

**MINUTES of MEETING of SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP - ROADS ASSET MANAGEMENT
AND MAINTENANCE STRATEGY held in the COMMITTEE ROOM 1, KILMORY,
LOCHGILPHEAD
on MONDAY, 28 JANUARY 2013**

Present: Councillor John Semple (Chair)

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre

Attending: Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Bruce West, Head of Strategic Finance
Neil Brown, Roads and Amenity Services Manager
Graham Brown, Roads and Amenity Services Manager
Patricia O'Neill, Central Governance Manager
Jamie McLafferty, Technical Assistant

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence intimated .

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Short Life Working Group approved the Minutes of the Meeting of 18 December 2012 as a correct record.

4. PRESENTATION FROM HEAD OF STRATEGIC FINANCE

The Group heard from the Head of Strategic Finance who provided an explanation of Local Government Revenue Funding, Roads Maintenance GAE and Local Government Capital Funding. The Group had a discussion on Capital and Revenue funding based on the tabled slides and it was noted that Argyll and Bute were disadvantaged in terms of allocation as roads funding was based on where a car is registered and this was more likely to be in a city than in the country.

Decision

The Group were satisfied that they had been updated on the Capital and Revenue Funding.

(Ref: Presentation slides by the Head of Strategic Finance, tabled)

5. ROADS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Graham Brown, Roads and Amenity Manager provided an update on the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) together with Road Maintenance Plan for the

Road Network on the position for this year and next year. He ran through the activities plan which now contained more detail on the actual budget, targeted quantity and achieved targets in percentages on an area basis. Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services advised that the documents were a work in progress and would be submitted to the March Area Business Days. The Chair advised that the plan would have risk elements factored in and the focus is what we can do as well as the budget.

Decision

1. The Group noted the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) and the Road Maintenance Plan for the Road Network and agreed that decisions on the allocation and prioritisation would be made at a future meeting.
2. Agreed that both documents be discussed at the next Meeting of the SLWG.

(Ref: Roads Asset Management Plan and the Road Maintenance Plan for the Road Network, tabled)

6. INCLUDING FOOTWAYS AND FOOTPATHS IN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Jamie McLafferty, Technical Assistant provided an update on the footways and footpaths in the Capital Programme which was now on the WDM system as inventory items which shows the location, length, survey date etc. The system indicated where work was being done on a local level area level.

It was noted that footpaths were included in the allocation for roads but the allocation was worked out on road condition.

Decision

The Group noted how the data was held for the footways and footpaths.

(Ref: Demonstration on the WDM system.)

7. EXISTING ROAD HIERARCHY

Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services advised of the Road Hierarchy which will assist Members in looking at risk with the roads being marked 1-3, this will be reviewed over the next two years but the documents had been circulated today to make Members aware of its existence.

It was noted that the Hierarchy classification was a key management tool for the deployment of resources and the intention was to have this in place by November 2013.

Decision

The Group noted the Road Hierarchy as a working document which will be updated on an ongoing basis. An update report will be presented to the next meeting which will include a view on the likelihood of bringing forward the hierarchy classification before November 2013.

(Ref: Roads Hierarchy document, submitted)

8. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDING: DEMONSTRATION USING WDM TO LOOK AT ANY CHANGES BETWEEN:

The Group had previously discussed this item during the Meeting and it was noted that this would be the first item on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Short Life Working Group take place on Monday 11 March 2013 at 11.00am in Kilmory, Lochgilphead.