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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in **CASTLE HOUSE, DUNOON** on **TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2015** at **9:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

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BUSINESS

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - (a) Bute and Cowal Area Committee - 2 December 2014 (Pages 1 - 6)
 - (b) Cowal Transport Forum 23 January 2015 (Pages 7 - 10)
- 4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**
- 5. AREA PLAN SCORECARDS**
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- 6. ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2014 TO 2015 - FQ3**
Report by Roads Performance Manager (Pages 15 - 32)
- 7. COWAL BUS SERVICE**
 - (a) Toward/Glenfinart Service
Report by Public Transport Officer (Pages 33 - 40)
 - (b) Rothesay/Portavadie/Dunoon Service
Verbal update by Public Transport Officer
- 8. SECONDARY SCHOOLS REPORT - DUNOON GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Report by Head Teacher, Dunoon Grammar School (Pages 41 - 56)

9. SENSORY IMPAIRMENT PROGRESS UPDATE

Report by Area Manager – Adult Care (Pages 57 - 62)

10. ROTHESAY HARBOUR

Report by Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transport (Pages 63 - 66)

11. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

The area committee notes with concern that Cllrs Walsh and McQueen voted for the motion at the December 2014 meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee and against Cllr Breslin's motion at the council meeting on 22 January. The area committee also notes with concern the vote against Cllr Breslin's motion by Cllr McNaughton on 22 January.

These votes helped end the much wanted community buy out of Castle Toward.

The area committee also notes the motion of no confidence agreed on Wednesday 14 January 2015 by South Cowal Community Council and endorses that motion, copy below.

South Cowal Community Council no longer has confidence in Cllrs Walsh and McQueen due to their vote on 18 December 2014 at the Policy and Resources Committee that effectively ended the proposed community buy out of Castle Toward. In addition to their opposition to the buyout, Cllr McQueen has never attended a South Cowal Community Council meeting and, since the community buy out was first proposed, Cllr Walsh has rarely attending South Cowal Community Council meetings. Their failure to attend the community council meeting this evening, 14 January 2015, is inexcusable.

It is with regret that the community council feels it necessary to pass this motion of no confidence in Cllrs Walsh and McQueen but enough is enough.

Proposed Michael Breslin
Secunder Bruce Marshall

E1 12. REFURBISHMENT OF RIVERSIDE LEISURE CENTRE PROGRESS UPDATE

Report by Leisure and Youth Services Manager (Pages 67 - 70)

E1 13. KILMUN TOILETS

Report by Estates Surveyor (to follow)

E1 14. SPENCE COURT

Report by Estates Surveyor (to follow)

E1 15. CASTLE LODGE GATE HOUSE

Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services (to follow)

E1 16. QUEENS HALL - CHORD UPDATE

Report by Regeneration Project Manager (Pages 71 - 160)

E1 17. WOODEN PIER - PROJECT UPDATE

Report by Regeneration Project Manager (Pages 161 - 214)

The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(a)94) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an “E” on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraphs are:-

E1 Paragraph 8 The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services; and

E1 Paragraph 9 Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Michael Breslin
Councillor Robert Macintyre (Chair)	Councillor Bruce Marshall
Councillor Alex McNaughton (Vice-Chair)	
Councillor James McQueen	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Isobel Strong	Councillor Dick Walsh

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**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in EAGLESHAM HOUSE
on TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2014**

Present: Councillor Robert E Macintyre (Chair)

Councillor Michael Breslin	Councillor Bruce Marshall
Councillor Alex McNaughton	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Isobel Strong	Councillor Dick Walsh

Attending: David Clements, Improvement and Organisational Development Programme Manager
Stewart Clark, Contracts Manager
Jayne Lawrence-Winch, Area Manager – Adult Care
John Gordon, CHORD Dunoon Regeneration Project Manager
Max Barr, B&C Caucus
Iain McNaughton, B&C Caucus
Colin Campbell, Dunoon Observer
Allen Stevenson, Integration Project Manager
Helen Ford, Project Manager, Helensburgh CHORD
Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated from:

Councillor Jimmy McQueen
Councillor Gordon Blair

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

(a) **BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE - 7 OCTOBER 2014**

The minute of the meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee of 7th October 2014 was approved as a correct record.

(b) **COWAL GAMES PARTNERSHIP 4 NOVEMBER 2014**

The minute of the meeting of the Cowal Games Partnership of 4th November 2014 was noted.

(c) **DUNOON COMMON GOOD FUND 4 NOVEMBER 2014**

The minute of the meeting of the Dunoon Common Good Fund of 4th November 2014 was noted.

(d) **COWAL COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM 10 NOVEMBER 2014**

The minute of the meeting of the Cowal Community Safety Forum of 10th November 2014 was noted.

(e) **FORWARD DUNOON AND COWAL - 10 NOVEMBER 2014**

The minute of the meeting of Forward Dunoon and Cowal of 10th November 2014 was noted.

(f) **BUTE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 14 NOVEMBER 2014**

The minute of the meeting of the Bute Community Safety Forum of 14th November 2014 was noted.

4. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

There were no questions asked.

5. ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2014 TO 2015 - FQ2

The Roads Performance Manager provided a report following on from the report he previously presented at the October Area Committee, containing information on road maintenance revenue activities being delivered in 2014/2015.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Roads Performance Manager dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

6. GUILDFORD SQUARE PARKING CHARGES

The Traffic and Development officer provided the Committee with a verbal update on the progress made in regards to the Guildford Square Parking Charges and the implementation of a charging policy.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the Contents of the Report.
2. Noted that a written report would come to the January Business Day for Member's consideration.

7. OLDER PEOPLE'S CARE AT HOME SERVICE UPDATE

A report updating the Committee on the findings of the continuing quarterly evaluation of the Care at Home provision within the Bute and Cowal area was considered.

The Area Manager for Adult Care updated the Committee on the current services being provided to people at home in the Bute and Cowal Area with a statistical target breakdown.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the report and the verbal update by the Area Manager for Adult Care.
2. A presentation would come to the January Business Day on the work that IRISS is doing.

(Ref: Report by Area Manager, Adult Care dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

8. AREA SCORECARD FQ2 UPDATE

The Committee considered a report which presented the Area Scorecard with performance for financial quarter 2 of 2014-15 (July to September 2014).

Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the report.
2. Noted that a further report would come to the February Area Committee showing the new reporting layout for Scorecards.

(Ref: Report by IOD Programme Manager dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

9. INTEGRATION HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Project Manager for Integration presented a report updating the Committee on the current position of the implementation of the new Health and Social Care Partnership, advising members on the staff events that had taken place across Argyll and Bute and the community events that were currently taking place.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Project Manager – Integration dated 2nd December, submitted).

10. SUSTRANS COMMUNITY LINKS FUNDING - DUNOON ESPLANADE UPGRADES

The Transport Planning Manager provided a report detailing funding available for proposed upgrades to the Dunoon Esplanade area.

Members and a member of the public noted their understanding that this project had expected to be implemented in the West Bay first.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendation in the report, approving officers to proceed with the project.

(Ref: Report by Transport Planning Manager, dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

11. ANNUAL CHARITY REPORTS

A report detailing the estimated funding available and proposals on the distribution of that funding for the charities and trust fund in the Bute and Cowal area for 2014-2015 was considered.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the report.
2. For funds to be looked at for updating or distributing to other charities. This was motioned by Councillor Strong and seconded by Councillor Breslin.

(Ref: Report by Accountant, Chief Executives Unit date 2nd December, submitted).

12. MEETING DATES FOR 2015

The Area Committee Manager provided members with a draft report outlining the proposed new meeting dates for 2015/2016 for consideration.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the report and agreed to the new timetable of proposed
2. The Committee agreed that Area Community Planning Group meetings should take place on second Tuesday of May, August and November of 2015, and on the second Tuesday of February 2016.

(Ref: Report by Area Committee Manager dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8&9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

13. ROTHESAY/PORTAVADIE/DUNOON BUS SERVICE

The Public Transport Officer presented a report which provided details of school and public transport issues within the Bute and Cowal Area with suggested alternative times and routes for Members consideration.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the report.
2. Members agreed to delegate this item to Councillor McNaughton and Councillor MacIntyre for consultation, then brought to the Policy and Resources Committee.
3. Noted that a further report providing an update to come to the February Area Committee.

(Ref: Report by Public Transport Officer dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

14. ROTHESAY HARBOUR

An update on Rothesay Harbour by the Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation was considered. Members discussed the current arrangements for the Harbour Board and liability for decisions.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the update.
2. A written report would come to the Area Committee after discussion by the Policy and Resources Committee.

15. ROTHESAY PAVILION PROGRESS UPDATE

A report providing an update on the significant progress that has been made in the development of the Rothesay Pavillion CHORD project over the six months from June – November 2014 was considered. Reference was made in particular to the new HIE Development Officer who will take up post in January 2015. It was noted that listed building consent had been approved and overall the project

is making steady progress.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Firth Heritage dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

16. CASTLE LODGE GATE HOUSE

The Contracts Manager provided the Committee with a verbal update on the sale of Castle Lodge Gate House, Specifying that two offers had been made but both were felt to be too low at this point.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the contents of the verbal update.
2. Members requested that this to be brought back to January Business Day in report format.

17. LIGHTING

Councillor Robert Macintyre left the meeting and Councillor Alex McNaughton took the Chair.

(a) LIGHTING AT SANDBANK PLAYPARK

A report addressing both agenda Item 17 (a) and 17 (b) was provided by the Head of Roads and Amenity Services for consideration.

The report summarised two site meetings that had recently taken place between Elected Members and Officers. The report also set out the next steps proposed relating to the Sandbank Playpark and set out possible options for Broxwood depot.

The Area Committee Manager on behalf of Councillor Blair expressed thanks to Jim Smith and his team in regards to this matter.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Head of Roads and Amenity Services dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

Councillor Robert Macintyre returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

(b) LIGHTING COLUMNS AT BROXWOOD

This agenda item was taken at agenda item 17. (a) in a joint report.

18. QUEENS HALL

(a) PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATE

The regeneration Project Manager presented the second in the series of bi-monthly reports which provided an update on the property acquisitions relating to the Queen's Hall Redevelopment.

Decision

The Committee noted the report

(Ref: Report by Regeneration Project Manager dated 2nd December 2014, submitted).

(b) **STAGE E PROJECT UPDATE**

The redevelopment Project Manager presented a report which provided an update on the project's status following the conclusion of stage E (technical design) of the plan of work.

Decision

1. The Committee noted the report.
2. A further report to come to January Business Day providing an update on the end of the stage E section of the project.

(Ref: Report by Regeneration Project Manager dated 2nd December, submitted).

**MINUTES of MEETING of COWAL TRANSPORT FORUM held in the CASTLE HOUSE,
DUNOON
on FRIDAY, 23 JANUARY 2015**

Present: Councillor Alex McNaughton (Chair)

Sean Clemie	Transport Scotland
Eleanor Stevenson	South Cowal Community Council
Fulton McInnes	Hunter's Quay Community Council
Iain McInnes	Lochgoil Community Council
Gordon Ross	Western Ferries
Archie Reid	Strachur Community Council
Stephen Tong	UPM Tilhill
Gordon Forrester	Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park

Attending: Lorna Elliot Community Governance Manager
Paul Farrell Engineer/Technical Officer
Martin Arnold Community Transport Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated from:

David Lees, McGills Bus Service

2. MINUTES

The minute of the meeting of the Transport Forum 5th September 2014 was approved as a correct record subject to changes to Items 3 & 4 of the minute submitted by Iain McInnes and agreed by the Forum.

3. TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

Sean Clemie from Transport Scotland updated the Forum on the following points:

- Work to the A83 will continue to progress over the next few months including the tying back of the boulder.
- Sean took the Forum through the large landslide that occurred on the 28th October 2014, informing the group that a large portion of the boulder was caught by the netting but due to the severity of the landslide the boulder did come over the net causing the road to be closed and the old military road to be brought into use, he informed the group that feedback from this exercise had been positive.
- Iain McInnes thanked Sean and Transport Scotland for the improvements that had been made to the Rest and Be Thankful so far.
- Signage – A discussion took place regarding the ongoing issues around appropriate signage. Iain MacInnes raised specifically the

lack of signage at Strachur and Lochgoilhead alerting road users to issues on the A83 and alternative routes. He also raised a question to Transport Scotland and the Roads department as to why Cardross has a variable sign in place and one is not available for Lochgoilhead.

- Paul Farrell informed the group that he is currently waiting for a sign to be delivered by Transport Scotland which will be placed in St Catherines.
- Gordon Ross raised a concern relating to the length of time it is taking for appropriate signage to be erected.
- Paul Farrell informed the group that there is a programme currently running to clean up existing signs.

Actions

1. Iain MacInnes asked Argyll and Bute Council along with Transport Scotland to look again at the signage and the individual unsolved issues.
2. Paul Farrell to update Gordon Ross on his requested sign.
3. Councillor Alex McNaughton to raise with Jim Smith that there is a current lack of communication.

4. A83 TURNING CIRCLE UPDATE

Martin Arnold updated the Forum on the A83 turning circle, and advised that they were successful in their bid securing £250,000 and were currently applying to the Capital Grant fund for the remaining £125,000 which will then allow them to start works, with an estimated start date of March or April 2015.

Action

Martin Arnold will ask Douglas Blades for accurate timescales for the project and feedback to the Forum.

5. BUS ISSUES

Carrick Castle Bus Service

The Community Transport Officer gave a verbal update specifically relating to the issues surrounding the current timetable and service being provided to Carrick and surrounding areas.

Councillor McNaughton raised the issue that there is no longer a bus service in operation to Carrick after lunchtime which is causing problems for local residents.

Martin Arnold suggested that one idea that had been provisionally discussed was consulting the Community Council to see if they would be interested in using the community mini bus to provide this service but it would need to be looked at in further detail before discussions could take place.

Action

Martin Arnold to keep Iain MacInnes informed of the progress of this idea.

