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# Tiree Linkspan Closure

## Service Continuity Update

### November 2018

# Tiree Linkspan – Service Continuity During Linkspan Outage

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During the Linkspan Outage period, the ferry service will comprise:

- A passenger only service using the MV Clansman; this will continue to run on the scheduled timetable
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Lift On – Lift Off (Lo-Lo) service for freight;
  - CFL are defining how the freight operation will be managed throughout the closures
  - This will take the form of palletised cargo being lifted on and off the freight vessel using crane equipment
  - This will ensure that **essential** goods are transported i.e. perishable goods, emergency supplies.
  - CFL are considering the end to end process for how this will work including bookings, pricing, warehouses, onward delivery.
- No vehicle services will be operated during the closure

# Tiree Linkspan – Discounted Service Continuity Options

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- ‘Do-Nothing’ – no service operates
  - Considered unacceptable due to the lifeline nature of the service and the detrimental impact to the communities of Coll and Tiree
- Side hoist on MV Lord of the Isles
  - There are a number of safety concerns related to the use of the side hoist which does not comply with current standards
  - This option may not provide resilient service
  - It would see a restriction in the type and volume of traffic that can be carried and that there will be a significant impact on timetabled services
- Provide air service throughout closure
  - Only suitable for small items such as critical medical supplies
  - Not considered sustainable due to costs associated

# Tiree Linkspan – Discounted Service Continuity Options

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- Provide park and ride in Oban
  - Hiring cars on the islands would be difficult to manage in relation to how many cars would be available and how long each customer would need to hire it for.

# Tiree Linkspan – Service Continuity Engagement

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We are at this early stages of developing the freight service and require details from communities on their needs.

## Proactive Freight Management

- Understanding of what freight can be transported in advance of the closure to minimise the impact of the closure.

## Other Considerations:

- Food and essential supplies
- Medical services needs
- Emergency Services Requirements
- Carriage of livestock
- Carriage of bulk supplies - hay/fuel
- Self catering customer requirements
- Fish to market
- School trips
- Events during the period
- Fuel and Gas supplies
- Mobility issues
- Funeral arrangements