- A** On request - must be booked at least 1 hour before departure from Pierowall either online or during office opening hours. In the event of an urgent booking being required after this time please contact 07841 452426.
- B** On request - must be booked by 1400 on Saturday either online or by calling our Kirkwall Office on 01856 872044. In the event of an urgent booking being required after this time, please contact 07841 452426.

Notes

All of these sailings with the exception of those marked * are request sailings and are timed to connect with the arrivals and departures of the ro-ro vessels at Rapness - normal fares will therefore apply. Any sailings outwith these times will be treated as hires and charged accordingly.

1. Passengers must be available for boarding **10 minutes** before departure times.
2. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made **at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email or full
3. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.



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Ro-Ro timetable covering the refit period Outer North Isles service

From Sunday 05 January 2025 until 08 March 2025.

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

Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours.

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.

1. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **20** minutes before departure, passengers **10 minutes** before departure.
2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

For information on these services contact Orkney Ferries, Shore Street, Kirkwall. Telephone: 01856 872044, email: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

**Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Ro-Ro Service****Winter Timetable Effective from 30 September 2024 until 3 May 2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rousay dep	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	
Egilsay dep	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	
Wyre dep	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	
Rousay dep	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	
Tingwall dep	0820	0820	0820	0820	0820	0840	
Rousay dep	0850	0850	0850	0850	0850		0915A
Wyre dep	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900		
Rousay dep	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	
Egilsay dep	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930B	0935A
Wyre dep	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0955A
Rousay dep	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1010
Tingwall dep	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1045
Rousay dep	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	
Tingwall dep	1150	1150	1240	1150	1150	1150	
Rousay arr	1215	1215	1305	1215	1215	1215	1115
Rousay dep	1315B	1315B		1315B	1315B	1315B	1120B
Wyre dep							1130B
Egilsay dep	1335B	1335B		1335B	1335B	1335B	1150B
Wyre dep	1355B	1355B		1355B	1355B	1355B	
Rousay arr							1210
Rousay dep	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410
Tingwall dep	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445
Rousay dep	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520B
Wyre dep	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530B
Tingwall dep	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	
Rousay dep	1635	1635	1635	1635	1635	1705B	
Egilsay dep	1655	1655	1655	1655	1655		1550B
Wyre dep	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715B	
Rousay dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1610
Tingwall dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1645
Rousay arr	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1705
Rousay dep	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	
Wyre dep	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	
Egilsay dep	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	
Rousay arr	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	

A On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Customers are requested to make advanced bookings by 1700 on the day before travel. For travel on Sunday this **must** be made by 1500 on Saturday.

B On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Can be made up to one hour before the departure from Tingwall by booking online or by calling the Tingwall Office during opening hours.

In the event of an urgent need for "on request" sailings outside of the above please contact the Tingwall Office during normal office hours.

ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM TINGWALL EXCEPT THOSE MARKED A.

NOTES

1. Vehicles must be available for boarding **15 Minutes** before departure and passengers **5 minutes** before departure times.
2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

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Shapinsay Ro-Ro Service

Winter Timetable Effective From 30 September 2024 until 3 May 2025

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

Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure, either online or by telephone during office opening hours

Notes:

1. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **15 minutes** before departure and passengers **5 minutes** before departure.
2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made **at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email or full charges may apply.

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		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Longhope	dep	0625	0625	0625	0625	0625	0800	0830
Lyness	dep		0650	0650	0650			
Flotta	dep	0650	0710	0710	0710	0650	0830	0855
Lyness	dep	0710				0710	0900	0915
Houton	arr	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0935	0950
Houton	dep	0800	0800	0800	0800	0800	0950	1000
Lyness	dep	0845				0845	1030	1045
Flotta	dep	0910	0845	0845	0845	0910	1055	1110
Lyness	dep		0910	0910	0910			
Houton	arr	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945		
Longhope	arr							1125
Longhope	dep							1500
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	
Lyness	dep	1400	1400	1400	1400			
Flotta	arr	1415	1415	1415	1415			
Flotta	dep	1425	1425	1425	1425	1400	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		1530
Lyness	dep	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1530	1555
Houton	arr	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1605	1630
Houton	dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1615	1640
Lyness	dep	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	1700	1715
Flotta	dep	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1720A	1735
Longhope	arr	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	1740	1750

A ON REQUEST SAILINGS - Bookings for these services must be made up to 1 hour before departure from Houton.

Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure, either online or by telephone during office opening hours

NOTES

1. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **15 minutes** before departure, and passengers **5 minutes** before departure.
2. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email or full charges may apply.
3. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.

For information on these services contact Orkney Ferries, Houton, Orphir.

Telephone: 01856 811397 email: houton@orkneyferries.co.uk

Item: 10

Development and Infrastructure Committee: 26 March 2024.

Inter-Island Ferry Services – Proposed Winter 2024/25 Timetables.

Report by Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the proposed inter-island ferry services timetables for operation during winter 2024/25.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

That the inter-island ferry services timetables for winter 2024/25 are scheduled to operate from 30 September 2024 until 3 May 2025 inclusive.

2.2.

That draft timetables in respect of ferry services to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during winter 2024/25 were presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum for consideration on 31 January 2024, with the main comments and representations outlined in section 4 of this report.

2.3.

That, on 29 February 2024, 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 for winter 2024/25, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, are consistent with that operated during winter 2023/24.

2.5.

That, in advance of the Council's budget setting process for 2024/25 being concluded, any decision on the proposed timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services will be subject to an adequate service revenue budget being established.

It is recommended:

2.6.

That, subject to an adequate service revenue budget being established for 2024/25, the timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services, to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during winter 2024/25, 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 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.

4. Ferry Services Consultative Forum

4.1.

The draft timetables for winter 2024/25 were considered by the Ferry Services Consultative Forum on 31 January 2024 following circulation of the draft timetables to the communities in November 2023.

4.2.

No changes were proposed for the following timetables:

- North Ronaldsay.
- Papa Westray.
- Rousay/Egilsay/Wyre.
- Shapinsay.

4.3.

A separate meeting was requested to consider the South Isles timetable in more detail and what changes could be made to better meet the needs of residents. A meeting was held on 12 February 2024 with the Transport Representative, Elected Members, and representatives from the Transportation service and Orkney Ferries Limited. Discussions involved the use of the Nordic Sea over the summer period to increase frequency, particularly providing a longer operating day on a Friday or Saturday to provide an evening service. This will be considered further by Orkney Ferries Limited.

4.4.

Concerns were raised regarding the Graemsay ferry not being able to dock at Moaness pier and the disruption caused to pupils travelling to and from Stromness Academy. It was agreed that further data would be obtained from Orkney Ferries Limited to better understand the disruption caused during the winter months. The fallback position will be for pupils to travel via Lyness where they can then travel onwards to Stromness Academy or Kirkwall Grammar School as appropriate.

4.5.

It was noted that the new hydrofoil electric vessel to be trialled between Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Shapinsay should arrive during summer 2024. It was agreed that further discussion will be held with the communities and Elected Members around timetabling in advance of the vessel arriving.

4.6.

A separate meeting was requested to consider the Outer North Isles timetable with the appropriate transport representatives, particularly following the change in haulier. It was however noted that services are currently scheduled to best meet demands, with the highest demand for freight and vehicles from Westray followed by Sanday. A meeting is scheduled for 11 March 2024 to discuss further.

4.7.

The use of the Nordic Sea over the refit period was welcomed by the communities and a request was made to look to extend its operation over this period to include a Saturday. Orkney Ferries Limited agreed to consider this for winter 2024/25.

4.8.

The issue of capacity was raised and the block booking from hauliers. It was noted that this issue will be considered further by Orkney Ferries Limited once the new booking system is in place.

5. Proposed Timetables

5.1.

The inter-island ferry timetables for winter 2024/25 are scheduled to operate from 30 September 2024 until 3 May 2025 inclusive.

5.2.

On 29 February 2024, 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.

5.3.

The proposed timetables, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, are consistent with that operated in previous years.

5.4.

Statistics in relation to usage of the inter-island ferry services are detailed in Appendix 2 to this report.

6. Corporate Governance

6.1.

This report is presented in order to comply with internal governance and procedural issues and is not for the exclusive purpose of supporting or relating to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan or the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

6.2.

Nevertheless, timetables for inter-island ferry services will assist in meeting outcomes set out in the following priorities in the Council Delivery Plan:

- I1 - Improve Isles transport links.
- I3 – Work towards integrating our transport networks.