Other Bus Issues

The Community Transport Officer and members of the Forum held a discussion in relation to any other bus issues that are currently affecting the community which included service 480 Toward to Ardentinny, Martin Arnold updated the group on a paper that is going to February Area Committee proposing that the route is slightly altered to include a loop of Argyll Street before it continues it's route to Toward, Eleanor Stevenson thought that this would be very well received by local residents. Service 80 Hunters Quay was also discussed outlining that this service has been reduced and no longer provides a half hourly service.

6. FERRIES UPDATE

Argyll Ferries

A representative from Argyll Ferries was not present at the meeting, so no update was provided.

Western Ferries

Gordon Ross from Western Ferries gave a verbal update on the current running of the service, reporting no current issues and noting that the Mobile App that is available to alert travellers of disruptions is working well and reducing the number of phone calls to the office.

7. TIMBER EXTRACTION THROUGH GLEN MHOR

Stephen Tong from UPM Tilhill took the Forum through a briefing which provided an overview of the current arrangements for timber extraction through Gleann Mor with the following noted:

- That 3500 tons of Timber has been extracted from the harvesting site in Gleann Mor and that the site will now remain relatively quiet for the next two years before starting to harvest again from the site.
- A trial was conducted which involved hauling material out through the B828 using a CTI equipped vehicle. The trial was thought to be successful and minimised the distance travelled on the main roads B828 and B839.
- Iain MacInnes informed the Forum that there had been no complaints from the community during the process.

Other Areas in Cowal

Carrick – Steven Tong informed the group that there is potential for the landing site to be put in this year.

Ormidale – Grant funding is being accessed to allow for improvements to the road which will help prevent lorries going through Tighnabruaich as this is an issue for residents.

Opening of B836 to timber transport – Paul Farrell informed the group that this would be imminent and a point was raised from the group that given that parts of this road remain single track there will be scope for disruption.

8. AOCB

Transport Forum Membership

Councillor Alex McNaughton invited the Forums views on:

1. Expanding the membership list of the Forum
2. Inviting Guest speakers that have links to the Transport industry to provide a presentation to the group.
3. To invite a sixth year from Dunoon Grammar School to sit on the Forum.

This was discussed by the group but no action was agreed at this point.

Community Planning Partnership

The Community Governance Manager asked the Forum to nominate a representative who would sit on the Community Planning Group membership and in particular invited interest from private sector representatives.

Outcome

Members of the Forum to have a think in regards to becoming a member of the local Community Planning Partnership and then contact the Community Governance Manager if they require any further information or want to show an interest in becoming a member.

Other AOCB

Fulton McInnes raised an issue in regards to Item 2 of the minute 5th September 2014, that there was still an outstanding action in regards to drafting a letter to the Police. The Community Governance Manager agreed to action this and also invite Police Scotland to attend the next Transport Forum in March.

Actions

1. Letter to be drafted to Police Scotland regarding the overflow of traffic onto the road from the car park at Western Ferries.
2. An action mandate to accompany the minutes to be produced.
3. Paul Farrell to look into the current gritter situation and get back to Iain MacInnes.
4. Invite John Gordon from the CHORD project to give an update to the Forum in regards to the progress of the Queens Hall and Wooden Pier works.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Cowal Transport Forum will be held on Friday 27th March 2015 at 10am in Castle House, Dunoon

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE and COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE

CUSTOMER SERVICES

3rd FEBRUARY 2015

IMPROVEMENTS TO AREA SCORECARD

1 Background

The Area Committee has reviewed performance through their bespoke Area scorecard since it was developed during 2011-12. This paper presents a proposal to improve the Bute and Cowal Area scorecard.

2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Committee adopts the attached improvements to their current Area scorecard.

3 Detail

The Bute and Cowal Area scorecard has a small number of measures that need updating in line with improved Service performance management in the Planning Service. Additionally, with the advent of the Health & Social Care Integration, the Area Committee could benefit from increased performance information across the Social Work function.

A small number of additional changes are proposed including the removal of community resilience planning (removed to Local Community Planning Group scorecard). The 'exceptions' box has been removed to give a simpler overall look to the scorecard.

The scorecard can be viewed on a mobile device using the innovative yellow button. This allows users to view the scorecard in four sections, allowing greater clarity.

Attached are the full details of all proposed changes along with the current and proposed improved scorecards.

Jane Fowler
Head of Improvement and HR

For further information, please contact:
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Bute & Cowal Area Committee

Proposed Area scorecard improvements

Environment

Add

- number of complaints ref. waste collection – (a) Bute (b) Cowal

Economy

Remove

- local (excl HH) planning applications: % processed in 2 months
- ACHA data – no data available (remove to CPP Area scorecard)

Add

- average number of weeks to determine all local planning applications
- % of pre-application enquiries processed in 20 working days

Roads & Street Lighting

Remove

- % road network to be considered for maintenance (only available annually *and* at A&B level)

Adult Care

Remove

- number of substance misuse care assessments outstanding 21 days.

Add

- number of delayed discharge clients awaiting admission to a care home – in year
- number of clients receiving a learning disability service
- number of clients receiving a mental health service

Children & Families

Add

- number of Looked After Children accommodated outwith Argyll and Bute
- number of children affected by disability receiving a service

Community Resilience

Remove

- both measures (remove to CPP Area scorecard)

Mobile Device View

Environment	Target	Bute & Cowal	Council
Car Parking income to date - B&C	£ 71,117	£ 30,183 R ↑	£ 561,088
Dog fouling - number of complaints B&C	27	35 R ↓	68
Dog fouling - number of fines issued B&C	1	1 ↓	1
LEAMS - B&C Cowal	73	77 G ↓	79
LEAMS - B&C Bute	73	81 G ↑	

Economy	Target	Bute and Cowal	Council
All Local Planning Apps: % processed in 2 months in B&C	70.0 %	79.3 % G ↑	77.6 %
Householder Planning Apps: % processed in 2 months in B&C	90.0 %	100.0 % G ↑	94.9 %
Local (excl HH) Planning Apps: % processed in 2 months in B&C	70.0 %	67.6 % R ↑	69.6 %
CC1 Affordable social sector new builds - B&C	0	0 G →	67
* ACHA - currently no ACHA data in Pyramid *			

Education	Target	Bute & Cowal	Council
% positive destinations <small>Dunoon Grammar ACY 12/13</small>		93 % ↑	92.4 %
% positive destinations <small>Rothesay Academy ACY 12/13</small>		94 % ↑	
HMIE positive School Evaluations - B&C Sec		100 % →	100 %
% 5+ SCQF level 6 <small>Dunoon Grammar ACY 13/14</small>	0.00 %	13.61 % G ↑	13 %
% 5+ SCQF level 6 <small>Rothesay Academy ACY 13/14</small>	0.00 %	7.41 % G ↓	
School % unauthorised absence <small>Dunoon Grammar</small>		2.7 % ↓	1.3 %
School % unauthorised absence <small>Rothesay Academy</small>		1.7 % ↓	

Roads	Target	Bute & Cowal	Council
% road network to be considered for maintenance - SRMCS Red <small>A&B - no area data available</small>	20.0 %		
% road area resurfaced/reconstructed - B&C	1.83 %	2.13 % G ↑	1.95 %
% road area surface treated - B&C	1.86 %	2.07 % G ↓	2.02 %
% Cat 1 road defects repaired timeously - B&C	90 %	100 % G →	96.0 %
Street lighting - % B&C faults repaired within 7 days	88 %	98 % G ↑	94 %

Adult Care	Target	Bute and Cowal	Council
B&C - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community - In Year	80.0 %	94.6 % G ↑	88.1 %
B&C - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community	80.0 %	78.5 % R ↑	76 %
B&C - Number of SM Clients	111	111 ↑	407
B&C - No of SM Care Assessments outstanding >21 Days	0	7 R ↓	8

Children and Families	Target	Bute and Cowal	Council
CA12 B&C - Total No LAAC		46 ↓	114
CA25 B&C - % Reviews of LAAC Convened within Timescales	100 %	100 % G →	100 %
CP5 B&C - No of Children on CPR		4 ↑	18
CP16a B&C - No of Children on CPR with a completed CP plan		4 ↑	13

Community Resilience	Target	Bute & Cowal	Council
B&C % community councils with emergency plan	80 %	67 % R →	
B&C % community councils developing an emergency plan			

Environment

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LEAMS - B&C Bute	73	81 G ↑	
No of Complaints ref Waste Collection - B&C Bute	0	0 →	2
No of Complaints ref Waste Collection - B&C Cowal	0	0 →	

NEW

NEW

Economy

	Target	Bute and Cowal	Council
% of Pre-App Enquiries Processed in 20 working days in B&C	75.0 %	74.1 % R ↓	78.5 %
Householder Planning Apps: % processed in 2 months in B&C	90.0 %	100.0 % G ↑	94.9 %
NEW All Local Planning Apps: Ave no of Weeks to Determine - B&C	12.0 Weeks	8.4 Weeks G ↑	10.6 Weeks
CC1 Affordable social sector new builds - B&C	0	0 G →	67

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% 5+ SCQF level 6 Dunoon Grammar ACY 13/14	0.00 %	13.61 % G ↑	13 %
% 5+ SCQF level 6 Rothesay Academy ACY 13/14	0.00 %	7.41 % G ↓	
School % unauthorised absence Dunoon Grammar		2.7 % ↓	1.3 %
School % unauthorised absence Rothesay Academy		1.7 % ↓	

Roads & Street Lighting

	Target	Bute & Cowal	Council
% road area resurfaced/reconstructed - B&C	1.83 %	2.13 % G ↑	1.95 %
% road area surface treated - B&C	1.86 %	2.07 % G ↓	2.02 %
% Cat 1 road defects repaired timeously - B&C	90 %	100 % G →	96.0 %
Street lighting - % B&C faults repaired within 7 days	88 %	98 % G ↑	94 %

Adult Care

	Target	Bute and Cowal	Council
B&C - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community - In Year	80.0 %	94.6 % G ↑	88.1 %
B&C - % of Older People receiving Care in the Community	80.0 %	78.5 % R ↑	76 %
B&C - Delayed Discharges awaiting Admission to a Care Home - In Year		2 ↑	10
B&C - Number of SM Clients		111 ↑	407
B&C - No of LD Cases		102 →	364
B&C - Total no of MH Clients		98 ↓	257

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Children and Families

	Target	Bute and Cowal	Council
CA12 B&C - Total No LAAC		46 ↓	114
NEW CA17 B&C - No of External LAAC		2 ↓	9
CA25 B&C - % Reviews of LAAC Convened within Timescales	100 %	100 % G →	100 %
CP5 B&C - No of Children on CPR		4 ↑	18
CP16a B&C - No of Children on CPR with a completed CP plan		4 ↑	13
NEW CABD53 B&C - Open Cases - children with disability		26 →	119

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**Bute and Cowal Area Committee****DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES****3 FEBRUARY 2015**

ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2014 TO 2015 – 3RD QUARTER UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The main purpose of this report is to advise Members of the roads revenue budget position for the 3rd Quarter of financial year 2014/15.

The overall roads maintenance budget for the 2014/15 year (excluding winter maintenance and coastal protection) is £4,145,227. Spend at the end of the third quarter of the financial year is £3,133,803; this equates to a 76% spend, with 24% remaining for the last quarter of the financial year.

Spend to date in Bute and Cowal is £640,085 against an overall budget for the Area of £871,752 i.e. 73% spend to date.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes this report.

ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2014 TO 2015 – 3rd QUARTER UPDATE

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report is the third of four reports which will provide Members with information on road maintenance revenue activities being delivered in 2014/15.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee notes this report.

4.0 DETAILS

4.1 Members were presented with four reports for each quarter of the 2013 to 2014 financial year which provided information on the roads maintenance revenue budget. This third, of four reports in the series, provides financial information on roads maintenance spend for the third quarter of the 2014 to 2015 financial year.

4.2 The table at Appendix 1a) provides details of spend in the Bute and Cowal Area. Actual costs to date are provided, along with spend for the 2nd and 3rd quarters, to allow comparisons to be made between the two periods. This table indicates that, for an overall budget for the Area of £871,752, spend to date is £640,085 i.e. 73% spend to date. Appendix 1b), indicates the overall roads revenue maintenance budget for each area; the total roads maintenance budget for the 2014/15 year (excluding winter maintenance and coastal protection) is £4,145,227 as indicated in the table.

4.3 Appendix 1c) provides information on percentage spend for all areas. The spend for Cowal is currently at 64% whilst the Bute spend is 100% spend. Overall, the spend sits comfortably at 73%. Clearly, funding will require to be transferred from the Cowal budget to the Bute budget – the figure for transfer is £50,000 to ensure that revenue maintenance commitments on the island can be met. The capital allocation this financial year is £357,000 for Bute and £1,008,000 for Cowal. This split is based on need, as identified by the prioritisation system. The level of capital investment in Cowal also enabled a contribution from the Timber Transport Group of some £800,000 which has enabled a significant upgrade of the trans-Cowal Glen Lean route, benefiting both Bute and Cowal residents/business who travel between Bute and Dunoon. The additional capital spend on Cowal has removed the need for some reactive maintenance funding allowing a nominal revenue transfer to be made to Bute from the Cowal budget.

4.4 In Appendix 1d) the budget spent for each activity has been divided by the estimated unit rate for that activity to give the amount of work that would be expected to have been achieved within that budget spend. In future, actual quantities of works carried out in each area will be correlated with costs to provide average unit rates for each area.

- 4.5 Appendix 1e) shows graphically how some of the main work activities have progressed in the first quarter of the year in financial terms. Budget profiles are set for each budget line and are used to manage actual expenditure against available budget. Graphs show 'target' spend versus 'actual and re-profiled' spend. The last two graphs indicate the overall position.
- 4.6 Members are reminded that the Roads Operations Budget is proposed in line with the Roads Maintenance and Management Strategy and the Roads Maintenance and Asset Management Plan (RAMP). As Members are aware, the available revenue budget is currently insufficient to allow all of the required works to be fully undertaken at the level of maintenance activity identified in the RAMP. Roads revenue expenditure is closely monitored by separating types of work into different 'activities'. This report is based upon financial information which has been collated through the 'Total' costing system. Winter maintenance and coastal protection costs have been excluded from this report.

