

Integrated Impact Assessment Screening

About proposal

What does this proposal relate to? Budget savings proposal

Proposal name: Corran Ferry Fare Uplift

High level summary of the proposal: The current Corran Ferry fare income is approximately £1.7M. A 10% rise would generate an increase of £0.179 per annum. The increase is required in order to meet the inflationary costs of delivering the ferry service including re-fit costs of the ferry itself. A new foot passenger only fare will be introduced to reflect well established practice on other ferry routes. The 10% increase is in line with Caledonian Macbrayne Increases.

Who may be affected by the proposal? Ferry users - locals and visitors

Start date of proposal:

End date of proposal:

Does this proposal result in a change or impact to one or more Council service? Yes

Which Council services will be impacted by this proposal? Place

Does this relate to an existing proposal? No

Equalities, poverty, and human rights

Protected characteristics

Select what impact the proposal will have on the following protected characteristics:

Sex: No impact

Age: Negative

Disability: Negative

Religion or belief: No impact

Race: No impact

Sexual orientation: No impact

Gender reassignment: No impact

Pregnancy and maternity: No impact

Marriage and civil partnership: No impact

Protected characteristics impact details: This will impact upon users of the ferry services - elderly and disabled users are more likely to have lower incomes and therefore could be adversely affected. Pensioner concession books are in place and there is no charge for registered disabled drivers.

Poverty and socio-economic

What impact is the proposal likely to have on the following?

Prospects and opportunities: Negative

Places: Negative

Financial: Negative

Poverty and socio-economic impact details: There could be a negative socio-economic impact as a result of the increased level of fares proposed. This could impact upon people on lower incomes accessing work, training or education. It could impact upon people of all ages accessing services and activities.

There could be a negative socio-economic impact on local businesses as a result of increased costs.

Mitigation is in place through the provision of local ticket books which reduces the cost of a journey by 76% - from £12 to £2.93 per journey.

Mitigation is also in place for business owners with larger vehicles through the provision of local ticket books which reduces the cost of a journey by 57% from £15 to £6.41.

Increases are in line with other ferry operators although fares overall will remain lower.

Human rights

Which of the below human rights will be affected by this proposal? No human rights will be affected

What impact do you consider this proposal to have on the human rights of people? No impact

Human rights impact details:

Equalities, poverty and human rights screening assessment

What impact do you think there will be to equalities, poverty and human rights? Negative impact (potential or actual)

Is a Full Impact Assessment required? Yes

Children's rights and wellbeing

What likely impact will the proposal have on children and young people? Indirect impact through the ability to access activities

Which of the below children's rights will be affected by the proposal? Children have a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development (Article 27)

Explain how the children's rights selected above will be affected: The increase in costs may restrict families being able to access extra-curricular activities. Local concessionary books are in place to reduce the cost of the journey. Increases are in line with other ferry operators although fares overall will remain lower

Children's rights and wellbeing screening assessment

What impact do you think there will be to children's rights and wellbeing? Negative impact (potential or actual)

Is a Full Impact Assessment required? No

Data protection

Will your proposal involve processing personal data? Yes

Is any of this data already processed by the Highland Council? Yes

What is the purpose of the personal data being processed? Purchasing of ticket books

Is there an up-to-date privacy notice available on the Highland Council website? Yes

Data protection screening assessment

What change will there be to the way personal data is processed?No significant change to current processing

Is a Full Impact Assessment required?No

Island and mainland rural communities

Does your proposal impact island and mainland rural communities?Yes

Could people in island and mainland rural communities be affected differently?Yes

How could the impact differ? This proposal specifically increases charges for a service servicing a rural area

Have any negative impacts been identified?Yes

Provide details of negative impacts, mitigating actions and the service that is responsible for them: Increased costs to access a key service to access employment, education, training, activities.

Concessionary books are in place for local individuals and businesses with specific mitigations for lower income users such as elderly and disabled users. Increases are in line with other ferry operators although fares overall are lower and will continue to be lower.