6.3.

In accordance with the Scheme of Administration, the determination of timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services is delegated to the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

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.

7.2.

Although the service provision is largely consistent with previous years, it should be noted that there has been a significant increase in the price of fuel which has increased operating costs.

7.3.

The revenue budget for the current financial year, 2023/24, stands at £15,829,000, fully funded with specific grant funding received from the Scottish Government, and gives an indication of the resources needed to maintain the existing level of service.

7.4.

In advance of a service budget being established as part of the Council's annual budget setting process for financial year 2024/25, the level of ferry service provision for next financial year is subject to an adequate budget being made available for that purpose.

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 summer 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-island ferry services as approved by the Council.

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10. Appendices

Appendix 1: Orkney Ferries Winter 2024/25 Timetables.

Appendix 2: Orkney Ferries – Statistics on Usage.

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - January 2024

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's	Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	282	50	101	Eday	259	47	71
Egilsay	48	23	2	Egilsay	52	23	5
Flotta	419	113	85	Flotta	430	119	78
Graemsay	84			Graemsay	109		
Houton	1687	565	256	Houton	1647	543	276
Kirkwall	3551	841	490	Kirkwall	3369	789	513
Longhope	28			Longhope	30		
Lyness	1297	459	207	Lyness	1324	475	194
Moaness	257			Moaness	237		
North Ronaldsay	1	3	8	North Ronaldsay	4	3	7
Papa Westray	58	4	3	Papa Westray	59	3	5
Pierowall	52			Pierowall	40		
Rousay	1100	375	54	Rousay	1190	396	46
Sanday	491	112	137	Sanday	574	138	145
Shapinsay	1625	360	60	Shapinsay	1703	372	61
Stromness	356			Stromness	351		
Stronsay	343	83	109	Stronsay	368	83	107
Tingwall	1201	399	46	Tingwall	1119	386	49
Westray	709	184	119	Westray	736	202	118
Wyre	132	40	20	Wyre	120	32	22
Grand Total	13721	3611	1697	Grand Total	13721	3611	1697

Year to Date

Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
295,970	66,353	24,860

Cancelled Sailings

Jan-24

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	11	9
HH	21	
ONI	20	2
REW	10	7
SHAP	19	
WPW	28	
Grand Total	109	18

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	45	45
HH	39	3
ONI	96	5
REW	49	46
SHAP	43	1
WPW	66	
Grand Total	443	117

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - December 2023

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	363	77	112
Egilsay	58	24	6
Flotta	437	133	73
Graemsay	112		
Houton	2100	671	270
Kirkwall	4666	1109	612
Longhope	32		
Lyness	1642	554	230
Moaness	240		
North Ronaldsay	9	2	16
Papa Westray	79	6	5
Pierowall	62		
Rousay	1350	438	49
Sanday	836	220	190
Shapinsay	2104	496	42
Stromness	401		
Stronsay	511	144	109
Tingwall	1393	446	40
Westray	1016	259	172
Wyre	107	34	14
Grand Total	17518	4613	1940

Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	341	71	131
Egilsay	64	27	6
Flotta	478	127	77
Graemsay	140		
Houton	2031	675	286
Kirkwall	4820	1194	637
Longhope	50		
Lyness	1652	556	210
Moaness	237		
North Ronaldsay	2	1	9
Papa Westray	67	4	4
Pierowall	64		
Rousay	1368	421	45
Sanday	749	186	181
Shapinsay	2165	468	42
Stromness	376		
Stronsay	492	143	103
Tingwall	1362	456	43
Westray	946	246	151
Wyre	114	38	15
Grand Total	17518	4613	1940

Year to Date

Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
282,249	62,742	23,163

Cancelled Sailings

Dec-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	14	10
HH	11	2
ONI	20	
REW	16	10
SHAP	15	1
WPW	25	
Grand Total	101	23

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	45	45
HH	39	3
ONI	96	5
REW	49	46
SHAP	43	1
WPW	66	
Grand Total	338	100