5.0 CONCLUSION

This report provides Members with a financial update on the roads revenue maintenance budget for the third quarter of the financial year 2014 to 2015. It indicates an average spend of 73% in the Bute and Cowal Area at the end of the third quarter. Further quarterly reports will continue to be presented to Members at future Area Committees.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 6.1 | Policy | Works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Plan. |
| 6.2 | Financial | The available Roads revenue budget is below that required in terms of the RAMP. |
| 6.3 | Legal | None |
| 6.4 | HR | Roads revenue maintenance works are delivered by both Roads Operations and Amenity Operatives. |
| 6.5 | Equalities | None |
| 6.6 | Risk | Deterioration of road network if budget not spent effectively. |
| 6.7 | Customer Services | Maintains service level commitment set out in Service Plan. |

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1a – Actual spend to date – Bute and Cowal Area.

Appendix 1b – Overall Budget – All Areas.

Appendix 1c – Percentage Spend – All Areas.

Appendix 1d – Estimated quantity of works carried out.

Appendix 1e – Graphs

APPENDICES

BUTE AND COWAL – COSTS TO DATE Q3

Activity Description	2014 / 15 Budgets	Costs at end of Q2	Costs at end of Q3	Remaining Budget
Patching	£297,000	£136,556	£145,586	£151,414
Potholing	£68,000	£42,376	£55,506	£12,494
Bridges	£0	£0	£0	£0
Cattle Grids	£0	£0	£38	-£38
Footways/Kerbs	£48,000	£25,075	£31,343	£16,657
Remedial Earthworks	£0	£668	£1,129	-£1,129
Drainage/Culverts	£20,000	£41,077	£53,762	-£33,762
Drainage/Ditches	£98,000	£9,082	£31,115	£66,885
Scrub/Tree Maintenance	£28,000	£16,640	£39,236	-£11,236
Roads Markings/Studs	£32,500	£35,600	£42,355	-£9,855
Boundary Fences/Walls	£0	£4,026	£6,525	-£6,525
Traffic Signs	£13,500	£18,480	£20,593	-£7,093
Vehicle Safety Fence	£2,352	£1,196	£1,739	£613
Street Name Plates	£900	£0	£0	£900
Sweeping and Cleaning	£0	£839	£884	-£884
Emergency Incidents	£9,000	£3,093	£10,844	-£1,844
Summer Standby	£13,000	£9,310	£11,181	£1,819
Roads	£630,252	£344,018	£451,836	£178,416
Grass Cutting	£43,500	£18,670	£47,209	-£3,709
Weed Spraying	£12,000	£0	£15,048	-£3,048
Amenity	£55,500	£18,670	£62,257	-£6,757
Road Master	£132,000	£35,609	£46,141	£85,859
Gully Emptying	£54,000	£64,604	£79,851	-£25,851
Fleet	£186,000	£100,213	£125,992	£60,008
	£871,752	£462,901	£640,085	£231,667

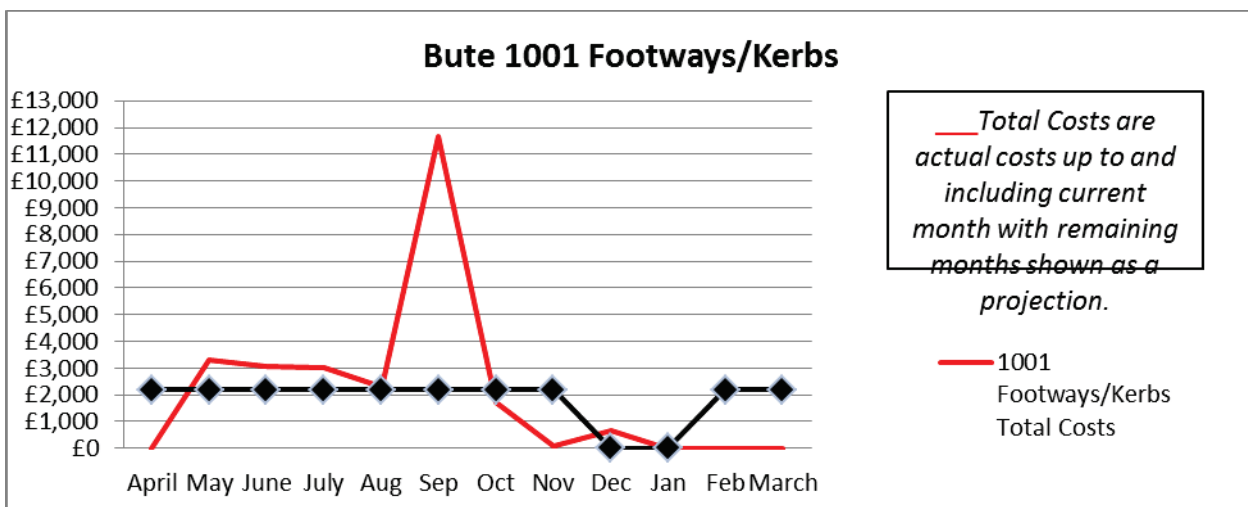
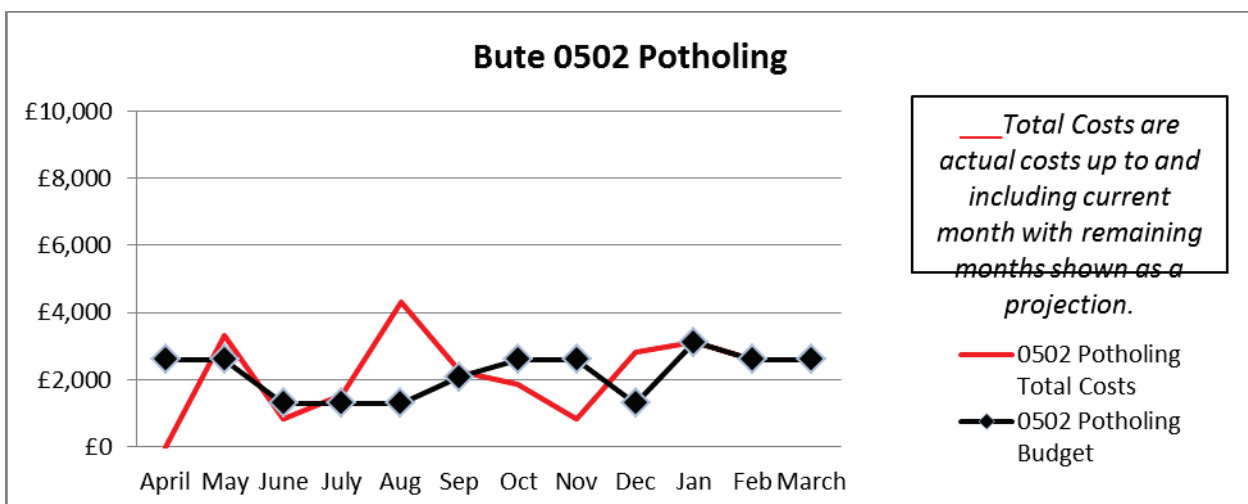
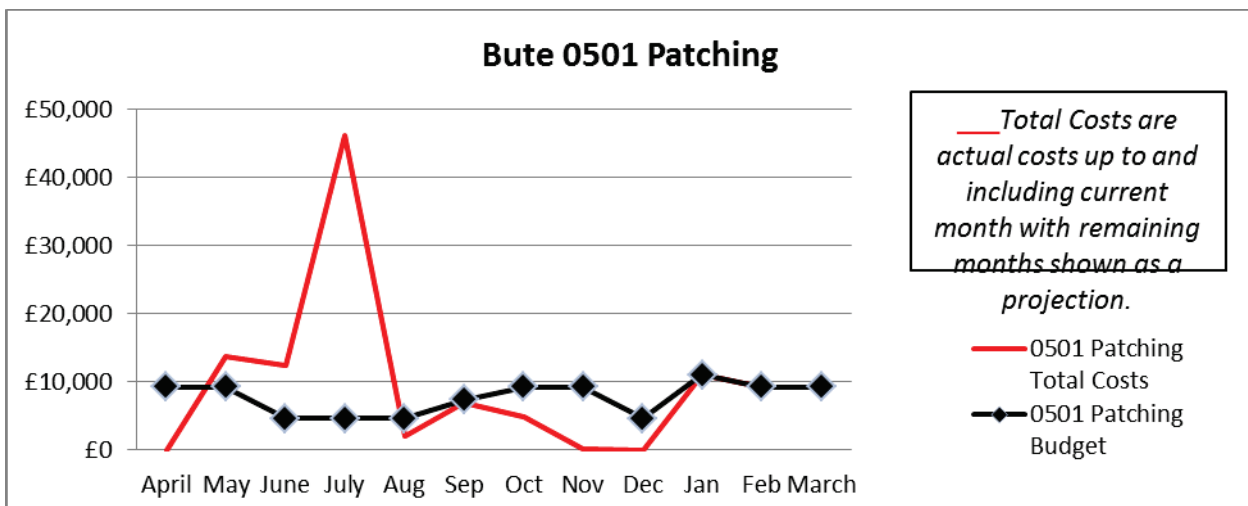
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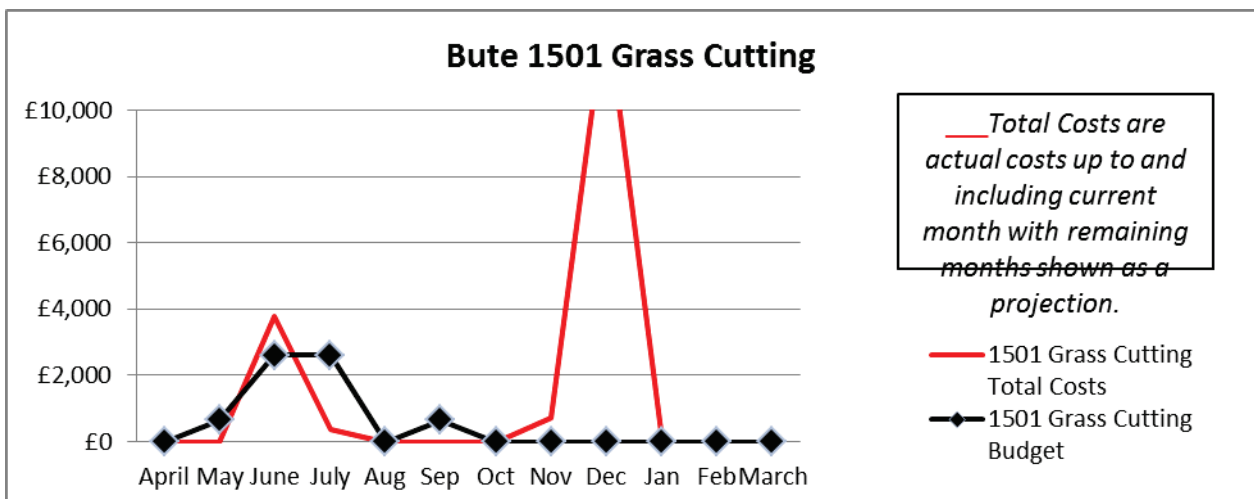
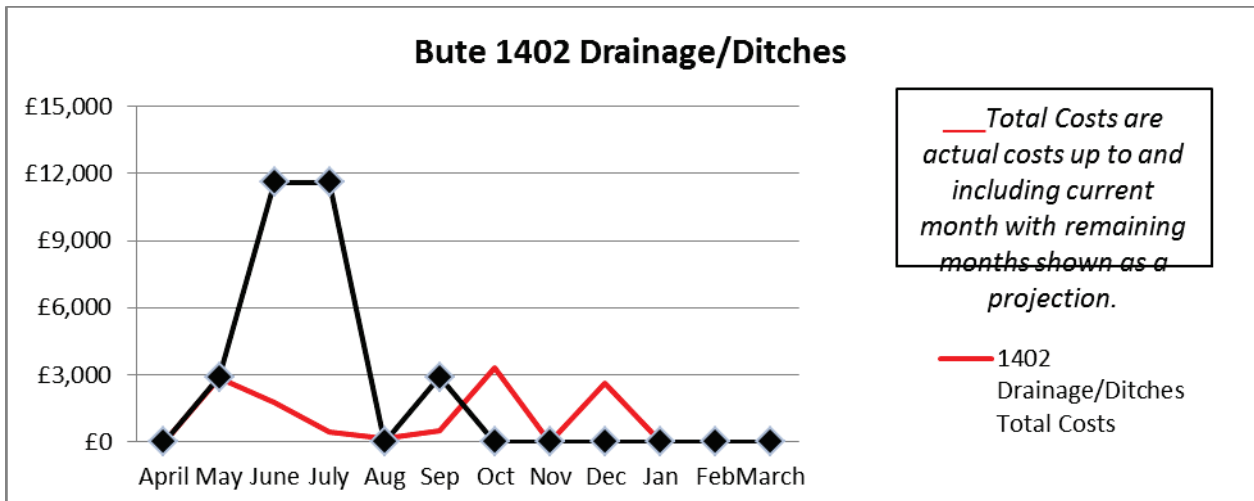
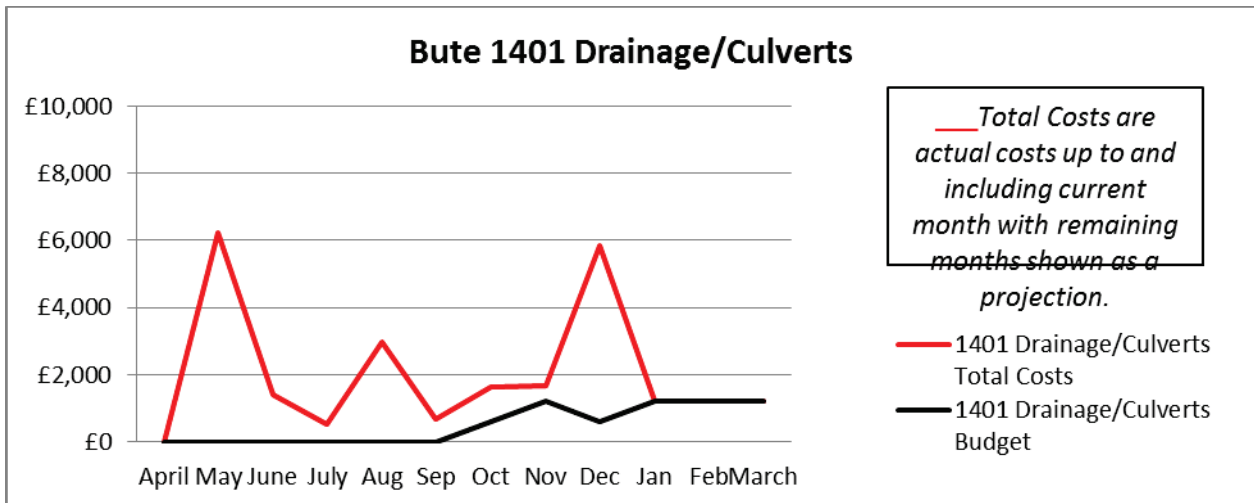
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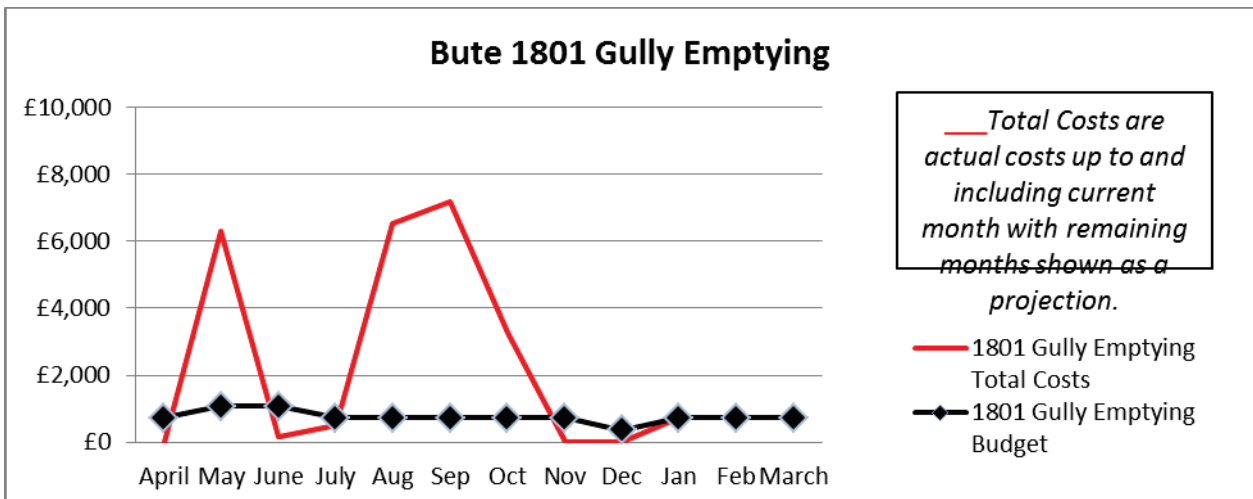
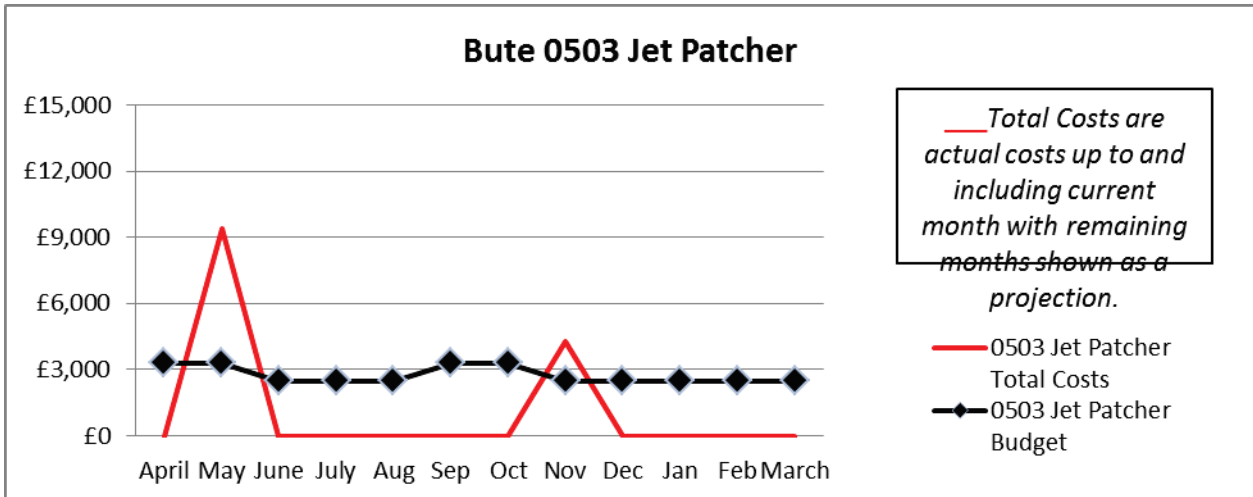
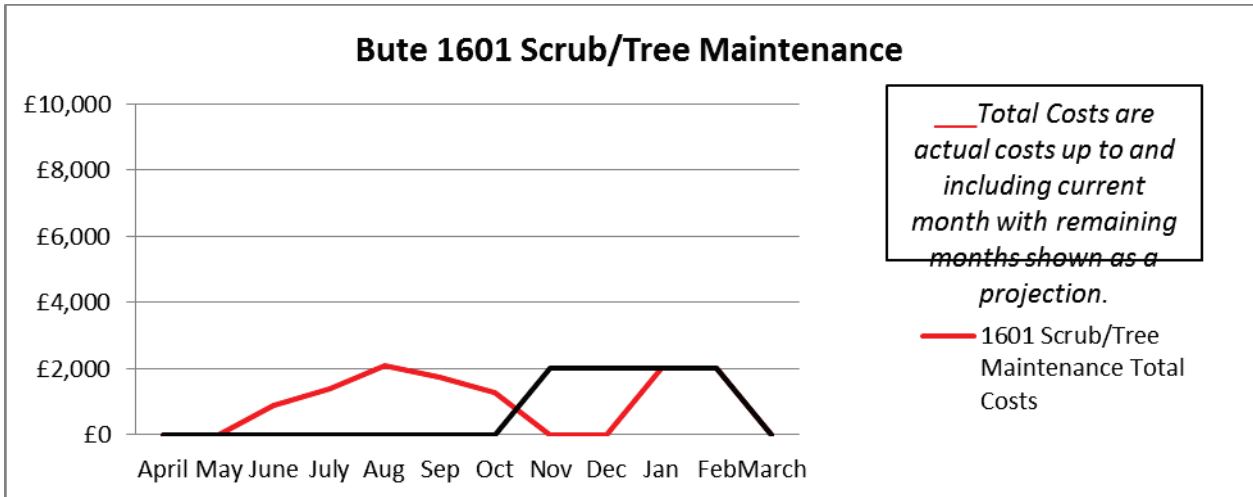
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0501	Patching	130,000	140,000	60,000	330,000	179,000	88,000	267,000	92,000	205,000	297,000	214,875		1,108,875
0502	Potholing	28,000	26,000	118,000	172,000	172,000	86,000	258,000	26,000	42,000	68,000	55,000		553,000
0701	Bridges				0			0			0		225,000	225,000
0801	Cattle Grids				0			0			0		30,000	30,000
1001	Footways/Kerbs	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500	4,500	3,000	7,500	22,000	26,000	48,000	29,000		92,000
1401	Drainage/Culverts	9,000	17,000	18,000	44,000	54,000	20,000	74,000	6,000	14,000	20,000	63,000		201,000
1402	Drainage/Ditches	43,000	45,000	66,000	154,000	91,000	58,000	149,000	29,000	69,000	98,000	72,000		473,000
1601	Scrub/Tree Maintenance	12,000	12,000	12,000	36,000	22,000	9,000	31,000	8,000	20,000	28,000	26,000		121,000
1701	Roads Markings/Studs	6,500	14,000	14,000	34,500	19,000		19,000	4,500	28,000	32,500	24,000		110,000
2201	Traffic Signals				0			0			0		30,000	30,000
2301	Traffic Signs	6,000	6,000	6,000	18,000	18,000	23,000	41,000	4,500	9,000	13,500	10,000		82,500
2311	Illuminated Bollards				0			0			0		5,000	5,000
2401	Vehicle Safety Fence	8,500	1,000	1,000	10,500	2,000	1,000	3,000	852	1,500	2,352	1,500		17,352
2411	Street Name Plates	400	400	400	1,200	700	500	1,200		900	900	700		4,000
3201	Emergency Incidents	4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000	12,000	5,000	17,000		9,000	9,000	7,000		45,000
3202	Summer Standby	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000	7,000	5,000	12,000		13,000	13,000	19,000	13,000	78,000
	Roads	256,900	274,900	308,900	840,700	581,200	298,500	879,700	192,852	437,400	630,252	522,075	303,000	3,175,727
1501	Grass Cutting	23,000	23,000	23,000	69,000	42,000	18,000	60,000	6,500	37,000	43,500	44,000		216,500
1503	Weed Spraying	4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000	14,000	6,000	20,000	8,000	4,000	12,000	20,000		64,000
	Amenity	27,000	27,000	27,000	81,000	56,000	24,000	80,000	14,500	41,000	55,500	64,000	0	280,500
0503	Road Master	82,000	61,000	47,000	190,000	56,000	93,000	149,000	33,000	99,000	132,000	52,000		523,000
1801	Gully Emptying	13,000	13,000	3,500	29,500	38,000	3,500	41,500	9,000	45,000	54,000	41,000		166,000
	Fleet	95,000	74,000	50,500	219,500	94,000	96,500	190,500	42,000	144,000	186,000	93,000	0	689,000
		378,900	375,900	386,400	1,141,200	731,200	419,000	1,150,200	249,352	622,400	871,752	679,075	303,000	4,145,227

