

## Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 9 March 2021

### Written question from Sharon Lake of East Cowes:

*"Will the Council confirm that the floating bridge must have very frequent crossings and will guarantee that the floating bridge will have very frequent crossings - as frequent as the six return crossings an hour we were promised in the requirements, like floating bridge 5 had in the 1980s - so that customers will wait the short wait times for the floating bridge, helping the economy?"*

### **Response**

As previously indicated the speed of the crossing is the same as it was during the later stages of operation of FB5. The change in how the vessel is loaded and unloaded was as a result of the MCA informing the Council that it was required to implement segregated embarkation and disembarkation of foot passengers and vehicles This has continued with FB6. FB6 is currently making 4 x return crossings an hour for 15.5 hours per day, 7 days a week.