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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in the **CORRAN HALLS, OBAN** on **WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2014** at **10:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director - Customer Services

BUSINESS

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E1 9. GLENFORSA AIRFIELD - OFFERS FOR LEASE

Report by Asset Manager (to follow)

The Committee will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(A)(4) 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 I 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

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.

OBAN, LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon

Councillor Alistair MacDougall

Councillor Roderick McCuish (Chair)

Councillor Neil MacIntyre

Councillor Iain MacDonald

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre

Councillor Elaine Robertson (Vice-Chair)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the AN TALLA
COMMUNITY HALL, TIREE
on THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST 2014**

Present: Councillor Alistair MacDougall (Chair)

Councillor Duncan MacIntyre	Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Elaine Robertson	Councillor Neil Macintyre
Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald	

Attending: Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager
Stewart Clark, Roads Performance Manager
Shaun Paul Davidson, Area Manager – OLI
Hugh Blake, Asset Manager
Adrian Jackson-Stark, Oban Lorn Regeneration Project Manager
Laura MacDonald, Community Development Officer
Myra McArthur, Head Teacher of Tiree High School

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mary-Jean Devon.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Roddy McCuish declared a non financial interest in relation to Former Rockfield Primary School and 43 Stevenson Street, Oban which were dealt with at items 15 and 16 of this Minute because he is a Director on the ACHA Board and BID4Oban.

Councillor Neil Macintyre declared a non financial interest in relation to Former Rockfield Primary School which was dealt with at item 15 of this Minute because one of the offers made is from a member of his family.

3. MINUTES

(a) OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE - 11 JUNE 2014

The Minutes of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on 11th June 2014 were approved as a correct record.

(b) OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND - 20 JUNE 2014 (FOR NOTING)

The Minutes of the Oban Common Good Fund held on 20th June 2014 were noted.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Fiona MacKinnon raised a concern about the condition of graveyards on Tiree. She advised that the catch is broken on the gates at the main graveyard and

cows are therefore getting in. She advised that Tiree Heritage has previously mended the wall and fence which was put up by the Council on her farm and asked if this could be looked into. The Roads Performance Manager agreed to take this issue away and respond directly to Ms MacKinnon.

Fiona MacKinnon asked a question about the roads in Kirkapol. She asked why there are no road signs as it is the only road in Tiree without signage and makes it look like Kirkapol doesn't exist. The Roads Performance Manager agreed to look into this.

There was a discussion about costal erosion and concerns about the impact on the road running along the coast and Fiona MacKinnon asked what plans Argyll and Bute Council have to address the problem. The Roads Performance Manager agreed to look into these concerns and update both Members and the local community on what plans are in place to deal with these issues on Tiree.

Neil MacKay had emailed the Area Governance Manager prior to the Area Committee meeting in regard to Third Sector Grant funding, he advised that later this year the three year period of the Strategic Events & Festivals Fund comes to an end. With this in mind there could be a major impact on the Third Sector Events & Festivals Grants.

He asked if there is there any plans to change the criteria for, or the amounts available to the local Third Sector Events & Festivals Grant Scheme. The Area Governance Manager advised that she has passed this question onto the Head of Community and Culture and will respond directly to Neil MacKay.

5. SCHOOL REPORT - TIREE HIGH SCHOOL

A report presenting the progress and Curriculum for Excellence in Tiree High School was considered.

The Head Teacher gave a presentation to the Committee and spoke about the Gaelic Medium Unit, the 7 principles of curriculum design, the personalisation, choice and relevance for pupils.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and the information provided verbally by the Head Teacher.

(Report and Presentation by Head Teacher of Tiree High School dated 14th August 2014, submitted).

6. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS

A report detailing recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for Oban, Lorn and the Isles was considered.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Agreed to award the grant recommendations as follows:-

	Organisation	Total Project	Recommendation
	New Start Oban	£600	£300

2. In relation to the underspent Third Sector Grants budget the Committee agreed to move forward to a third funding round for this year, to be considered at the December Area Committee meeting,
3. Agreed that in future monitoring reports from organisations which have received Third Sector Grant funding will be submitted for consideration at the August Area Committee meeting,
4. Agreed to seek a view from the Head of Strategic Finance on the potential for underspent third sector grant funding in any one year to be carried forward to future years.

(Ref: Report by Community Development Officer dated 6th August 2014, submitted).