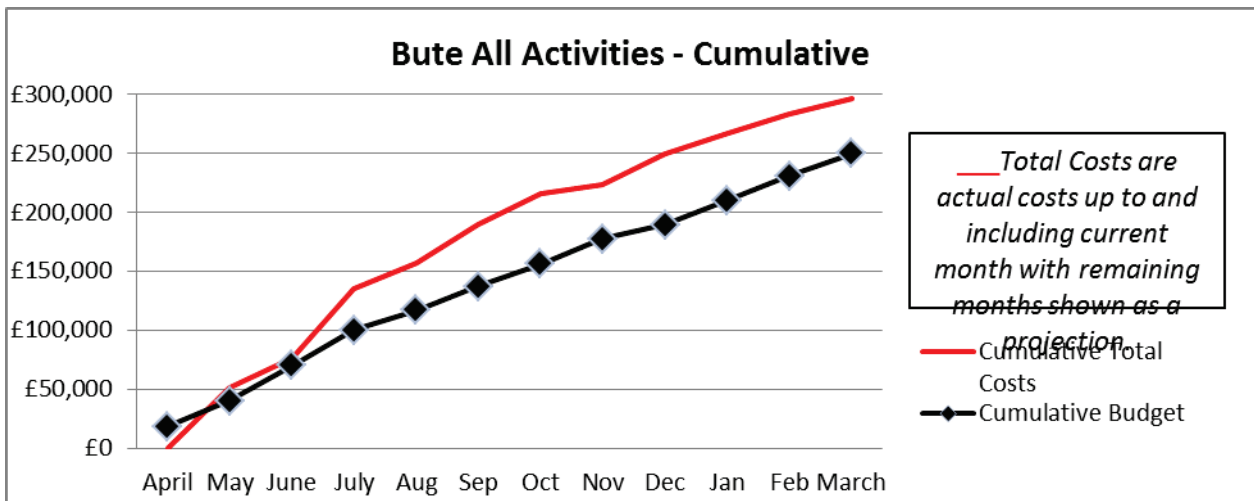
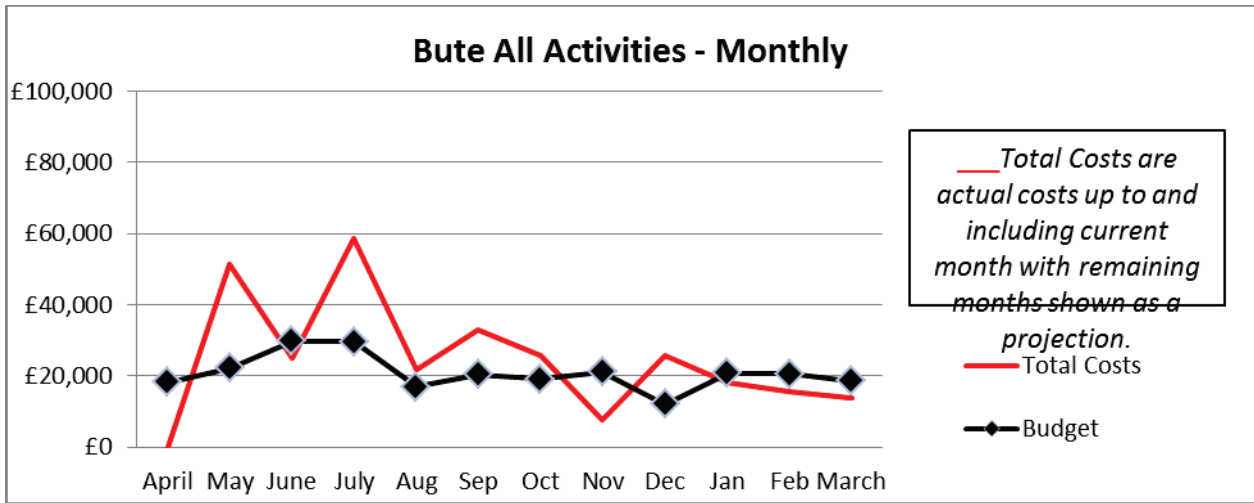
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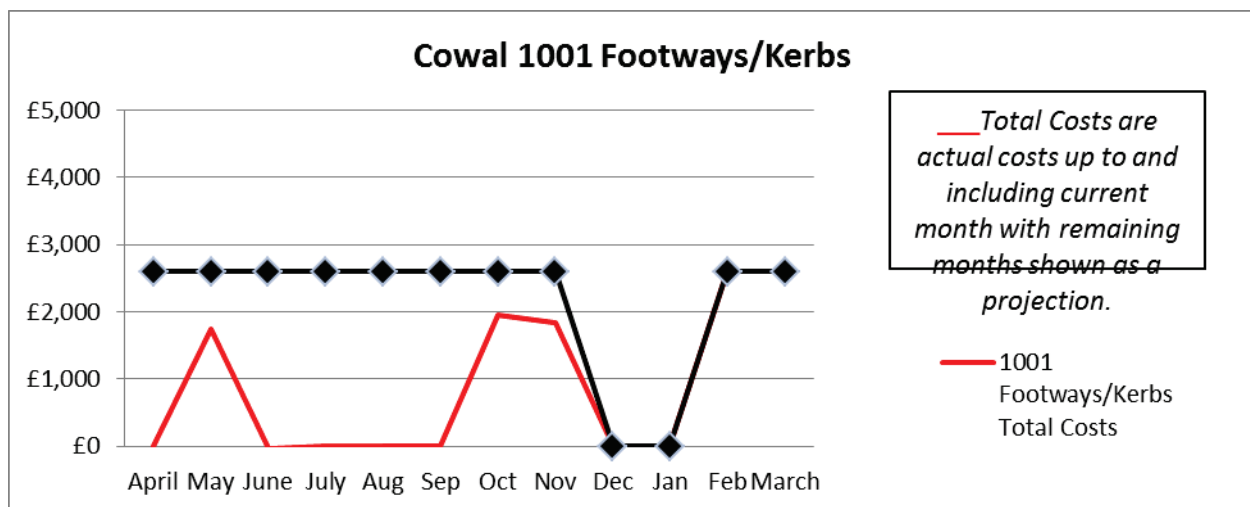
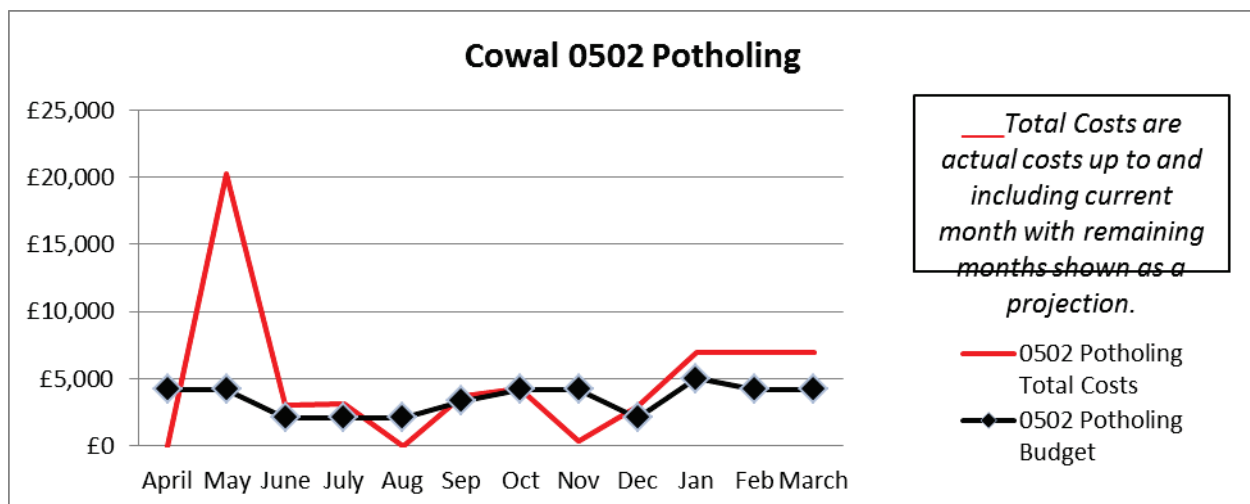
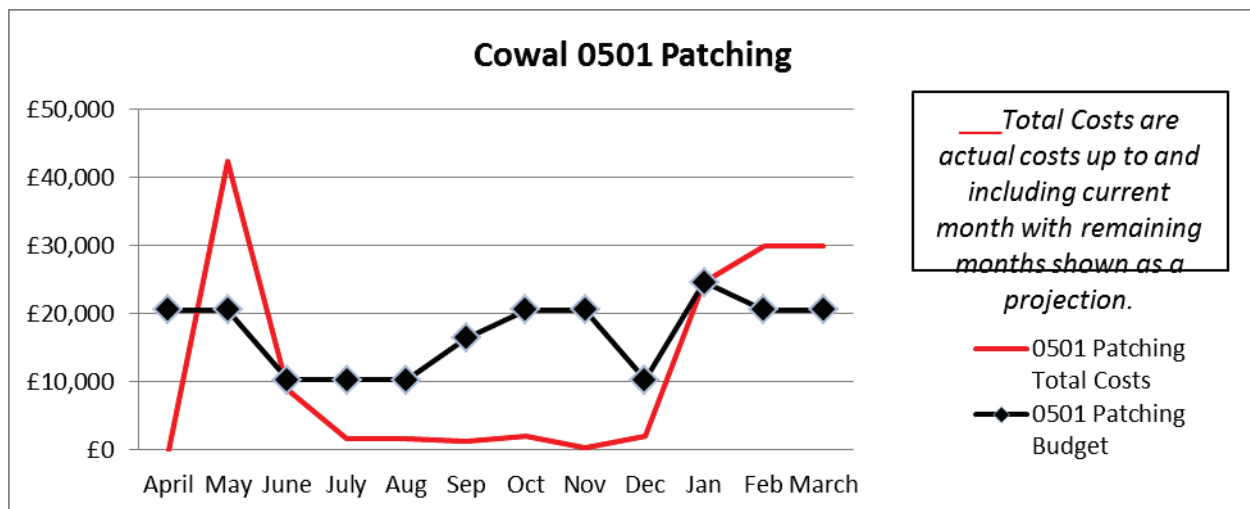
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Funding	Activity	Unit	Spend to Date	Estimated Works Quantity	% of Asset Management Plan achieved	Target Unit Rate	Target Quantity (from Asset Management Plan)	Inventory Quantity
R10	0501 Patching	sq.m	£ 145,586.00	4773.31	24.19%	£ 30.50	19734.70	1,973,470.00
	0502 Potholing	n/a	£ 55,506.00					
	1001 Footways Resurfacing	sq.m	£ 31,343.00	1695.57	68.43%	£ 18.49	2477.87	166,799.84
	1401 Drainage Culverts	no.	£ 53,762.00	1380.28	71.91%	£ 38.95	1919.33	3,384.00
	1402 Drainage Ditches	m	£ 31,115.00	17480.34	22.92%	£ 1.78	76250.42	298,972.00
	1501 Grasscutting	m	£ -	0.00	0.00%	£ 0.03	3032116.00	2,599,637.00
	1503 Weedkilling	sq.m	£ -	0.00	0.00%	£ 0.13	246500.00	346,500.00
	1601 Scrub / Tree Maintenance	n/a	£ 39,236.00					
	2301 Traffic Signs	no.	£ 20,593.00	235.19	213.03%	£ 87.56	110.40	1,035.00
	Totals		£ 377,141.00					