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - November 2023

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	350	74	108
Egilsay	150	54	23
Flotta	499	158	110
Graemsay	150		
Houton	2482	820	369
Kirkwall	5187	1204	748
Longhope	38		
Lyness	1864	634	281
Moaness	383		
North Ronaldsay	2	2	8
Papa Westray	107	1	11
Pierowall	86		
Rousay	1626	548	55
Sanday	790	228	189
Shapinsay	2220	445	83
Stromness	594		
Stronsay	592	179	151
Tingwall	1661	573	66
Westray	1095	283	190
Wyre	148	80	12
Grand Total	20024	5283	2404

Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	351	74	120
Egilsay	124	43	18
Flotta	568	165	95
Graemsay	167		
Houton	2321	772	388
Kirkwall	5030	1205	729
Longhope	36		1
Lyness	1958	675	276
Moaness	399		
North Ronaldsay	2	1	11
Papa Westray	90	2	8
Pierowall	101		
Rousay	1650	574	73
Sanday	842	244	185
Shapinsay	2365	458	87
Stromness	561		
Stronsay	571	154	154
Tingwall	1630	555	54
Westray	1077	278	194
Wyre	181	83	11
Grand Total	20024	5283	2404

Year to Date

Month	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Apr	264,731	58,129	21,223

Cancelled Sailings

Nov-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	6	11
HH	8	
ONI	6	
REW	6	4
SHAP	1	
WPW	7	
Grand Total	34	15

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	31	35
HH	28	1
ONI	76	5
REW	33	36
SHAP	28	
WPW	41	
Grand Total	237	77

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - October 2023

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	375	78	104
Egilsay	46	21	6
Flotta	412	115	82
Graemsay	149		
Houton	2191	653	291
Kirkwall	5254	1308	621
Longhope	24		
Lyness	1849	553	225
Moaness	413		
North Ronaldsay	2		13
Papa Westray	66	4	7
Pierowall	72		
Rousay	962	291	16
Sanday	917	269	191
Shapinsay	2016	443	72
Stromness	590		
Stronsay	582	164	122
Tingwall	988	318	23
Westray	1290	356	140
Wyre	82	28	6
Grand Total	18280	4601	1919

Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	354	74	90
Egilsay	61	24	5
Flotta	440	103	68
Graemsay	161		
Houton	2219	653	303
Kirkwall	5148	1313	624
Longhope	28	1	
Lyness	1789	564	227
Moaness	417		
North Ronaldsay	3	3	9
Papa Westray	83	5	13
Pierowall	56		
Rousay	955	294	26
Sanday	939	258	193
Shapinsay	2098	441	74
Stromness	574		
Stronsay	552	164	120
Tingwall	973	314	16
Westray	1341	364	147
Wyre	89	26	4
Grand Total	18280	4601	1919

Year to Date

Month	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Apr	242,014	52,135	18,495

Cancelled Sailings

Oct-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	14	9
HH	19	1
ONI	35	2
REW	23	19
SHAP	26	
WPW	26	
Grand Total	143	31

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	25	24
HH	20	1
ONI	70	5
REW	27	32
SHAP	27	
WPW	34	
Grand Total	203	62

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - September

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	554	122	102
Egilsay	198	52	13
Flotta	609	149	126
Graemsay	195		
Houton	4574	1143	502
Kirkwall	7880	1745	868
Longhope	39		
Lyness	3906	941	430
Moaness	976		
North Ronaldsay	43	6	38
Papa Westray	270	6	26
Pierowall	240		
Rousay	2344	750	35
Sanday	1384	383	251
Shapinsay	2913	535	78
Stromness	1193		
Stronsay	809	192	173
Tingwall	2410	768	38
Westray	2041	495	252
Wyre	261	70	1
Grand Total	32839	7357	2933

Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	565	125	93
Egilsay	190	45	12
Flotta	661	165	126
Graemsay	210		
Houton	4448	1072	534
Kirkwall	7702	1727	901
Longhope	28		
Lyness	3991	996	398
Moaness	968		
North Ronaldsay	25	12	25
Papa Westray	261	5	20
Pierowall	241		
Rousay	2411	764	35
Sanday	1507	398	236
Shapinsay	3053	554	89
Stromness	1186		
Stronsay	794	197	174
Tingwall	2343	754	38
Westray	1986	466	250
Wyre	269	77	2
Grand Total	32839	7357	2933

Year to Date

Month	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Apr	223,734	47,534	16,576

Cancelled Sailings

Sep-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	1	
ONI	3	1
SHAP		
WPW	3	
Grand Total	7	1