Island and mainland rural communities screening assessment

What impact do you think there will be to island and mainland rural communities?Minor differences

Is a Full Impact Assessment required?No

Climate change

Does the proposal involve activities that could impact on greenhouse gas emissions (CO2e)? No

Does the proposal have the potential to affect the environment, wildlife or biodiversity? No

Does the proposal have the potential to influence resilience to extreme weather or changing climate? No

Provide information regarding your selection above:

Climate change screening assessment

Have you identified potential impact for any of the areas above or marked any as not known? No

Is a Full Impact Assessment required?No

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Which Council services are impacted by this proposal? Place

Does this relate to an existing proposal? No

Evidence and consultation

What sources have you used to gather information relating to this proposal? National or local data, Scottish Government approval for a 10% increase for all ferry fares in 2025-26 across Transport Scotland run networks. Corran Narrows Socio-Economic Study.

Are there any gaps or missing information in the available sources selected above? No

Have any stakeholders been involved in the development of the proposal? No

Provide justification for stakeholders not being engaged: There has been no specific engagement with the community on this proposal. There has however been ongoing engagement with the wider community over the last few years which has provided information on the role of the Corran Ferry within the local area and the impacts on the wider community. This has informed this proposal.

As evidenced in the Corran Narrows Socio-Economic Study, the Council fully understands that the peninsula is home to a vibrant and growing population, and its socio-economic vitality is dependent on a sustainable Ferry connection.

The proposal highlights the mitigation with concessions for Senior Citizens (60+), Student/Young Persons (16-22), Children (5-15) and Disabled Passengers. Similar to vehicle fares, adult foot passengers will have the option to purchase a multi journey foot passenger ticket book which discounts journeys at 75% which is the same discount as offered for vehicle ticket books.

As evidenced through benchmarking in the Corran Ferry Strategic Business case fares on the service are overall lower than elsewhere, particularly in terms of the multi journey discount books available to residents which will remain 75% cheaper than the drive-up fare.

In addition to involving stakeholders, have there been any other formal consultations? Yes

Provide details of the consultations: Since August 2019 there have been regular Corran Ferry Steering group meetings taking place every 6 - 8 weeks. LA Members and a representee from each of the six Community Councils of Ardgour, Nether Lochaber, West Ardnamurchan, Sunart, Morvern and Acharacle are invited to attend each meeting with questions answered and actions captured.

During the service outage (2022/23) over 30 news releases were issued which included weekly Steering Group updates.

There have also been 5 pre-application public consultation events over the past 2 years relating to the proposed design for the supporting infrastructure.

The Highland Council continue to provide regular updates and the latest news section of the Corran Ferry webpage contains published media releases (most also being sent directly to stakeholders and members).

Will there need to be any further formal consultation undertaken prior to proposal

implementation? No

Equalities, poverty and human rights

Protected characteristics

Bearing in mind the articles of the Human Rights Act, select what impact the proposal will have on the following protected characteristics:

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This will impact upon the users of the ferry service who currently travel as foot passengers for free. Except for the concessions already mentioned, this includes for example -

Low-income adults travelling as a foot passenger accompanying a child will now be charged a foot passenger fare, as will active travel (cyclists) who travel via the national Sustrans cycle route (78), and patrons who travel as foot passengers to the Ardgour village hotel, café and pizzeria.

Vulnerable groups

Select what impact the proposal will have on the following vulnerable groups:

Unemployed: Negative

Lone parent families: Negative

Young children: No impact

Older people: No impact

Homeless: Negative

Looked after children: No impact

Low-income households (in-work poverty): Negative

Vulnerable groups impact details: This could impact upon people on lower incomes accessing or seeking work, training or education. It could impact upon people of all ages accessing services and activities and particularly young people.

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Human rights

Select what impact the proposal will have on the below human rights:

Article 8: Respect for private and family life, home, and correspondence: No impact

Article 9: Freedom of thought, belief and religion: No impact

Article 10: Freedom of expression: No impact

Article 11: Freedom of assembly and association: No impact

Article 12: Right to marry and start a family: No impact

Article 14: Protection from discrimination: No impact

Article 1, Protocol 1: Right to peaceful enjoyment of property: No impact

Article 2, Protocol 1: Right to education: No impact

Article 3, Protocol 1: Right to participate in free elections: No impact

Human rights impact details: NA
