

## **Item: 9**

**Development and Infrastructure Committee: 10 November 2020.**

**Inter-Island Air Services – Proposed Summer 2021 Timetable.**

**Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To consider the summer 2021 timetable for the inter-island air service.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Committee is invited to note:

#### **2.1.**

That, although the inter-island air services timetable for summer 2021 is scheduled to operate from 22 February to 30 October 2021 inclusive, the Public Service Obligation Contract is due for renewal on 1 April 2021.

#### **2.2.**

That the Air Services Consultative Forum met on 31 August 2020 to discuss the summer 2021 timetable, the main comment being a request from Papa Westray to have a dedicated flight on a Saturday afternoon, as detailed in section 4 of this report.

#### **2.3.**

That the proposed timetable, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, is consistent with the service operated during summer 2020.

#### **2.4.**

That, in advance of a service budget being established as part of the budget setting process for 2021/22, the level of service provision is subject to an adequate budget being made available.

**It is recommended:**

#### **2.5.**

That, subject to an adequate service revenue budget being established for financial year 2021/22, the summer 2021 timetable in respect of the inter-island air service, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be approved.

### **3. Background**

#### **3.1.**

The inter-island air service operates to six Outer North Isles under a Public Service Obligation which establishes the minimum frequencies and capacity and sets the maximum fare levels provided to each of the isles.

#### **3.2.**

The Air Services contract is due for renewal on 1 April 2021 and is currently out for tender for the status quo level of service. The specification does however state that the operator should be able to provide an additional aircraft if required.

#### **3.3.**

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

### **4. Air Services Consultative Forum**

At the Forum's meeting on 31 August 2020, Papa Westray requested to have a dedicated flight on a Saturday afternoon. North Ronaldsay strongly opposed losing a flight as they felt that usage was very high. Passenger figures for the afternoon flights to Papa Westray and North Ronaldsay were collated and sent to the Community Councils. This change has not been incorporated at this time as this would result in a slight reduction in service to North Ronaldsay. Passenger figures will continue to be reviewed over the next year. The timetable attached at Appendix 1 to this report proposes to operate the same timetable as summer 2020.

### **5. Proposed Timetable**

#### **5.1.**

The inter-island air services timetable for summer 2021 is scheduled to operate from 22 February to 30 October 2021 inclusive.

#### **5.2.**

It is proposed that the timetable, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, in respect of the inter-island air services, be approved.

### **6. Corporate Governance**

This report relates to governance and procedural issues and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

## **7. Financial Implications**

### **7.1.**

In advance of a service budget being established as part of the Council's annual budget setting process for financial year 2021/22, the level of service provision is subject to an adequate budget being made available.

### **7.2.**

The proposed summer 2021 timetable is consistent with previous years, while the renewal of the Public Service Obligation Contract due on 1 April 2021 represents an additional risk to the client Service. Against this background, it is however notable that, to date, no proposals to scale back the inter-island air service have been actively considered as a means of managing ongoing budgetary pressures.

## **8. Legal Aspects**

### **8.1.**

The Civil Aviation Act 1982 enables the Council to establish and maintain aerodromes.

### **8.2.**

On 21 December 2016, the Inter-Island Air Service Contract 2017 to 2021 was awarded to Loganair Limited with a commencement date of 1 April 2017.

### **8.3.**

The contract between the Council and the operator states that the operator shall carry out the services in accordance with the timetable agreed with the Council.

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## **10. Appendix**

Appendix 1: Inter Island Air Services Timetable – Summer 2021.