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	11	15
HH	1	
ONI	35	3
REW	4	13
SHAP	1	
WPW	8	
Grand Total	60	31

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - August

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's	Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	669	158	116	Eday	736	186	113
Egilsay	256	62	4	Egilsay	265	58	5
Flotta	717	172	144	Flotta	757	153	125
Graemsay	271			Graemsay	271		
Houton	6,070	1,455	521	Houton	6,098	1,414	539
Kirkwall	10,715	2,254	822	Kirkwall	10,474	2,228	860
Longhope	49		2	Longhope	53		2
Lyness	5,438	1,252	405	Lyness	5,366	1,312	406
Moaness	1,367			Moaness	1,347		
North Ronaldsay	38	12	11	North Ronaldsay	49	15	18
Papa Westray	405	10	7	Papa Westray	418	12	5
Pierowall	374			Pierowall	372		
Rousay	3,349	946	48	Rousay	3,398	955	48
Sanday	2,069	479	244	Sanday	2,148	523	247
Shapinsay	3,818	712	24	Shapinsay	3,995	698	24
Stromness	1,592			Stromness	1,612		
Stronsay	1,126	277	225	Stronsay	1,046	258	192
Tingwall	3,512	991	45	Tingwall	3,469	977	46
Westray	2,960	635	270	Westray	2,936	617	260
Wyre	261	77	8	Wyre	246	86	6
Grand Total	45,056	9,492	2,896	Grand Total	45,056	9,492	2,896

Year to Date

Month	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Apr	190,895	40,177	13,643

Cancelled Sailings

Aug-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA		
HH	1	
ONI	1	
REW	3	
SHAP		
WPW	1	
Grand Total	6	

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	10	15
HH	1	
ONI	32	2
REW	4	13
SHAP	1	
WPW	5	
Grand Total	53	30

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - July 2023

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's	Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	774	158	159	Eday	753	142	129
Egilsay	190	43	10	Egilsay	190	37	7
Flotta	647	161	83	Flotta	633	168	80
Graemsay	272			Graemsay	247		
Houton	6020	1454	410	Houton	6014	1426	422
Kirkwall	10512	2126	932	Kirkwall	10666	2127	943
Longhope	57			Longhope	45		
Lyness	5448	1295	351	Lyness	5480	1316	342
Moaness	1246			Moaness	1273		
North Ronaldsay	106	14	29	North Ronaldsay	43	10	16
Papa Westray	543	18	16	Papa Westray	488	19	7
Pierowall	494	1	12	Pierowall	447	2	12
Rousay	3332	891	68	Rousay	3273	886	59
Sanday	2376	501	262	Sanday	2395	526	247
Shapinsay	3108	575	46	Shapinsay	3225	574	51
Stromness	1507			Stromness	1505		
Stronsay	1263	261	214	Stronsay	1174	252	248
Tingwall	3363	919	60	Tingwall	3431	931	72
Westray	3323	674	283	Westray	3308	676	300
Wyre	192	58	2	Wyre	183	57	2
Grand Total	44773	9149	2937	Grand Total	44773	9149	2937

Year to Date

Month	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CVs
Apr	25878	6030	2376
May	35841	7604	2654
Jun	39189	7813	2760
Jul	44773	9149	2937
Grand Total	145681	30596	10727

Cancelled Sailings

Jul-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA		
ONI		
SHAP	1	
Grand Total	1	

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	10	15
HH		
ONI	31	2
REW	1	13
SHAP	1	
WPW	4	
Grand Total	47	30

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - June 2023

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's	Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	529	122	97	Eday	510	146	94
Egilsay	460	70	9	Egilsay	349	65	8
Flotta	684	144	109	Flotta	693	148	104
Graemsay	335			Graemsay	266		
Houton	5334	1335	448	Houton	5486	1307	463
Kirkwall	8302	1711	816	Kirkwall	8207	1677	871
Longhope	44			Longhope	39	1	0
Lyness	4841	1174	362	Lyness	4685	1197	352
Moaness	1488			Moaness	1563		
North Ronaldsay	24	1	6	North Ronaldsay	30	6	7
Papa Westray	497	8	8	Papa Westray	543	10	10
Pierowall	511			Pierowall	478		
Rousay	2886	758	51	Rousay	2875	750	54
Sanday	1690	388	265	Sanday	1687	411	242
Shapinsay	3012	491	109	Shapinsay	3221	497	107
Stromness	1755			Stromness	1749		
Stronsay	1164	258	187	Stronsay	1110	247	162
Tingwall	3015	778	52	Tingwall	3148	790	53
Westray	2400	530	228	Westray	2343	515	223
Wyre	218	45	13	Wyre	207	46	10
Grand Total	39189	7813	2760	Grand Total	39189	7813	2760