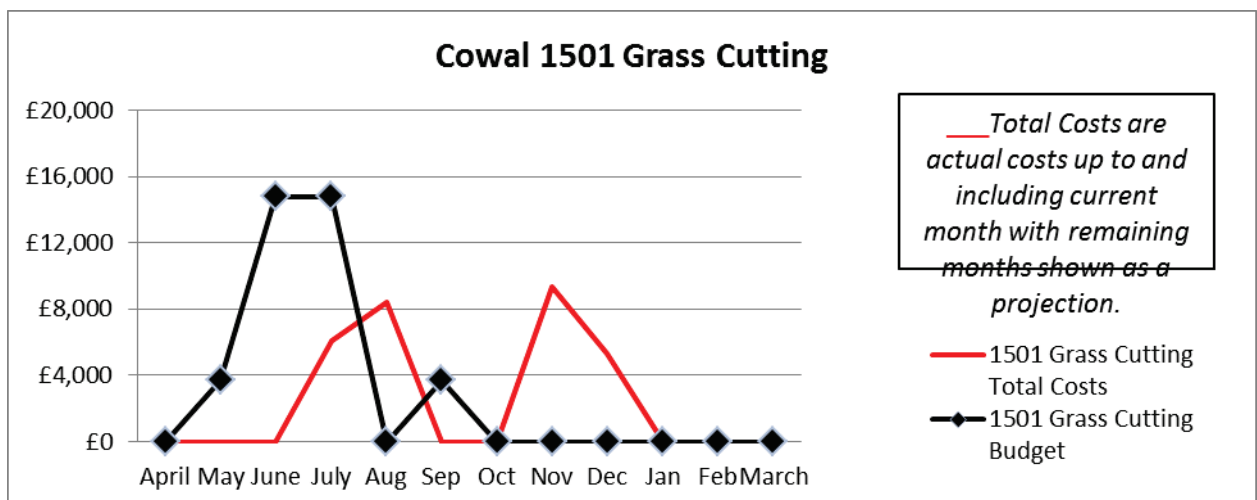
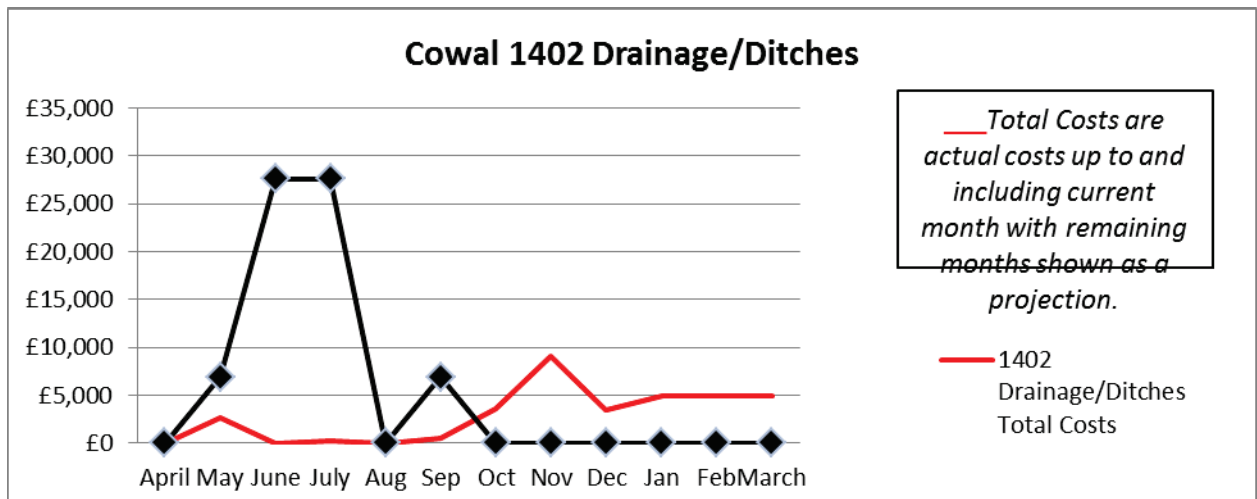
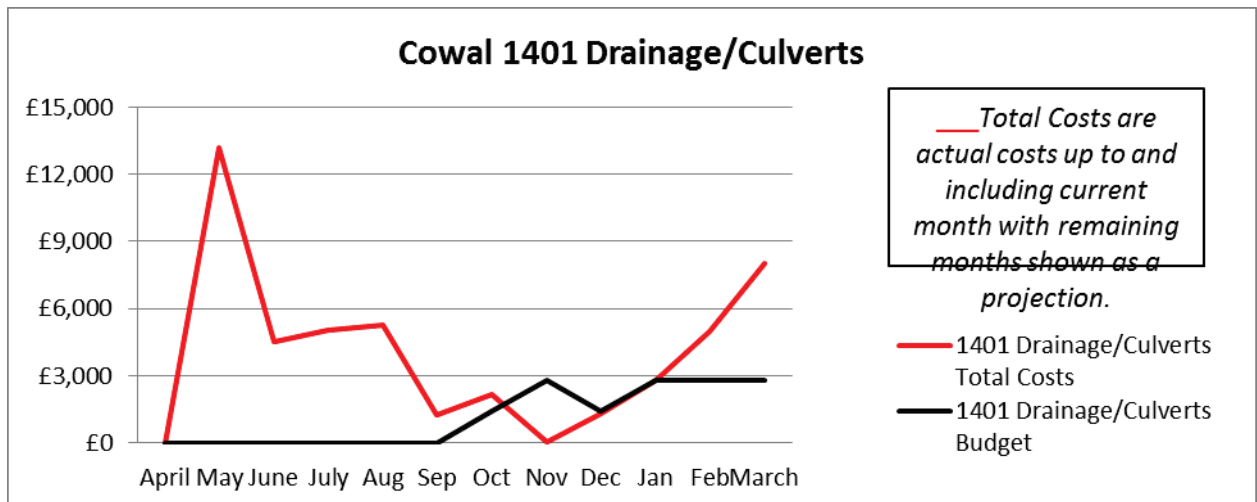


