

Item 8 - Question TimeResponse to Mr A Baxter

The Council have appointed Aecom (Consulting Engineers) to carry out an independent socio-economic impact study as part of the review of operational costs and income for the Corran Ferry. This study will examine the current demand for the ferry, frequency of use, journey purpose, and the use of the ferry by the various socio-economic groups. It will assess the impact of fare level increases on the socio-economic groups and any consequences for the local community within the ferry catchment.

The study will be carried out during November and December, and the report will be available in January 2014. The results of the study will be reported, in the first instance, to the Lochaber Area Committee and shared with relevant community groups, as agreed by the Transport, Environmental and Community Services Committee on 17 September 2013. The final report will be considered by the Transport, Environmental and Community Services Committee in March 2014.