Summer 2021 - from 22 February - 30 October 2021

|                 | Monday   |       |       |       |       |       |       | Tuesday |       |       |       |       |       |       | Wednesday |       |       |       |                                     |       |       | A     | B      |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|-----------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|                 | LM       | 700   | 702   | 703   | 704   | 705   | 706   | 707     | 701   | 708   | 709   | 719   | 710   | 711   | 707       | 700   | 713   | 714   | 715                                 | 716   | 710   | 711   | 707    | 707   |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Kirkwall        | dep      | 07:35 | 08:40 | 09:40 | 10:50 | 15:30 | 16:30 | 17:30   | 07:35 | 08:30 | 09:30 | 10:30 | 15:30 | 16:30 | 17:30     | 07:35 | 08:40 | 09:40 | 13:35                               | 14:45 | 15:30 | 16:30 | 17:30  | 17:30 |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Eday            | arr      |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |       |       |       | 14:55                               |       |       |       |        | 17:40 |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Eday            | dep      |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |       |       |       | 15:02                               |       |       |       |        | 17:47 |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Stronsay        | arr      |       |       | 09:49 |       |       |       |         | 08:39 |       |       |       |       |       |           | 08:49 |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Stronsay        | dep      |       |       | 09:56 |       |       |       |         | 08:46 |       |       |       |       |       |           | 08:56 |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Sanday          | arr      |       |       | 10:01 |       | 16:43 |       |         | 08:51 |       | 15:43 |       |       |       | 09:01     |       |       |       |                                     |       | 15:43 |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Sanday          | dep      |       |       | 10:08 |       | 16:50 |       |         | 08:58 |       | 15:50 |       |       |       | 09:08     |       |       |       |                                     |       | 15:50 |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Westray         | arr      |       | 08:55 |       |       |       |       |         |       | 09:45 |       |       |       |       |           | 09:55 |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Westray         | dep      |       | 09:02 |       |       |       |       |         |       | 09:52 |       |       |       |       |           | 10:00 |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Papa Westray    | arr      |       | 09:04 |       | 15:45 |       |       |         | 09:54 | 10:45 | 16:45 |       |       |       |           | 10:02 |       |       |                                     |       | 16:45 |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Papa Westray    | dep      |       | 09:11 |       | 15:52 |       |       |         | 10:01 | 10:52 | 16:52 |       |       |       |           | 10:09 |       |       |                                     |       | 16:52 |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Westray         | arr      |       |       |       | 15:54 |       |       |         |       |       | 16:54 |       |       |       |           |       |       |       |                                     |       | 16:54 |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Westray         | dep      |       |       |       | 16:01 |       |       |         |       |       | 17:01 |       |       |       |           |       |       |       |                                     |       | 17:01 |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| North Ronaldsay | arr      | 07:52 |       |       | 11:07 |       |       | 17:47   | 07:52 |       | 11:02 |       |       | 17:47 | 07:52     |       |       | 13:52 |                                     |       |       |       | 17:47  | 17:57 |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| North Ronaldsay | dep      | 07:59 |       |       | 11:14 |       |       | 17:54   | 07:59 |       | 11:09 |       |       | 17:54 | 07:59     |       |       | 13:59 |                                     |       |       |       | 17:54  | 18:04 |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Papa Westray    | arr      |       |       |       | 11:24 |       |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |       |       | 14:09 |                                     |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Papa Westray    | dep      |       |       |       | 11:31 |       |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |           |       |       | 14:16 |                                     |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Eday            | arr      | 08:09 |       |       |       |       |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |       | 08:09     |       |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Eday            | dep      | 08:16 |       |       |       |       |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |       | 08:16     |       |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Stronsay        | arr      |       |       |       |       | 16:55 |       |         |       |       | 15:55 |       |       |       |           |       |       |       |                                     |       | 15:55 |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
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| Kirkwall        | arr      | 08:26 | 09:26 | 10:21 | 11:46 | 16:16 | 17:11 | 18:11   | 08:16 | 09:11 | 10:16 | 11:26 | 16:11 | 17:16 | 18:11     | 08:26 | 09:21 | 10:24 | 14:31                               | 15:12 | 16:11 | 17:16 | 18:11  | 18:21 |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                 | Thursday |       |       |       |       |       |       | Friday  |       |       |       |       |       |       | Saturday  |       |       |       | Saturday Refit (2 and 9 March 2019) |       |       |       | Sunday |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                 | LM       | 701   | 708   | 709   | 710   | 711   | 707   | 701     | 718   | 709   | 719   | 710   | 711   | 707   | 720       | 721   | 722   | 723   | 724                                 | 722   | 723   | 724   | 725    | 726   | 727   | 725   | 726   | 727   |       |  |
| Kirkwall        | dep      | 07:35 | 08:30 | 09:30 | 14:20 | 15:30 | 16:30 | 17:30   | 07:35 | 08:30 | 09:30 | 14:20 | 15:30 | 16:30 | 17:30     | 08:30 | 09:30 | 10:30 | 15:00                               | 16:00 | 08:00 | 09:10 | 10:20  | 14:00 | 15:00 | 16:05 | 10:30 | 16:00 | 17:30 |  |
| Stronsay        | arr      |       | 08:39 |       |       |       |       |         | 08:39 |       |       |       |       |       |           | 09:38 |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       | 15:09 |       |       |       |       |  |
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| Sanday          | arr      |       | 08:51 |       | 15:43 |       |       |         | 08:51 |       | 15:43 |       |       |       | 09:51     |       |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       | 15:21 |       |       |       |       |  |
| Sanday          | dep      |       | 08:58 |       | 15:50 |       |       |         | 08:58 |       | 15:50 |       |       |       | 09:59     |       |       |       |                                     |       |       |       |        |       | 15:28 |       |       |       |       |  |
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| North Ronaldsay | dep      | 07:59 |       |       | 14:44 |       | 17:54 | 07:59   |       |       | 14:59 |       |       | 17:54 |           |       | 10:54 | 15:24 | 16:24                               | 08:24 |       |       |        |       |       | 11:09 |       | 17:54 |       |  |
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| Papa Westray    | arr      |       |       | 09:54 | 14:54 | 16:45 |       |         | 09:54 |       | 16:45 |       |       |       | 08:54     |       |       |       | 16:34                               |       |       | 09:34 | 14:15  |       |       |       |       | 16:15 |       |  |
| Papa Westray    | dep      |       |       | 10:01 | 15:01 | 16:52 |       |         | 10:01 |       | 16:52 |       |       |       | 09:01     |       |       |       | 16:41                               |       |       | 09:41 | 14:22  |       |       |       |       | 16:22 |       |  |
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| Kirkwall        | arr      | 08:16 | 09:11 | 10:16 | 15:16 | 16:11 | 17:16 | 18:11   | 08:16 | 09:11 | 10:16 | 15:16 | 16:11 | 17:16 | 18:11     | 09:16 | 10:11 | 11:11 | 15:41                               | 16:56 | 08:51 | 09:56 | 11:01  | 14:46 | 15:41 | 16:56 | 11:26 | 16:46 | 18:28 |  |

Monday am drop to Eday during school term only - bookings can be made on the Eday Monday morning flight, shared with North Ronaldsay, however this is subject to availability from 12:30 - 18:00 the day before departure.

Sunday - Sanday/Stronsay flight drop of/pick up on request. Bookings can be made on the Sanday or Stronsay flight, shared with North Ronaldsay, from 12:00 on Friday until 12:00 on Sunday.

A School term only (15 Feb - 5 April and 19 April - 2 July and 17 August - 8 October 2021 )

B School holidays only (5 - 16 April and 3 July - 16 August and 11 - 22 October 2021)