

Item: 12

Development and Infrastructure Committee: 10 September 2019.

Inter-Island Air Services – Proposed Summer 2020 Timetable.

Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the summer 2020 timetable for the inter-island air service.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

That the inter-island air services timetable for summer 2020 is scheduled to operate from 2 March to 24 October 2020 inclusive.

2.2.

That the Air Services Consultative Forum met on 21 August 2019 to discuss the summer 2020 timetable, the main comment being a request from Eday for a fairer service with additional links for education purposes, as detailed in section 4 of this report.

2.3.

That the proposed timetable, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, is largely consistent with the service operated during summer 2019.

2.4.

That, in advance of a service budget being established as part of the budget setting process for 2020 to 2021, the level of service provision is subject to an adequate budget being made available.

It is recommended:

2.5.

That the summer 2020 timetable in respect of the inter-island air service, to be operated by Loganair Limited, 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.

In December 2016 the Inter-Island Air Services Public Service Obligation Contract 2017 to 2021 was awarded to Loganair Limited with a commencement date of 1 April 2017. The contract is subject to annual escalation and whilst the contract is incentivised to minimise the impact of fuel price changes, the Council is liable for any increase above a contractually threshold.

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 21 August 2019, Eday Community Council via their Transport Representative requested a fairer service with additional links to and from Sanday for education purposes. As these additional services are outwith the scope of the service specification and budget, it was stated that the Council would not currently be able to agree to this request, however depending on the outcome of the Outline Business Case work being carried out by consultants, this may be achievable in the future. It was also stated that any such proposal for a change would have to be formalised through a specific request from the Education Service.

5. Proposed Timetable

5.1.

The inter-island air services timetable for summer 2020 is scheduled to operate from 2 March to 24 October 2020 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. Links to Council Plan

6.1.

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.

6.2.

The proposals in this report relate directly to the priority to review timetables to integrate public transport wherever possible of the Council Delivery Plan.

7. 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.

8. Financial Implications

8.1.

The proposed summer 2020 timetable is consistent with previous years. Against a background of flat cash budgets, it is accepted that it may be necessary to identify compensatory savings going forward as a means of managing contractual conditions such as inflationary uplifts and fuel price escalation. That said, it is notable that the cost of air services has been contained within the approved revenue budget in two out of the last three years, and further that the current financial year's budget for 2019 to 2020 benefitted from both an inflationary uplift and a service growth bid in recognition of these service pressures.

8.2.

In advance of a service budget being established as part of the Council's annual budget setting process for financial year 2020 to 2021, the level of service provision is subject to an adequate budget being made available.

8.3.

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.

9. Legal Aspects

9.1.

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

9.2.

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.

9.3.

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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11. Appendix

Appendix 1: Inter Island Air Services Timetable – Summer 2020.

Summer 2020 - from 2 March to 24 October 2020

	LM	Monday							Tuesday							Wednesday							A		B				
		700	702	703	704	705	706	707	701	708	709	719	710	711	707	700	713	714	715	716	710	711	707	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	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														
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Stronsay	dep						17:02					16:02											16:02						
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		
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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			
Stronsay	dep		08:46							08:46									09:46							15:16			
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			
Papa Westray	arr											14:35															10:45		
Papa Westray	dep											14:42															10:52		
North Ronaldsay	arr	07:52			14:37			17:47	07:52			14:52			17:47			10:47	15:17	16:17	08:17						11:02	17:47	
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	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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Stronsay	dep					16:02							16:02													10:52			18:19
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 (18 Feb - 3 April and 20 April - 1 July and 18 August - 9 October 2020)
- B School holidays only (6 - 17 April and 2 July - 17 August and 12-27 October 2020)