

PROGRAMME FOR PROVISION OF DROPPED KERBS 2009 / 2010

1. SUMMARY

This report provides information on the proposed programme for the provision of dropped kerbs during 2009/10.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the detail and consider the request of the transfer of funds.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The provision of dropped kerbs is required where pedestrians routes cross the carriageway from adjacent carriageways e.g. at T junctions, pelican crossings etc. The increased use of motorised wheelchairs has increased the demand for dropped kerbs. In the past few years there has been liaison between the Bute & Cowal Disabled Forums and the department and also with individual wheelchair users, with a view to establishing their particular needs. In the past two years fifteen dropped kerbs have been constructed in Bute along, Ardbeg Rd, Mount Stuart Rd and High St and a further six completed in 2008/9 in Cowal at Milton Rd, Erightbank Dr and Argyll Rd.

3.2 The immediate outstanding locations are:-

Cowal Estimated Cost £2,500

Opposite Erightbank Dr, Kirn and Moir St car park exit to Church St; 4 in total.

Bute Estimated Cost £ 1900

A844 by Bute Sailing Club and Ardbeg/Skeoch Woods upgrade; 3 in total.

In addition 4 locations along Bencorrum Brae have been completed this financial year from the revenue footway allocation, following representations from the public and elected members, at an estimated cost of £ 3,250.

3.3 The total 2009/2010 revenue allocation for footway resurfacing/patching is £60,000 with an additional allocation of £4,000 for kerb repairs. The remaining revenue footway & kerbing patching is fully committed as follows:-

Bute

Slurry seal K3 £5,000

Ascog footway resurfacing in conjunction with the new street lighting columns is estimated at £44,000

Cowal

Slurry seal K3 £10,500

In addition to the foregoing, footway and kerbing repairs will arise during the remainder of the financial year. At this early stage of the financial year it is evident that additional funding will need to be allocated to this activity, to the detriment of other revenue activity codes.

3.4 The transfer of the unspent Capital receipts to pedestrian crossing dropped kerbs will allow the works detailed in 3.2 to proceed. Should this funding not be available, the proposed dropped kerb works will need to compete for funding in the 2010/2011 revenue footway budget allocation.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial – None

4.2 Personnel - None.

4.3 Equalities Impact assessment - None.

4.4 Legal – None

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