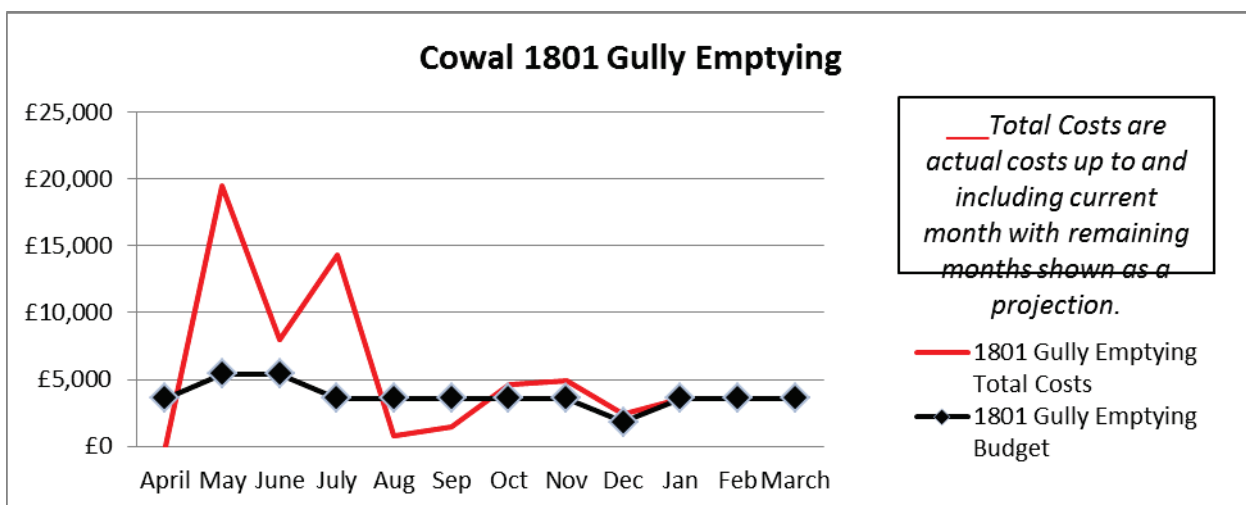
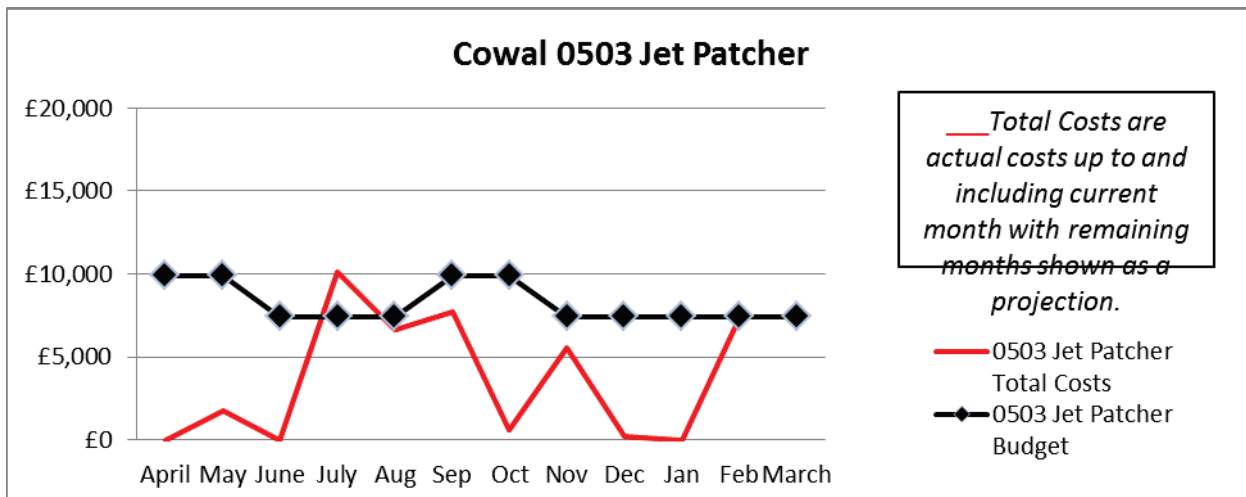
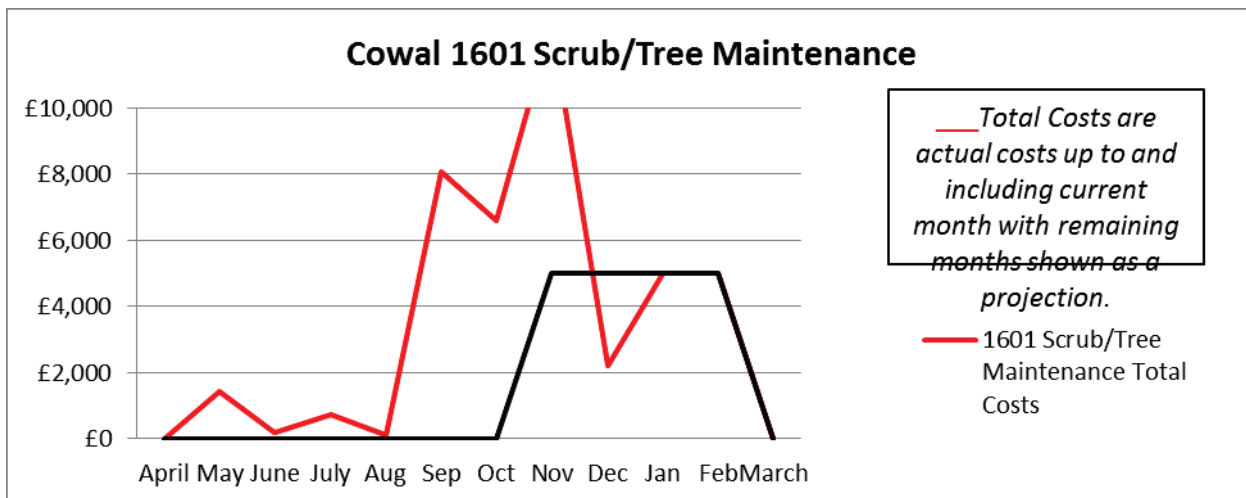


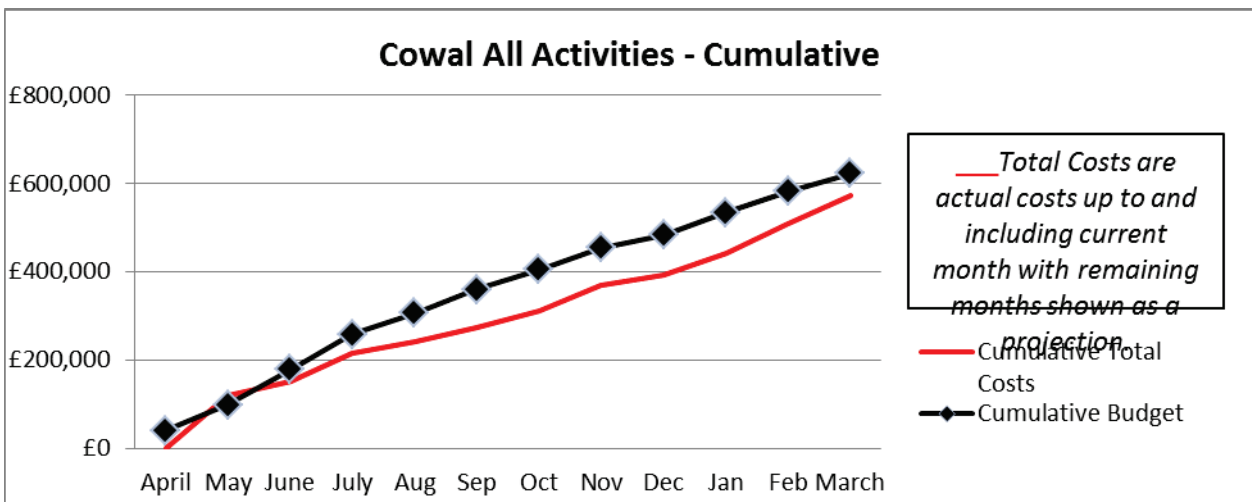
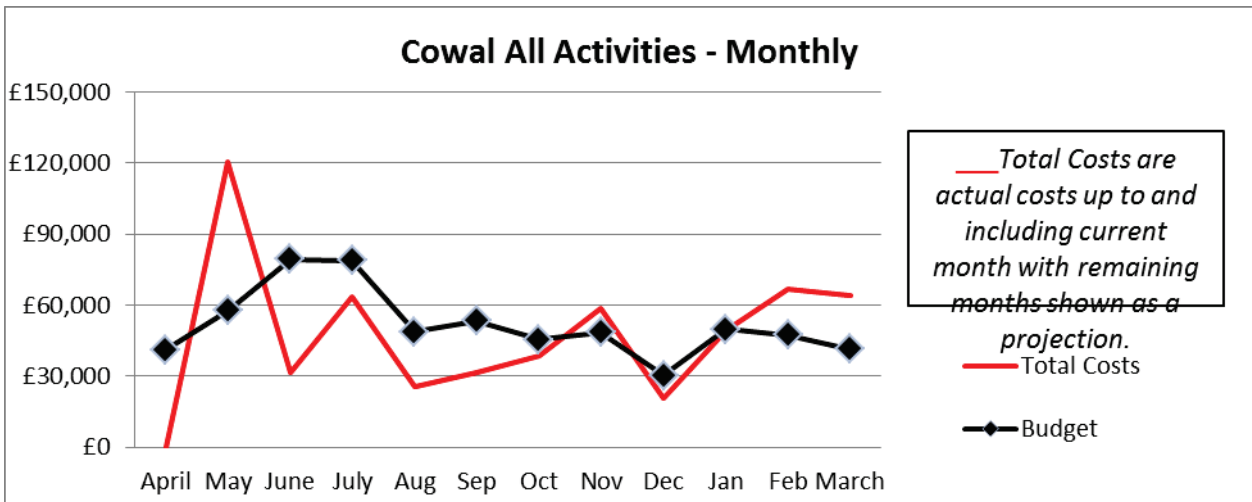












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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**Bute and Cowal Area Committee****Customer Services****Tuesday 3 February 2015**

Cowal Area Local Bus Services

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides members with information on work which is ongoing and relates to issues around the supported bus service 489 which runs between Toward and Glenfinart. In addition the report considers the withdrawal by West Coast Motors of the commercial service 80 between Dunoon and Hunters Quay on 17 November 2014 and its effect on service 480 which runs between Upper Kirm and Dunoon Ferry Terminal.

1.2 Options which have been considered are as follows

- Rescheduling service 489 to include Argyll Street in its southbound journeys.
- Rescheduling service 480 to its original timetable to provide two journeys an hour between Upper Kirm and Dunoon Ferry Terminal and once an hour round Milton. This would mean no service from Hunters Quay Holiday Village or on Alexandra Parade.
- Maintaining the 480 as an hourly service between Upper Kirm and Dunoon Ferry Terminal, merging Milton and the Ardenslate loop. This means a reduction from a half hourly service to an hourly service between Upper Kirm and Dunoon ferry terminal.
- Provide a half hourly service 480 between Hunters Quay Holiday Village, Upper Kirm and Dunoon Ferry Terminal, dropping Milton, and reducing Ardenslate Road to an hourly service provided by service 489.
- Diverting all Portavadie, Rothesay, Inveraray and Carrick Castle journeys via Ardenslate Road and Alexandra Parade. (Services 478, 479, 484 and 486)
- Replacing Service 80 with a supported bus service at a cost of £34,334 per annum.

1.3 Work is currently ongoing with the local operator taking account of passenger numbers and how to minimise inconvenience to service users, and also how to

make best use of available vehicles and driver time achieving best value for the council.

- 1.4 There is currently no additional budgetary provision to address costs that may arise from any major service alteration.
- 1.5 **Recommendation;** Members are asked to:-
- (i) Approve a route change to Service 489 to loop round Argyll Street, Dunoon on southbound journeys to Innellan and Toward with minimal additional cost.
 - (ii) Agree to take no further action on the withdrawal of Service 80 by West Coast Motors as there is no budget available to meet the annual cost of £34,334 necessary to reinstate the service.
 - (iii) Agree to leave the present service 480 unchanged.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Bute and Cowal Area Committee

Customer Services

Tuesday 3 February 2015

Cowal Area Local Bus Services

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The report examines areas of concern relating to local bus services in the Cowal area, the new service 489 between Toward and Glenfinart, which replaced services 482, 483, 485 and 485A, and the withdrawal on 17 November 2014 of the commercially operated service 80 between Hunters Quay Holiday Village and Dunoon Ferry Terminal.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members are asked to:-

- (i) Approve a route change to Service 489 to loop round Argyll Street, Dunoon on southbound journeys to Innellan and Toward with minimal additional cost.
- (ii) Agree to take no further action on the withdrawal of Service 80 by West Coast Motors as there is no budget available to meet the annual cost of £34,334 necessary to reinstate the service.
- (iii) Agree to leave the present service 480 unchanged.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Service 489 Toward to Glenfinart

4.1.1 Background

In response to requests from residents in South Cowal for improved access to Western Ferries at Hunters Quay, and to a lesser extent Benmore Garden, the council took the opportunity when retendering services to combine services 482, 483, and 485 (Dunoon - Toward and Dunoon- Glenfinart) providing a through route from Toward to Glenfinart, service 489. The proposals were presented to the Cowal Transport Forum on 18 October 2013 and 28 February, 2014.

4.1.2 The retendered services, which were introduced in April 2014, resulted in a saving to the Council of £54.4k over the three year life of the contract. The exercise also provided the opportunity for the Council to rationalise services and introduce efficiencies.

4.1.3 Issues arising from the introduction of the new service.

Complaints were received from service users in relation to:

- The running time on the service being too tight within the town, and ferry connections being missed, particularly by buses coming from the north.
- Passengers for Toward who could no longer board a bus in Argyll Street for their return journey.
- The loss of the loop round Ardenslate Road which is now being operated by service 480 independently of the Toward service.

4.1.4 Adjustments

In view of the foregoing, the new timetables were adjusted from 13th August 2014, giving buses from Glenfinart and Toward additional time into Dunoon to ensure ferry connections. Also, to compensate for the service 489 no longer travelling along Argyll Street bus shelters were installed at both the Co-op and John Street stops and will be installed at both the stop opposite the swimming pool and at the old ferry terminal when CHORD works are carried out in the area.

4.1.5 Implications of further change

We are advised by the operator that passenger revenue is up by around 9% on the new 489 service which would indicate that more through journeys are being made. It is also clear from the meeting of the Cowal Transport Forum held on 5 September 2014, that the majority of parties are happy with the amendments to the timetable introduced in August. Therefore, while it would be possible to revert to the original service timetables there is the risk that such a change could promote complaints from users who have found the new arrangements more suitable.

4.1.6 The operator points out that both the former service 482/483 (Toward) and 480 (Upper Kirm) were very tight for running time and point out that both these issues were resolved following the service changes in April 2014. Operationally, therefore, the operator would not like to return to the former timetables on either of these routes.

4.1.7 Unfortunately, there would be also be an additional cost in reverting to the previous timetables and this could only be quantified by retendering the local services. We estimate that this could cost £60,000 per annum.

