



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR: 12 FEBRUARY 2025

COMMITTEE DECISION REPORT

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: 5 FEBRUARY 2025

At its meeting on 5 February 2025, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee considered the business referred to below. The Committee has approved the recommendations detailed for approval by the Comhairle. Where the Committee has exercised delegated powers or used the conditional delegation provisions for any item, this is stated.

Items marked with an asterisk* were considered with the press and public excluded from the Meeting.

<i>Item Title</i>	<i>Agenda Number</i>	<i>Committee's Decision</i>
Minute of Meeting of 27 November 2024	1	The Minute of Meeting of 27 November 2024 was approved.
Minute of Meeting of HITRANS of 8 November 2024	2	The Minute of Meeting of HITRANS of 8 November 2024 was noted.
Minute of Meeting of Hebrides Ferry Stakeholder Group of 3 December 2024	3	The Minute of Meeting of Hebrides Ferry Stakeholder Group of 3 December 2024 was noted.
Minute of Meeting of Western Isles Airport Consultative Committee of 10 December 2024	4	The Minute of Meeting of Western Isles Airport Consultative Committee of 10 December 2024 was noted.
Declaration of Interest	5	There were no declarations of interest.
Outer Hebrides Ferries Q&A	6	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Q & A Session.
Designated Person's Update	7	It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle: (1) note the External Audit report included at the Appendix to the Report; and (2) note the progress made in addressing the recommendations provided by the Designated Person (DP).

Community Transport Funding	8	<p>It was agreed to recommended that the Comhairle agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) introduce an Application Form and grant criteria as detailed in the Appendix to the Report; (2) allocate 2025/26 funding to groups based on their percentage share of the 2024/25 budget but if there is reduced funding, ensuring that each group gets at least £1000; and (3) develop a Community Transport Policy to help direct future funding allocations.
National Speed Management Review – Public Consultation	9	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle approve the response to the consultation.</p>
Public Service Obligation (Benbecula-Stornoway) and Western Isles Spinal Route	10	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) to make representation to the Scottish Government seeking a re-examination in the current Parliamentary term of its policy position regarding the funding of internal PSOs; an extension of the Benbecula - Stornoway PSO to five days; reinstatement of the Benbecula to Barra PSO; and further funding towards completion of the regionally significant Western Isles Spinal Route; and (2) that Members of the Committee were invited to view a potential replacement aircraft for the Benbecula – Stornoway route at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Stornoway Airport - Wednesday 26 February (Afternoon); and (ii) Benbecula Airport - Thursday 27 February (Morning). Members can book onto either viewing by contacting Colm Fraser (Head of Municipal Services) in advance so that airport passes can be arranged.
Disposal of Surplus Assets *	11	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report in relation to the progress detailed in the Appendix to the Report.</p>
Reports Outstanding	12	<p>It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle note the Report.</p>