
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Economic Development and
Infrastructure Committee**

the consultation highlights, we

1000s of pathology samples between NHS facilities, flying over 14,000km and saving over 11,000 hours of sample waiting time.

- h) That the strategic significance of Oban airport located on the West Coast of Scotland and its ability to act as a hub is recognised,

to advise them of the consultation and also advising , the Council will include any responses or remarks they wish to make within the Councils official response. Officers are also working to raise awareness through a Comms press release and through Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnerships.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 Transport Scotland have recently published an on line discussion document, to help the Scottish Government, to develop an Aviation Strategy that realises their vision for aviation.

5.2 Argyll and Bute Council welcome the Scottish Government review of the governance and support of air services to consider alternative structures and funding mechanisms that can best deliver improved affordable connectivity.

5.3 Officers will formulate a response to the review that will also take into account any a-54(a)23()-1

mechanisms that can best deliver improved affordable connectivity.

6.7 Customer Service - None

**Executive Director with responsibility for [enter service they are responsible for
- e.g. Legal and Regulatory Support]**

Policy Lead Councillor Robin Curry

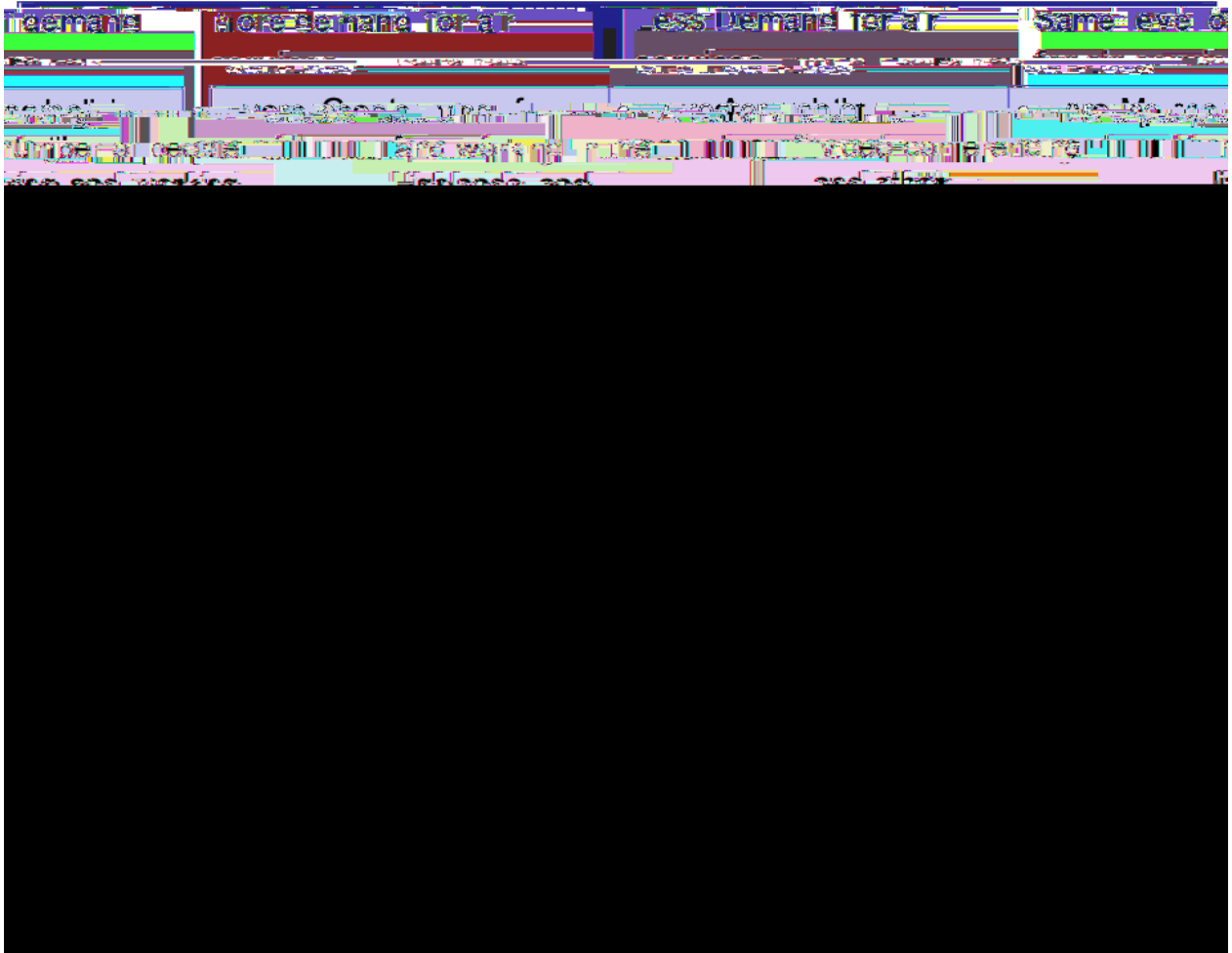
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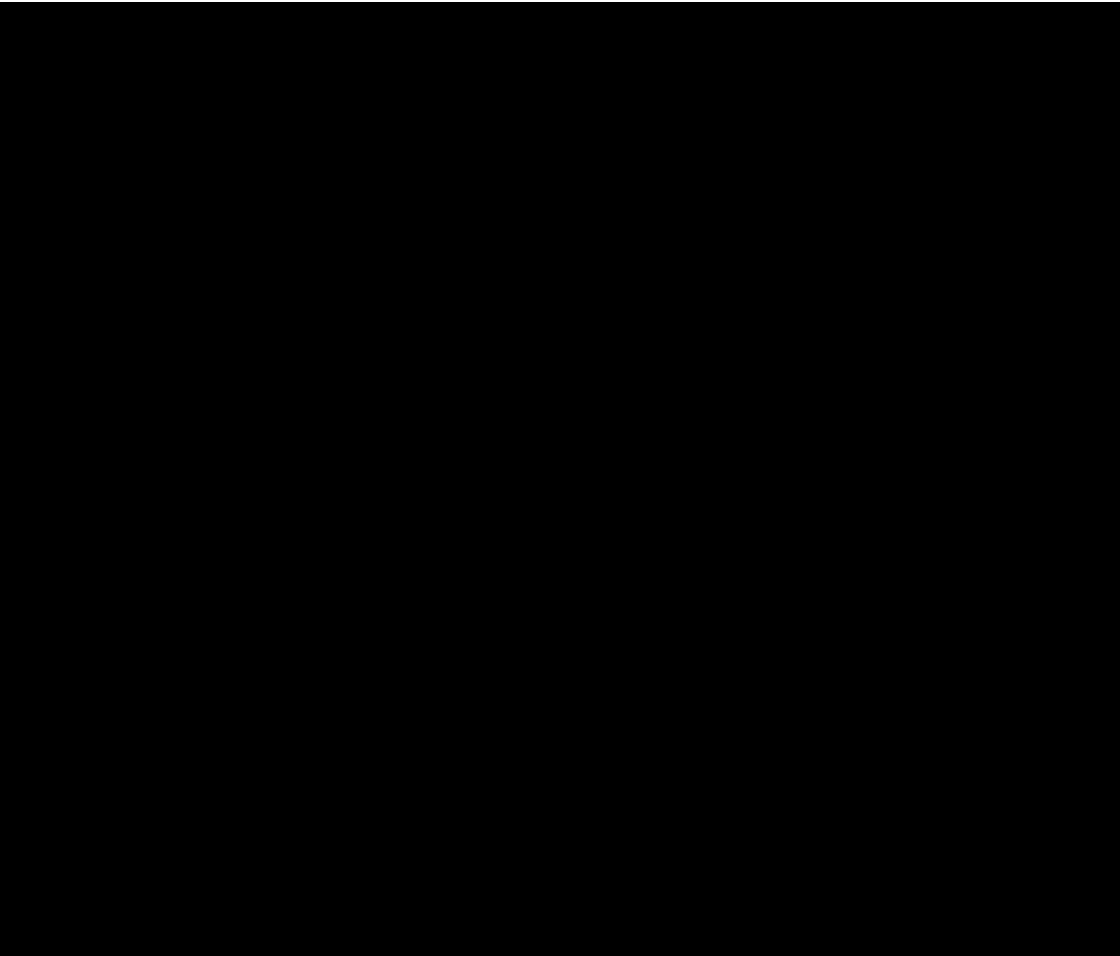
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10. What air services do you think are needed to meet the needs of people living in and visiting the Highland and Islands in the scenarios set out above:
 - a. less demand for air services
 - b. same level of demand for air services
 - c. more demand for air services?
11. Most air services in the Highlands and Islands are delivered on a commercial basis. How can the Scottish Government best work with the private sector to deliver the air services you think are needed?
12. How effective do you think the Air Discount Scheme has been at addressing high airfares?
13. How can the Scottish Government improve the Air Discount Scheme?
14. What do you think about complementing the current operating model with an on demand service, such as air taxi?
15. What do you think about an open charter service?
16. In addition to on demand and open charter services are there any operational models you think could be used? If so, what?

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17. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the operational model set out in the table above?
 18. What changes, if any, do you think should be made to these governance arrangements to improve services?
 19. What changes, if any, do you think should be made to these governance arrangements to reduce running costs?
 20. Do you think the Scottish Government should encourage airlines to offer plane- plus train tickets?

Yes / No / Don't know

21. If yes, how do you think the Scottish Government could best do this?
22. What more, if anything, do you think the Scottish Government can do to help promote efficient and sustainable airfreight transport?
23. What else do you think the Aviation Strategy should try to achieve?