
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	23 September 2021
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Subject:	Ferguson Marine – Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the receipt of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson, countersigned by Councillor Clocherty, relative to Ferguson Marine, submitted in terms of Standing Order 22.
- 1.2 The terms of the Notice of Motion are set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackson.

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Motion to Inverclyde Council – Ferguson Marine

Ferguson Marine have failed in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire stage in their bid to build two lifeline ferries, failing to even make the shortlist.

Despite nationalisation and the Scottish Government taking full control of Ferguson Marine in Port Glasgow, the contract for the two new vessels to serve the islands of Islay and Jura will instead go abroad.

The Scottish Government controlled Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL), which owns Scotland's ferry fleet, have invited four overseas firms to bid for the contract.

As Inverclyde tries to recover from years of industrial decline and Scotland trying to recover from the economic crisis brought on by the pandemic, this decision will see many much needed jobs and investment leave Inverclyde and move abroad.

1. Without the legal constraints of being part of the European Union, and having the power to do so this motion calls for Scottish Government ministers to immediately halt the tender process.
2. To secure the future of the yard, that the Scottish Government directly award the building of these two ferries and all future CalMac Ferry orders to Ferguson's shipyard in Port Glasgow.

Proposed by: Councillor Jackson

Seconded by: Councillor Clocherty