

Ferry Services Procurement Policy Review: Community Engagement

Humza Yousaf MSP, Minister for Transport and the Islands, made a statement to the Scottish Parliament on 2 February 2017 announcing a policy review into the future procurement of the Scottish Government's lifeline ferry services.

The Minister made clear in his statement that communities would be at the heart of everything we do during the review. Local community stakeholder events will therefore take place in:

- Shetland (18 May)
- Stornoway (23 May)
- Glasgow (26 May)
- Oban (30 May)
- Orkney (2 June)
- Benbecula (6 June)

Each meeting will involve a presentation from Transport Scotland setting out the specific context, purpose and remit of the policy review. Representatives from local authorities, community, tourism and business groups will then be afforded an opportunity to discuss and feedback views on the future approach to the procurement of the lifeline ferry services. A representative sample of local community and organisation groups have been invited as listed below:

- Local Authority elected representatives
- Local Authority officials
- Local Community Council representatives
- Local Ferry Committees
- Local Tourism Bodies
- National Farmers Union- local representatives
- Local Chambers of Commerce
- Federation of Small Business
- Local Economic Development providers - HIE
- Regional Transport Partnerships and Ferry User Group members
- Freight and Haulage Industry representatives

If your local organisation has not received an invitation to attend any of the events, and would wish to participate in the discussion please contact carol.nowbaveh@transport.gov.scot.

Arrangements are also being made to engage with other key stakeholders, including ferry operators, Trade Unions and the European Commission.