

POLICY COMMISSION ENQUIRY SCOPING DOCUMENT

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RESPONSIBLE BODY	
Economy, Tourism, Regeneration and Transport	
ENQUIRY NAME	REFERENCE NUMBER
Island Ports Sustainability Study	E1/06
PROPOSED OUTPUTS	RISK
To recommend to Cabinet how the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) can work with stakeholders to sustain and develop Island ports to meet the aspirations of the Island Plan.	High Medium Low
PROPOSED DATE OF INITIATION	PROPOSED DATE OF COMPLETION
March 2006	June 2007
REASON FOR ENQUIRY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised by Island residents relating to strains on the Island's infrastructure. • Supporting the local economy through infrastructure. • Mandate from Cabinet Members. 	
PROPOSED OUTCOME OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide Island residents with sustainable cross-Solent services. 	
TERMS OF REFERENCE	
<p>To receive evidence from stakeholders on:</p> <p>Domestic cross-Solent user numbers Commercial cross-Solent user numbers Effect on Island tourism Effect on Island residents Effect on the Island economy Visitor demands for cross-Solent travel Island resident demands for cross-Solent travel Commercial demands for cross-Solent travel including bulk freight Seasonal fluctuations in user numbers Locality of existing ports and related services The suitability of existing ports and the opportunity for any alternatives</p> <p>In order to:</p> <p>Assess the sustainability of Island ports and cross-Solent services.</p>	

What will not be included

Commercial and Competition issues concerning existing providers.
The Council will not be looking at becoming a service provider.
Viability of a bridge.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Wightlink
Red Funnel
Hovertravel
Travel Groups
SEEDA
Major retailers
Transportation companies
Chamber of Commerce
Isle of Wight Economic Partnership (IWEP)
Citizens Panel
Planning Service supported by consultants (GVA) for Island Plan
Town & Parish Councils and Town Management Committees

RELEVANT CORPORATE AND/OR COMMUNITY STRATEGY/IES

Corporate Priorities fit:

- Economic development and regeneration
- Healthier communities and older people
- Safer communities
- Children and young people
- High-Performing Cost-Effective Council

Community strategy:

Priority: A Thriving Island

- To improve business growth & productivity
- To improve the value & quality of tourism

RELATED PROJECTS

LEAD MEMBER

Councillor Charles Hancock

OFFICER INVOLVEMENT

Lead Link Officer:

To be identified

Overview and Scrutiny Team:

April West and Andrea Lisseter

OTHER RESOURCES REQUIRED