

Elected Member Briefing – Fair Isle Ferry and Infrastructure Replacement Project
– Rock armour remedial works update

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About this Briefing Note

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Subject: *Fair Isle Ferry and Infrastructure Replacement Project – Rock armour remedial works update*

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Purpose

This briefing note provides an update on the Fair Isle Ferry and Infrastructure Replacement Project and specifically updates EMBN 2026-36 regarding the commencement of remedial works to the rock armour breakwater.

Background

The Fair Isle Ferry and Infrastructure Replacement Project entered the delivery phase after the Council approved its Full Business Case in December 2024. This was followed by approval from the Department for Transport and confirmation of funding: £26.7 million from the UK Government, in addition to £18.3 million from the Council.

Key points

EMBN 2026-36 advised that a further update would be provided once a date for the remedial works had been confirmed. This briefing note confirms that remedial works to the rock armour breakwater are scheduled to commence on 13 July 2026, subject to weather conditions.

Overview

1. EMBN 2026-36 advised that the principal item remaining within the defects period was remedial work to the rock armour breakwater to achieve the specified quality standard.

Following ongoing discussions with the Main Contractor, 13 July 2026 has now been confirmed as the anticipated start date for these remedial works, subject to weather conditions.

The Main Contractor will initially establish a segregated work area and relocate the ferry waiting cabin.



Access to the store building for deliveries will be maintained throughout the works.

Following site set-up, excavators and other plant, materials and equipment are expected to arrive on site on 14 or 15 July 2026.

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