

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Title:	Interim Policy on the Distribution of Funds for Camp Jetty/Ramp Improvements
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1. Recommendations

Honourable Members are recommended to approve:

- (a) The attached Interim Policy on the Distribution of Funds for Camp Jetty/Ramps Improvements

2. Additional Budgetary Implications

None

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 Much of the Camp economy is based on sea transportation. The current service is provided by a long-term contract with Workboat Services Ltd and it involves a ferry service and a 6-weekly scheduled Island service. This service is dependent upon access to and use of jetties/ramps at all of those Islands currently utilising WSL.

- 3.2 In the 2016/17 Capital Budget, £250,000 was allocated for ongoing improvements to Camp Jetties around the Islands.
- 3.3 MLAs are keen to see this funding utilised and are hopeful that it can leverage additional private sector funding for improvements to Camp jetties/ramps. Investment in Camp Jetties/ramps should lead to:
- Future-proofed and more robust facilities.
 - A more efficient service, improving the experience for the land-owner as well as WSL.
 - Potential efficiency and environmental improvements in terms of reduced steaming time (depending on how possible additional down-time is utilised)

This funding is separate from the development of any entirely new jetties if/where they are required. Those will be considered on a case-by-case basis with relevant landowners.

4. Background [and Links to Islands Plan and Directorate Business Plan/s]

- 4.1 In the 2016/17 Capital Budget, £250,000 was allocated for ongoing improvements to Camp Jetties around the Islands. A full review of the existing jetties and ramps is required to detail the works that are required. However this activity is resource led and will take some time to complete. Therefore Members requested an interim policy to allow Land Owners to take the initiative on upgrade works to their own jetties and ramps to improve efficiency and improve the shipping service.
- 4.2 The attached Interim Policy was drafted and submitted to the Transport Advisory Committee in September 2016. The Policy was approved, with minor amendments, and recommended for submission to ExCo for final approval.
- 4.3 One match funding application was also received at the September meeting and this was approved subject to ExCo approving the Policy.

5. Resource Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

A Capital funding allocation of £250,000 was approved during the 2016/17 budget process and therefore there are no further financial implications expected.

5.2 Human Resource Implications

None

5.3 Other Resource Implications

None

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no expected legal implications related directly to the interim policy. The land owner must accept (in a written and signed form) that they are responsible for all obligations and liabilities and indemnify government in that regard.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 Members are aware of the proposed Interim Policy and the original document was drafted by MLA Poole.
- 7.2 The draft policy was submitted to Transport Advisory Committee on the 8th September 2016. The Committee approved the Policy, with minor amendments, and recommended it was submitted to ExCo for final approval.
- 7.3 An application for match funding was also submitted to the Transport Advisory Committee on the 8th September and this was used as a test case to prove the suitability of the policy. The guidelines were clear and the members were happy that the policy was easy to administer.
- 7.4 Paper has been issued to MLA Poole, MLA Short and MLA Rendell for review/comment

8. Communication

- 8.1 If approved it will be the responsibility of the Director Public Works to communicate the document to those concerned. This will include any requirement for advertising.
- 8.2 It is proposed that the ExCo paper is open and therefore the decision and the policy document will be available to the public.
- 8.3 Relevant documentation will be posted on the PWD website and uploaded to the FIG public Folders.
- 8.4 Information will be sent to the RBA for distribution to their membership.

Interim Policy on the Distribution of Funds for Camp Jetty/Ramps Improvements

Introduction

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Policy Terms

Funding will be distributed on the following basis:

- An application will need to be made to the Director of Public Works asking for the funding required. This can be done via letter or electronically.
- Director of Public Works will then determine the application based on the below criteria. Any appeals to the Decision made to by the Director Public works will be made to the Transport Advisory Committee. TAC will then make recommendations to ExCo.
- Any award will be capped at a maximum of £25,000.
- Only 50% match-funding will be awarded (e.g. FIG will fund half of any development).
- Bids can include costs for materials, Contracted labour (at a maximum £15 hourly rate), plant hire (at an agreed rate to be charged when in use), freight and other justifiable and related expenses.
- The application will need to demonstrate that the FIG Public Works Department has approved the design.
- The application will need to demonstrate that Workboat Services Ltd have accepted the design.
- Applications can only be made by destinations routinely visited as part of the Workboat Services contract that is in force at the time.
- The liability for the work will sit with the land-owner and/or applicant.
- No retrospective payments will be considered.