7. AREA PLAN SCORECARD FQ1

The Committee considered a report which presented the Area Scorecard with exceptional performance for financial quarter 1 of 2014-15 (April to June 2014).

Decision

The Committee noted the exceptional performance presented on the Scorecard.

(Ref: Report by IOD Programme Manager dated 14th August 2014, submitted).

8. LORN ARC

The Committee considered a report from Oban Lorn Regeneration Project Manager on the Lorn Arc TIF Business Case.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Noted the progress on the Lorn Arc TIF project;
2. Noted that a further report come to the November Business Day; and
3. Asked that the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure make this project a priority and ensure it is progressed as quickly as possible.

(Ref: Report by Oban Lorn Arc Regeneration Project Manager dated 29th July 2014, submitted).

9. CHORD UPDATE

A report updating the Committee on the progress that has been made and actions taken since the last Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee, was considered.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.

(Ref: Report by Oban Regeneration Project Manager dated 28th July 2014, submitted).

10. OLDER PEOPLES CARE AT HOME SERVICE UPDATE FQ1

A report updating the Committee on the findings of the continuing quarterly evaluation of the Care at Home provision within the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area was considered.

The report has been broken down to show the progress and joint working that has been put in place to ensure that a high quality service is provided, as it is recognised that this service is provided to vulnerable individuals, predominately by lone workers, in the home environment.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

(Ref: Report and Verbal update by Area Manager – Adult Care dated 14th August 2014, submitted).

Councillor Roddy McCuish left the meeting.

11. RE-SHAPING CARE - TIREE

A report updating the Committee on the early discussions that have taken place with the local community group Curam Thiriodh and the wider Tiree community with representatives from Argyll and Bute Council, NHS Highland and ACHA in relation to potential housing, health and social care developments on Tiree, was considered.

Decision

The Committee noted the recommendations contained in the report.

(Ref: Report by Area Manager – OLI dated 14th August 2014, submitted).

12. ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2013 TO 2014 - FQ4 UPDATE/YEAR END

The Roads Performance Manager presented a report following on from the report he previously presented at the February Area Committee, providing information on road maintenance revenue activities being delivered in 2013/14.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Roads Performance Manager dated July 2014, submitted).

Councillor Roddy McCuish returned to the meeting.

13. ROADS UPDATE

A report providing an update on outstanding and on-going roads related issues in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area was considered.

Decision

The Committee noted the report.

(Ref: Report by Roads Performance Manager dated 9th July 2014, submitted).

14. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - SOROBA ROAD

A report advising the Committee of the outcome of the hearing that was held on 8th May 2014 to consider the sustained objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order to control parking on Soroba Road at Millpark Terrace, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to authorise the Head of Roads and Amenity Services to proceed to make the order as originally published and consulted on.

(Ref: Report by Traffic and Development Manager dated 15th July 2014, submitted).

The Chair ruled, and the Committee agreed, to adjourn the meeting in order that the Committee could join another meeting with the Tiree Community at 3:45pm and to reconvene at 4:45pm.

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for the following item 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.

Councillor Roddy McCuish having declared a non financial interest in the former Rockfield Primary School and 43 Stevenson Street, Oban, left the room and took no part in the discussion of the next 2 items.

Councillor Neil Macintyre having declared a non financial interest in the former Rockfield Primary School, left the room and took no part in the discussion of this item.

15. ROCKFIELD

A report advising the Committee of the offers received in respect of the former Rockfield Primary School was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of this matter to the Special Area Committee due to be held on Wednesday 10th September, and asked the Asset Manager to get further detail in regards the information submitted in paragraph 4.6(4) and 4.6(5) of the report submitted for Members

(Ref: Report by Asset Manager dated 12th August 2014, submitted).

16. 43 STEVENSON STREET, OBAN

The Committee considered a report from the Asset Manager in regard to the lease of the shop premises at 43 Stevenson Street, Oban.

Decision

The Committee agreed to recommendation 3.3.2 and asked the Asset Manager to progress this in accordance with the detail provided in support of the submitted report.

(Ref: Report by Asset Manager dated 1st August 2014, submitted).

17. GROUND, ALBERT STREET, TOBERMORY

A report advising the Committee of a request to purchase additional ground at Albert Street, Tobermory, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendation at 3.1 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Estates Surveyor dated 17th July 2014, submitted).