Year to Date

Month	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CVs
Apr	25878	6030	2376
May	35841	7604	2654
Jun	39189	7813	2760
Grand Total	100908	21447	7790

Cancelled Sailings

Jun-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	2	
ONI	29	2
Grand Total	31	2

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	10	15
HH		
ONI	31	2
REW	1	13
SHAP		
WPW	4	
Grand Total	46	30

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - May 2023

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	523	143	121
Egilsay	239	46	13
Flotta	973	253	122
Graemsay	211		
Houton	5170	1275	381
Kirkwall	8069	1736	757
Longhope	69		
Lyness	4328	1089	298
Moaness	1311		
North Ronaldsay	67	10	15
Papa Westray	369	4	9
Pierowall	338		
Rousay	2424	667	94
Sanday	1555	399	226
Shapinsay	2881	429	121
Stromness	1245		
Stronsay	800	211	204
Tingwall	2652	713	79
Westray	2360	580	182
Wyre	257	49	32
Grand Total	35841	7604	2654

Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	505	133	120
Egilsay	235	46	9
Flotta	1213	276	108
Graemsay	197		
Houton	5082	1286	397
Kirkwall	8076	1750	833
Longhope	65	1	1
Lyness	4180	1054	295
Moaness	1093		
North Ronaldsay	47	7	16
Papa Westray	362	9	3
Pierowall	347		
Rousay	2568	690	108
Sanday	1531	387	207
Shapinsay	3008	443	106
Stromness	1477		
Stronsay	793	203	195
Tingwall	2573	691	69
Westray	2293	580	155
Wyre	196	48	32
Grand Total	35841	7604	2654

Year to Date

Month	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Apr	25878	6030	2376
May	35841	7604	2654
Total	61719	13634	5030

Cancelled Sailings

May-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA		11
HH		
ONI	1	
SHAP		
Grand Total	1	11

Year to Date (April - May 2023)

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	7	15
HH		
ONI	3	
REW	1	13
SHAP		
WPW	4	
Grand Total	15	28

Orkney Ferries - Statistics
Month - April 2023

Arriving In	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's	Departing From	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Eday	402	105	84	Eday	386	98	78
Egilsay	191	43	5	Egilsay	198	44	4
Flotta	603	120	100	Flotta	629	139	105
Graemsay	153			Graemsay	135		
Houton	3838	1002	337	Houton	3853	962	356
Kirkwall	5902	1345	752	Kirkwall	6030	1393	798
Longhope	39			Longhope	38		
Lyness	3313	854	274	Lyness	3273	875	250
Moaness	674			Moaness	654		
North Ronaldsay	11	5	12	North Ronaldsay	12	3	8
Papa Westray	148	14	7	Papa Westray	132	3	11
Pierowall	116			Pierowall	123		
Rousay	1842	593	41	Rousay	1906	597	45
Sanday	1171	310	217	Sanday	1096	290	208
Shapinsay	2300	387	157	Shapinsay	2331	389	151
Stromness	781			Stromness	819		
Stronsay	657	171	149	Stronsay	646	161	135
Tingwall	2052	617	44	Tingwall	2019	623	42
Westray	1522	413	184	Westray	1473	413	173
Wyre	163	51	13	Wyre	125	40	12
Grand Total	25878	6030	2376	Grand Total	25878	6030	2376

Year to Date

Month	Number of Passengers	Number of Cars	Number of CV's
Apr	25878	6030	2376

Cancelled Sailings

Apr-23

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	7	4
HH		
ONI	2	
REW	1	13
SHAP		
WPW	4	
Grand Total	14	17

Year to Date

Route	Number of Cancelled Sailings	Number of Leg Cancelled
GRA	7	4
HH		
ONI	2	
REW	1	13
SHAP		
WPW	4	
Grand Total	14	17