4.1.7 The council is currently in discussion with the local operator looking at options for

rescheduling services which will alleviate the issues raised by service users relating to pick up in Argyll Street on southbound journeys, and an alternative timetable is being drafted for approval.

4.2 **Withdrawal of Service 80- Hunters Quay – Dunoon**

4.2.1 **Background**

Service 80 between Hunters Quay and Dunoon was operated commercially without financial support from the council whereas service 480 operates over the same route and is funded by the council. Between the two services the frequency over the route was every half hour.

4.2.2 This service originally operated between Upper Kirn, Victoria Road and Dunoon but was enhanced and extended to the holiday village. The extension was successful and West Coast Motors advised that they would operate half of the service commercially.

4.2.3 Without consultation, West Coast Motors registered cancellation of their commercial service with effect from 17th November 2014. Regrettably, the Council had no influence over this withdrawal of service, as it was operated commercially.

4.2.4 In order to establish the cost of replacement subsidised service the Council went through a tendering exercise. The cost of replacing this service was established as £34,334 per annum, for which there is currently no budgetary provision.

4.2.5 As the cost of replacing service 80 is prohibitive the council has undertaken work with the local operator to consider rescheduling options for service 480 including the following:

- Rescheduling service 480 to its original timetable to provide two journeys an hour between Upper Kirn and Dunoon Ferry Terminal and once an hour round Milton. This would mean no service from Hunters Quay Holiday Village or on Alexandra Parade.
- Maintaining the 480 as an hourly service between Upper Kirn and Dunoon Ferry Terminal, merging Milton and the Ardenslate loop. This means retaining the current reduction from a half hourly service to an hourly service between Upper Kirn and Dunoon ferry terminal.
- Provide a half hourly service 480 between Hunters Quay Holiday Village, Upper Kirn and Dunoon Ferry Terminal, dropping Milton, and reducing Ardenslate Road to an hourly service provided by service 489.
- Diverting all Portavadie, Rothesay, Inveraray and Carrick Castle journeys via Ardenslate Road and Alexandra Parade. (Services 478, 479, 484 and 486). This would provide a reasonable level of service on Alexandra Parade in place of service 480.

- Replacing Service 80 with a supported bus service at a cost of £34,334 per annum

4.2.6 Discussion with the operator, which includes analysis of passenger numbers and journey patterns is ongoing, and draft timetables will be prepared for approval, as necessary.

4.2.7 The initial analysis of the figures for service 80 and 480 from 1st April 2014 until 29th November 2014 shows that on average the service is being used by similar numbers at each point on the route and this limits the opportunity to remove any portion of the route being covered by the remaining hourly service being provided by service 480. Furthermore, very few complaints have been received concerning the reduction in frequency on the route from half hourly to hourly

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 Service 489 is also now established, and complaints to both the council and the operator are now infrequent. Return to the previous timetable would risk losing patronage and could cause complaints from users who have found the changes beneficial. It is, therefore, recommended that service 489 loops round Argyll Street in both directions and this will resolve the complaints from Toward and Innellan users. There will be a minimal increase in costs for the additional mileage.

5.3 The current operator registered the withdrawal of service 80 which is run commercially. No advance notice was provided of this change, and the cost of replacing this service with a council supported service has been established at £34,334 per annum. As no budget is currently available for a replacement service, the recommendation is that the service 480 should remain operating on its hourly frequency so that it can continue to serve all parts of the route. This has the effect of:-

- Maintaining an hourly frequency in the Milton area of the town which was the level of service in place prior to the 80/480 enhancement.
- Maintaining the traditional level of service on Ardenslate Road where the Ardentinny service was always supplemented by one bus an hour from the Toward service.
- Retaining a service to Hunters Quay Holiday Village which had not been served prior to the introduction of the enhanced service. Around 10% of all passengers on the route are to or from the holiday village.
- Reducing the traditional level of service between Upper Kirm and Dunoon from half hourly to hourly. Although this attracted a small number of complaints at the time of withdrawal of the service 80 there have been no ongoing complaints.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy - None
- 6.2 Financial – Replacement Service 80 - £34,334 per annum, for which there is no current budget. Costs for reverting to the original timetable are estimated to be £60,000 per annum. Cost for diverting service 489 along Argyll Street, southbound are minimal.
- 6.3 Legal – None
- 6.4 HR - None
- 6.5 Equalities - None
- 6.6 Risk - None
- 6.7 Customer Service – Potential for complaints through further changes to or withdrawal of services.

Executive Director of Customer Services

3 February 2015

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Dunoon Grammar School



Area Committee Report

February 2015



School Profile 2014/2015

School Name Dunoon Grammar School
School Address Ardenslate Road, Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8LU
Head Teacher David Mitchell

Overview

Measure	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	% change in Roll over 5 years
Roll (as at census)	947	894	871	824	775	-18.2%
Clothing and Footwear Grant (number of pupils)	95	95	95	110	168	
Clothing and Footwear Grant (% of number of pupils)	10.0%	10.6%	10.9%	13.3%	21.7%	
Clothing and Footwear Grant (%) - Authority Average ^A	6.90%	7.56%	8.51%	9.54%	15.60%	
Free School Meals (number of pupils)	129	no data	123	127	121	
Free School Meals (% of number of pupils)	13.6%	no data	14.1%	15.4%	15.6%	
Free School Meals (%) - Authority Average	10.2%	0.0%	13.1%	12.0%	10.8%	
Free School Meal - National Average for Secondary Schools (%)	14.4%	15.2%	15.4%	15.5%	not yet collated	

Attendance, Absence and Exclusions¹

Measure	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	Range of Attendance (%) over 4 years ^B
Attendance:						
Attendance (% of school roll)	90.4%	92.0%	91.3%	91.9%	92.0%	1.6%
Authorised Absence (% of school roll)	6.0%	6.1%	5.7%	4.8%	5.3%	
Unauthorised Absence (% of school roll)	3.5%	1.9%	2.9%	3.2%	2.6%	
Attendance Number of Pupils (%) - Authority Average	92.5%	93.3%	93.1%	93.1%	92.9%	
Attendance Number of Pupils (%) - National Average	93.1	not collated	93.6	not collated	not yet collated	
Measure	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	
Exclusions:						
Exclusion Openings	260	165	208	180	74	
Exclusion Incidents	61	56	67	65	24	
Number of Pupils	45	44	46	33	18	
Exclusion Incidents per 1000 pupils	64.4	62.6	76.7	78.9	30.5	
Exclusion Incidents per 1000 pupils - Authority Average	61.1	51.5	51.4	37.2	22.9	
Exclusion Incidents per 1000 pupils - National Average	40	not collated	32.8	not collated	not yet collated	

SQA Performance³

Intermediate 1 *				
Number of Entries	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of passes Grade A-C	492	527	368	72
% of number passes Grade A-C	408	397	291	58
% of number passes Grade A-C	82.9%	75.3%	79.1%	80.6%
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	79.8%	78.9%	79.5%	72.8%
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	77%	78%	79%	73.5%

Intermediate 2 *				
Number of Entries	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of passes Grade A-C	569	586	577	247
% of number passes Grade A-C	423	466	471	165
% of number passes Grade A-C	74.3%	79.5%	81.6%	66.8%
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	81.1%	79.1%	80.5%	70.7%
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	82%	82%	83%	78.1%

National 4 **				
Number of Entries	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of passes	No National 4 presentations across 10/11 - 12/13			
% of number passes	100.0%			
% of number passes Authority Average	100.0%			
% of number passes National Average ⁴	93.9%			

National 5 **				
Number of Entries	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of passes Grade A-C	No National 5 presentations across 10/11 - 12/13			
% of number passes Grade A-C	85.0%			
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	82.0%			
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	81.3%			

SQA Performance

	Higher				
Number of Entries	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	
	440	435	420	444	
Number of passes Grade A-C	334	333	319	340	
% of number passes Grade A-C	75.9%	76.6%	76.0%	76.6%	
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	75.9%	76.2%	77.6%	76.9%	
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	77%	79%	79%	77.6%	

	Advanced Higher				
Number of Entries	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	
	22	19	24	20	
Number of passes Grade A-C	18	16	20	14	
% of number passes Grade A-C	81.8%	84.2%	83.3%	70.0%	
% of number passes Grade A-C Authority Average	75.5%	85.2%	79.3%	79.0%	
% of number passes Grade A-C National Average ⁴	81%	82%	84%	81.5%	

School Leaver Destination Returns (SLDR)***

Measure	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Number of Total Leavers	185	154	176	136	
Number of Young People entering Higher Education (%)	33.5%	39.0%	35.2%	34.6%	
Number of Young People entering Further Education (%)	28.6%	27.9%	29.5%	22.1%	
Number of Young People entering Training (%)	4.9%	1.9%	4.0%	4.4%	
Number of Young People gaining Employment (%)	23.2%	18.2%	20.5%	24.3%	
Number of Young People gaining Voluntary Work (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	
Number of Young People entering Activity Agreements (%)	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	2.2%	
Number of Young People - Unemployed Seeking (%)	9.2%	10.4%	6.3%	11.0%	
Number of Young People - Unemployed Not Seeking (%)	0.0%	0.6%	1.1%	0.7%	
Number of Young People - Unknown (%)	0.5%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	
Total number of young people in a Positive Destination (%)	90.3%	87.0%	92.6%	88.2%	
Total number of young people in Other Destination (%)	9.7%	13.0%	7.4%	11.4%	
Total number of young people in a Positive Destination (%) Authority Average	89.8%	90.1%	92.5%	91.0%	
Total number of young people in Other Destination (%) Authority Average	10.2%	9.9%	7.6%	9.0%	
Total number of young people in a Positive Destination (%) National Average	88.9%	89.9%	91.4%	92.3%	
Total number of young people in Other Destination (%) National Average	11.1%	10.1%	8.6%	7.7%	

Data not
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Footnotes

^A Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) is not shown as a National Average as each authority set their own criteria and therefore cannot be compared accurately. Please note that 2014-2015 data for CFG and Free School Meals (FSM) is to date (start of January 2015) and therefore may change as the year progresses.

^B Please note that Attendance and Exclusion data can only be compared over a 4 year period as academic session 2014-2015 is not yet complete and therefore the data for these years may change. The 4 year percentage change compared 4 full years.

* 2014/2015 is the last academic year that Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 qualifications will be offered as part of the SQA diet of examinations. They have been superseded by National 4 and National 5. Standard Grade qualifications were offered for the last time in 2012/2013 and were superseded by National 4 and National 5.

** 2013/2014 was the first year National 4 and National 5 Qualifications were offered as part of the SQA diet. Therefore no performance data is available prior to this date.

¹ Attendance, Absence and Exclusion information is now collected on a biennial basis and was **not** collected for 2011/2012 or 2013/2014 academic year.

² Authorised absence includes bereavement, short – term exceptional domestic situations, religious observance, weddings of immediate family. Unauthorised absence includes truancy, unexplained absence and most family holidays during term time. Attendance and absence is outlined in Management Circular 3.03.

³ SQA Performance data was collected on 19th November 2014 for all data. The data was collected from SEEMiS Vision. Information previously provided in the SQA Authority Analysis 2014 report for Committee differs slightly to information provided here in order to ensure consistency of approach in collating data for comparative purposes.

⁴ Results up to and including 2012/13 national percentages were sourced from the Annual Statistics Report 2013 (available only as whole percentages). National percentages for 2013/14 came from Attainment Statistics (December) 2014. Both documents produced by SQA.

^{***} SLDR data is published by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on behalf of The Scottish Government. The year runs from 1st August to 31st July each year and the data was collected on the 1st Monday in October each year. The data shown in this profile is the initial data collected.

- Higher Education includes HNC, HND and Degree courses
- Further Education includes Access, NPPAs and Highers
- Training includes Employability Stage Funds 2 and 3 (previously called Get Ready for Work)
- Employment includes Modern Apprenticeships and any employment over 16 hours per week
- Voluntary includes Barnardos, Oxfam, Red Cross and community based volunteering
- Activity Agreements are for young people who are furthest removed from employment/training/education that are receiving mentoring support from a Trusted Professional
- Unemployment includes those young people who can't work through ill health, are caring for others or are pregnant

National Averages for FSM, Attendance and Exclusions have been taken from Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland, No.4 | 2013 Edition, 11th December, 2013 (amended 11th February 2014).

- **New Daily Structure**

On the 12th August 2014 the school's normal operating hours changed to an asymmetric week (31 periods).

Our new weekly times

Monday - Wednesday 8.45am-3.45pm Thursday - Friday 8.45am-2.40pm

We now offer a wide range of activities for our pupils particularly on a Thursday and Friday. We offer a number of supported study sessions and we have increased our extra-curricular provision.

There was a minor issue with transport from Tighnabruach on a Monday morning. I met with a group of parents to discuss the best way forward. We now offer a breakfast club for Hostel pupils.

A full evaluation will take place at the end of January 2015.

- **Communication**

We have strived to improve communication links from the school to parents and the community

- Dunoon Observer
- School Website
- School Facebook page
- Monthly Newsflash
- Praise letters to pupils
- Text messaging
- S4 reporting pilot – monthly reports

- Curriculum Design

We have been focusing on developing our curriculum to meet the needs of our all pupils. A number of visits have been made to Secondary Schools that have been identified by Education Scotland as having a very good or an excellent curriculum. We have now confirmed our S1-S3 Curriculum (Broad General Education). We are now developing our Senior Phase (S4-S5)

S1 Curriculum

Curricular Area	Language and Literacy	Maths & Numeracy	Social Subjects	Science	Expressive Arts	Technologies	Health and Wellbeing	RMPs							
Subject	English	Modern Languages	Maths	Geography History ModernSt	Biology Chemistry Physics	Art and Design	Drama	Music	Design and Tech	IT	PE	Home Ec	PSE	RE	
Number of periods	4	3	4	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1

Interdisciplinary learning topics

S2 Curriculum

Curricular Area	Language and Literacy	Maths & Numeracy	Social Subjects	Science	Expressive Arts	Technologies	Health and Wellbeing	RMPs						
Subject	English	Modern Languages	Maths	Geography History ModernSt	Biology Chemistry Physics	Art and Design	Drama	Music	Design and Tech	IT	PE	Home Ec	PSE	RE
Number of periods	4	4	4	3	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1

Interdisciplinary learning topics

S3 choices

Curricular Area	Languages	Social Subjects	Science	Expressive Arts	Technologies	Health and Wellbeing	Free choice
Subjects to select from	French German Gaelic	Geography History Modern Studies RMPs	Biology Chemistry Physics	Art and Design Drama Music	Design and Manufacture Graphic Communication Computing Science Business Management Administration and IT	Physical Education Home Economics	2 x any subject Includes Rural skills & Childcare

End of S3

Pupils moving into S4 will select 7 subjects to study at National Qualification level. All learners will study English/Literacy and Maths/Numeracy. Learners will then select 5 other subjects. Alternative opportunities will be on offer during the option process.

2014-15 School Improvement plan

Our key areas for improvement/focus during session 2014-15

- Learning and Teaching, Self-Evaluation, CFE Development, Professional Learning (Staff input), Parental Communication (Parental input), Meeting pupil's needs and to promote pupil voice and involve pupils in the life of the school.

Action taken so far

- We have introduced a Learning and Teaching staff working group to identify areas for improvement.
- We have developed a Communication charter. This led to a parental communication leaflet being introduced.
- A professional learning calendar has been introduced to support teaching and non-teaching staff
- An annual parental, staff and learner questionnaire has been produced. This will be completed in January 2015. This will be an annual event. The findings from these questionnaires will help support the school improvement plan.
- A number of whole school support events have been held for staff and parents i.e. dyslexia input. 42 parents attended.
- More choice available for our young people. EXite, John Muir, work placements
- House councils have been established however, more development work is required.

Some highlights from session 2014-15

We held the Karra Downrie Fun run in memory of Karra.

Karra sadly passed away in August 2013. We raised £210,000



Dunoon Grammar School was visited by Lab in a Lorry

The Lab in a Lorry provided pupils with an enriched learning experience through relevant real life applications with a fun hands-on approach.



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Pupils from Dunoon Grammar School again played a key role at a significant

International Reception hosted by Education Scotland at the City Chambers, Glasgow this year.

The reception was part of the Scottish Learning Festival, an annual exhibition and conference at the SECC, Glasgow that attracts thousands of education professionals to attend and discuss education innovation and share effective approaches to learning.

The Dunoon Grammar School Pipe Band and Highland Dancers entertained a distinguished audience consisting of educationalists from across the globe



We introduced a merit system this session. Staff award merits

to pupils who produce a good piece of work, consistently perform well in class, contribute to the wider school and general good

Conduct. The top 30 pupils are rewarded with a coffee morning.

A reward trip is being arranged for the top 60 pupils throughout the whole year.



Dunoon Grammar School was visited by Dylan Kerr, former Leed United and Kilmarnock footballer. He spent the day delivering assemblies and coaching some of our young people.

Dylan spoke about his career highs and lows and encouraged our pupils to follow their dreams and be all they can be.



On Wednesday 29th October a group of pupils from the S3 Numeracy project attended a Challenge Day at Clydeview Academy. . The pupils spent the day working in teams, made up of both schools, trying to solve logic puzzles and problem solving questions. Pupils from both schools worked very hard to be part of the winning team but with only two unsolved puzzles and more than half of the problem solving puzzles correct the winning team included Briège Liddell and Evan Meyer-McDonagh. Each member of the team received an iTunes voucher for their effort. It was a very successful day and we hope to host the Clydeview Academy pupils in the future. This event was set up as part of the ongoing partnership introduced with Clydeview Academy.

Two teams from S5 and S6 had a great time in Stornoway at the BT Alba Debate, the national debate for pupils who speak Gaelic. Nuala Neary, Eilidh Noble, Orla Campbell and Emma Mundell did their very best of the stage. The young people also had the opportunity to visit the Callanish Standing Stones and to explore all that Stornoway has to offer. We're all looking forward to next year when we'll have another opportunity to take part in the debate.



The Scottish Night that took place in DGS on Saturday 1st November was a great success. Well done to our pupils Eilidh Noble, Katie Bicket, Ffionna Campbell and Lauren Davie who helped organise the event and a big thank you to Miss Howitt and Mrs Ross for all their efforts. We were also joined a two of the Red Hot Chilli Pipers.



Arran Downie, Keir Low, Leighann Stirling, Chloe MacDonald and Scott Mackinnon made the trip to Edinburgh to take part in the planning for the Young people's summit. The Children and Young People's summit will take place early next year



Our School Captains took part in this year's Remembrance service. DGS was represented by Arran, Fiona, Keir, Leighann, Scott, Chloe, Kenneth and Simone. Our young people are pictured with Councillor McQueen, Glenda Wilson and Alan Reid MP



We raised over £1000 for Children in Need



The Library was delighted to welcome a second visit by award-winning local author, Cathy MacPhail, following on her very popular visit last year. We are already anticipating the third one! Mrs MacPhail spoke to two sets of third year pupils from their English classes, as well as the second year Creative Writing Group members



In June 2013, a number of pupils from Dunoon Grammar School joined together to create a short film to raise awareness of the dangers of smoking. The film was called 'The Last Cigarette' and was made by passionate drama students along with the help of David Hayman's film company, Shooters and NHS Highland. A year later, it has been revealed that 'The Last Cigarette' has been awarded not one but two prizes as part of the British Heart Foundation No Smoking Day 2014 competition. The movie scooped the Best Media Coverage and the Unusual/Innovative Event categories of the prestigious UK wide awards.

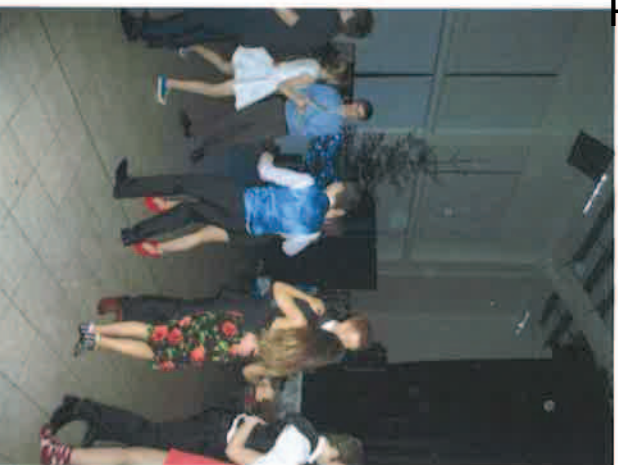
SCHOOL CHARITY SONG SPARKS CELEBRITY STIR ON CYBERSPACE

Dunoon Grammar School song for War Child a hit on Social Media. Pupils in Dunoon Grammar School celebrated the success of a song released to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. Arlene MacKechnie (15) and Abigail Pryde (17) from DGS published a version of Eric Bogle's iconic song 'No Mans Land' on Social Media on Remembrance Day, 11 November, 2014 – a version of the song that Eric himself has described as 'truly truthful and emotive'. Many celebrities shared the song on their twitter feeds including Jools Holland, Eddie Reader, John Mackay (STV News), ex-Scotland captain Colin Hendry, former First Minister of Scotland Lord McConnell, Dougie Vipond, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Nick Nairn, Christopher Brookmyre, Graham Speirs, Jim Gellatly and Jonathan Watson. The highlight for the pupils was a message of good luck from Judy Murray. Judy took time out from starring on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing to congratulate the pupils.

DGS S6 PUPILS VOLUNTEER TO HELP DUNNOON FOOD BANK

S6 pupils from Dunoon Grammar School kindly volunteered to help with Cowal and Dunoon Food Bank. The pupils organised a collection from school pupils and staff. They also helped at the collection points. Our pupils remain involved with this project.

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Our Senior Christmas Ceilidh was a great night.

The pupils danced from the start till the end of the night. It was by far, the best school Christmas ceilidh the school has ever had.

Staff agreed that this was the best school dance they had ever attended



The S6 pupils were served their Christmas lunch by members of the Senior Leadership Team.



Our School panto was great



Our pupils were given a special treat at the end of term. We hosted a staff Vrs pupils "I'm a celebrity" show.



A number of staff then took to the stage to take part in a karaoke competition. The pupils had the opportunity



A group of pupils had the opportunity to travel to Edinburgh to see the musical Wicked.

to vote for the best.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3RD FEBRUARY 2015

**SENSORY IMPAIRMENT
SERVICE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The main purpose of this report is to advise Members of the progress in reducing Sensory Impairment waiting lists and providing a good quality responsive service to those with a sensory impairment in Argyll.

 ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3RD FEBRUARY 2015

**SENSORY IMPAIRMENT
SERVICE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Argyll and Bute Sensory Impairment (SI) Team provides a service to those with Hearing and Visual Impairment across Argyll and Bute. The report is an update to inform elected members of our progress since September 2014 in reducing our waiting lists and providing a good quality responsive service to those with a sensory impairment in Argyll.

The team consists of:

- 1 Visual Impairment Social Worker
- 1 Visual Impairment Rehabilitation Officer
- 1 Hearing Impairment Social Worker
- 2 Part time admin support officers (Job share)

Our current waiting lists for assessment are:

Visual Impairment

Area	Awaiting Assessments 08/01/2015
Islands	3
Campbeltown	9
Oban	5
Helensburgh	9
Lochgilphead & Mid Argyll	10
Bute	4
Dunoon	13
Total	53

Hearing Impairment

Area	Awaiting Assessments 08/01/2015
Islands	3
Campbeltown	0
Oban	0
Helensburgh	13
Lochgilphead & Mid Argyll	2
Bute	5
Dunoon	2
Total	25

We continue to work our way through prioritising the outstanding assessments and to manage the ongoing demand of referrals received within this period. (See below).

Referrals to date

Date	Vision	Hearing	Dual loss
09/09 – 30/09/14	11	11	0
01/10 – 31/10/14	18	13	(3)
01/11 – 30/11/14	12	3	0
01/12 – 31/12/14	6	10	(1)
01/01 – 08/01/15	8	3	0

We have received 1 complaint since I last reported in October 2014 which has been fully investigated and support has been offered where appropriate.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

As previously reported at the October Area Committee, The National Sensory Impairment Strategic Framework or the 'See Hear' strategy sets out the need for all authorities to plan to meet increasing demand and future needs of people with a sensory impairment in Scotland.

We in Argyll and Bute are taking a partnership, multi- agency approach to service development and continue with a series of workshops to work through the agreed action plan. There have been two workshops so far which have been attended by service user's representatives, carers, community representatives, social work, allied health professionals the third and voluntary sectors, to look at the needs of Argyll and Bute.

4.0 DETAIL

Please see action plan for development so far which is a work in progress.

Action	Progress	RAG
Service user Questionnaire	Hearing Loss UK shared Arran & Ayrshire version and NDCS already has one in use so we can consider what is best for Argyll and Bute.	Amber
National and local communication and media coverage	There is a plan for a national awareness raising article supported by the government but developed by 3 rd sector. Argyll and Bute can then make use of this locally as appropriate and include any local info we require	Amber
SI Training	Currently looking at various options including e-learning but this needs to be developed nationally. Business cases to National Leads for financial support to be considered to develop an online resource. Then need to discuss the requirement for other levels of training and how this can be delivered and by whom.	Amber
Data sharing	Need to discuss in public sector how to collect appropriate SI information and engagement requirements for all service users.	Amber
Peer Support Structures in Argyll and Bute	3 rd sector already indicated there are several groups and activities happening within Argyll and Bute but need to map these and then identify gaps as well as how to get access to these services.	Amber

5.0 CONCLUSION

Argyll and Bute needs to support those with a sensory impairment to live full, active independent lives. We need to ensure we are best placed to provide a robust service and the best way to deliver that is in a co-productive partnership approach to service delivery.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy The National Sensory Impairment Strategy
- 6.2 Financial See Hear funding is attached to service Development
- 6.3 Legal NA
- 6.4 HR NA
- 6.5 Equalities To promote equal opportunities for those with a sensory impairment to live long, full and active lives.

6.6 Risk NA

6.7 Customer Service NA

Executive Director of Community Services
Policy Lead James Littlejohn, Service Manager Adult Care
23rd January 2015

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE**

**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
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ROTHESAY HARBOUR BOARD

Executive Summary

1.1 This report updates members on the proposal to alter the governance model for the harbours within Argyll and Bute. It also provides Members with an update on the appointment of the Council's independent Designated person

1.2 The recommendation is as follows:-

1. That Members note that the Policy and Resources committee agreed the recommendation set out in the paper submitted on 18 December 2014 which was to recommend to full Council approval of the establishment of a harbour board as a sub-committee of the existing Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee for all Council owned ports and harbours.

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FEBRUARY 2015

ROTHESAY HARBOUR BOARD

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Bute and Cowal Members of the outcome to the paper submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in December 2014 in respect of the proposed future governance of harbours throughout Argyll and Bute.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members note that the Policy and Resources committee agreed the recommendation set out in the paper submitted on 18 December 2014 which was to recommend to full Council approval of the establishment of a harbour board as a sub-committee of the existing Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee for all Council owned ports and harbours.

3. The decision by Policy and Resources committee

- 3.1
1. To agree the definition of roles as set out in Section 4 of the report. (submitted to P&R on 18 December 2014)
 2. To agree the publication of a notice confirming who the duty holder for the Council's Harbours is (executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services), as required by paragraph 2.4 of the Code; and
 3. To agree the establishment of a single Harbour Authority as a Sub-committee of the existing Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee for all Council owned ports and Harbours which should have regard to relevant area representation.
(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and infrastructure Services dated 4 December 2014)
- 3.2 The Council has been through a procurement process to appoint an independent Designated Person. Marico has been appointed and already undertaken their first audit, the results of which are awaited.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The present arrangement for the four area committees to act as harbour board for each of the harbours within its area has been considered by the Policy and Resources Committee and the recommendation to establish a single harbour board as a sub-committee of the existing Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee for all Council owned ports and harbours has been endorsed and submitted to Council for their final approval.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy	The proposed governance model would require a change in policy subject to ratification by full Council.
Financial	None.
Personnel	None.
Legal	None.
Equal Opportunities	None
Risk	Failure to comply with the Port marine Safety Code would incur reputational risk to the Council
Customer Service	None.

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Development and Infrastructure Services
12 January 2015

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