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN
on FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 2014**

Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson (Chair)

Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald Councillor Neil Macintyre

Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Andy Newiss, R A Clement Associates
Marri Malloy, Oban Community Council
Dugald Cameron, Church of Scotland

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Alistair MacDougall.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Marri Malloy declared a non financial interest in item 11(b) as she is the Convenor of Oban Community Council. She left the room and took no part in the discussion of this item.

3. MINUTES

(a) OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND - 20 JUNE 2014

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th June 2014 were approved as a correct record.

The Chair confirmed she had successfully contact Rosemary from Argyllshire Gathering and welcomed them to apply for future funding.

Andy Newiss advised that the tender for the accountancy work comes to an end on 31st October 2014 and arrangements would need to be made for this. The Chair thanked Andy on behalf of the Oban Common Good Fund for all his hard work and efforts over the years.

4. HOGMANAY IN OBAN DISCUSSION

Christine Roberts from Hogmanay in Oban updated the Trustees on the plans for this years event.

She advised that the venue will be at the Corran Halls this year and a main reason for this was Police Scotland would be happier as this location is safer for the public. She confirmed that the Corran Halls will be open for facilities and that Jewsons are donating their toilets for the event.

Christine also spoke about the costs of the event and the charging policy,

she advised that it will be a free event again this year and hopes it will be as successful as it was last year.

The Trustees thanked Christine for attending the meeting and giving more information towards consideration of her application.

5. OBAN COMMON GOOD FUND WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

The Head of Governance and Law had a discussion with Trustees in regard to the workshop which was scheduled to take place. He suggested that the Common Good Fund “factor in” an annual review to cover the process and the current stewardship role of the fund and to provide one to one inductions for new Trustees of the Fund.

Decision

1. The Trustees agreed and noted the information provided; and
2. Councillor Neil Macintyre agreed to meet with the Head of Governance and Law for a one to one induction of the Oban Common Good Fund.

Dugald Cameron left the meeting.

6. END OF PROJECT MONITORING REPORTS

(a) HOME-START LORN

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Home Start Lorn.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

(b) 3RD OBAN GUIDES

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from 3rd Oban Guides.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

(c) OBAN WINTER FESTIVAL

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Oban Winter Festival.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

(d) **OBAN FM**

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Oban FM.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

(e) **OBAN WAR & PEACE MUSEUM**

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Oban War and Peace Museum.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

(f) **OBAN CAMANACHD**

The Trustees received an End of Project Monitoring report from Oban Camanachd.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information contained in the report.

The Trustees welcome End of Project Monitoring reports which they find extremely helpful and thank all applicants who have returned them to date.

7. ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

A financial statement detailing the current position of investment transaction for the period 1st April to 15th August 2014 was considered.

Decision

The Trustees noted the information provided.

(Ref: Financial Statement by Andy Newiss, R A Clement Associates dated 19th August 2014, submitted).

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

The Trustees considered the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2014.

Decision

The Trustees:

1. Noted the information provided;

2. Noted that the position is stable at the moment; and
3. Agreed to tie this report in with the annual review.

9. OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS

The Trustees noted that there are currently no outstanding commitments to date.

10. CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

(a) OBAN YOUTH CAFE

The Trustees re-considered a more detailed application from Oban Youth Café.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to disperse £2,000 to Oban Youth Café.

(b) HOGMANAY IN OBAN

The Trustees re-considered a more detailed application from Hogmanay in Oban for a grant towards funding the event.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to disperse £2,000 and consider funding another £2,000 at their November meeting.

11. NEW APPLICATIONS

(a) FRIENDS OF OBAN COMMUNITY PLAY PARK

The Trustees considered an application from Friends of Oban Community Play Park for a grant towards equipment at the play park.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to disperse £3000 to Friends of Oban Community Play Park and invite them to submit a further application for more funding, if needed, in April 2015.

Marri Malloy, having declared a non financial interest in item 11(b), left the room and took no part in the discussion on this item.

(b) OBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Trustees considered an application from Oban Community Council to help fund the World War One Commemoration Event on 20th September in Oban.

Decision

The Trustees agreed to fund an underwrite of up to £2,300.

**MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM held in
the OBAN COMMUNITY FIRE STATION, SOROBA ROAD, OBAN
on WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2014**

Present: Iain MacKinnon, Environmental Health Manager (Chair)

Lorna Elliott, Community Governance Manager
Sue Stefek, Environmental Health Officer
Fiona Scott, Planning Officer
James Howard, Trading Standards Officer
Inspector Julie McLeish, Police Scotland
Alex Purdie, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Betty Graham, NHS Highland
Murray Humphries, LochWatch Loch Awe

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Robert Cowper, Argyll and Bute Council
June Graham, Argyll and Bute Council
Alex Taylor, Argyll and Bute Council
Martin Hill, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Iona MacPhail, ACHA
Eleanor MacKinnon, Oban Phoenix Cinema
Dave Blezard, Outside Edge

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum were approved as a correct record.

The Chair reported to the Forum on the Bikers Breakfast event which was recently held in Inveraray. He advised that the day had been a great success and around 220-225 bikers in attendance. He advised that the bikes had created a good tourist display for other visitors.

The Chair asked Inspector Julie McLeish to send him information on the number of fatalities and accidents on the A85 so he could highlight these figures to members of the Forum.

The Community Governance Manager gave an update on the NADICs signs and advised that the Area Governance Officer has been in contact with Bill Weston, the Council's Traffic and Development Manager who has advised it is possible to have road safety information on these signs. Requests to have local road safety messages on signs should be routed through Bill Weston in the first instance who will then liaise with Transport Scotland.

She updated the Forum on the Home Sweet Home play and advised it would be £450 plus catering costs for three performances for this play to come to Oban and the Trading Standards Officer advised that this play is being shown in Dunoon on Tuesday 2nd September in Innellan Hall if anyone would be interested in viewing it.

3. PARTNER UPDATES

(a) POLICE SCOTLAND

Inspector Julie McLeish from Police Scotland updated the Forum on the Designated Drivers Scheme which was piloted in Mull earlier this year which is supported by some licensed premises around Oban since July where they display a sticker on their premises which entitles the designated driver to free soft drinks.

She advised that their Safer Communities department are looking to roll out Rural Watch to more remote areas which brings communities together to discuss issues and share good practice around safety which is supported by Police Scotland.

She reported on the road policing works which are continuing through Argyll and Bute where they are looking into diversion routes that can be used when accidents occur on A85 between Connel and Oban. She advised that the feasibility study has shown that it is not as simple as first thought due to types of roads involved being unsuitable for the large volume of traffic but will be progressed meantime and discussed at the Road Safety meeting in September.

Inspector McLeish advised that anti-social behaviour stats seem to be decreasing, particularly in relation to reports of young persons and street drinking which is positive. She suggested this may be the change in bye law for street drinking which was extended last year. She advised that the Anti-Social Behaviour Forum has been really effective as this looks closely at specific addresses or hotspots.

She updated the Forum on the upcoming events which are happening in the area with Argyllshire Games taking place on Thursday 28th August and Mull Rally in October.

She advised that Police Scotland are still undertaking the Summer Campaign targeting road offending, safety and speeding with road checks and enforcement taking place. She reported that in the month of August alone, there were 27 fixed penalty notices issued for drivers not wearing a seatbelt incurring a penalty of £100 but more importantly causing significant safety issues.

She gave an update on the personnel changes within Police Scotland and advised that the Road Policing department is now well established with 3 officers based in Oban and a new Divisional Commander will be starting the force in September which will bring in new changes.

(b) **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE**

There was an update from Scottish Fire and Rescue which confirmed they have now engaged in their Summer Strategy over the holiday period and have designed a leaflet covering fire safety advice in relation to camping, caravanning and gas safety in the one publication and they issued 2500 of these leaflets to nearby campsites. It was advised that they had a joint article in the Oban Times with Police Scotland colleagues to promote the strategy and gave out 1000 of these leaflets to festival goers attending the Tiree Music Festival.

It was advised that Scottish Fire and Rescue are also working with Road Safety Scotland and Police Scotland to issue advice to members of the community and tourists to promote road safety and thanked June Graham, the Council's Road Safety Officer who was extremely helpful in assisting with the vast amounts of road safety literature and materials which were distributed during the strategy.

They updated the Forum on the Cut-it-Out event which is taking place in Oban High School in September for S6 students which is designed to introduce them to the dangers and consequences of bad driving. They advised the programme is aimed at young drivers and similar aged young people who may be passengers within a vehicle to try and reduce the numbers of young people killed, injured or involved in road traffic crashes within the area. They advised that it has been identified that the 17-25 year old age group accounts for around 21% of all drivers killed.

Inspector McLeish reported that Martin Hill will be leaving Oban Fire Station at the end of September to take up a new position at Clydebank Head Quarters and a replacement is yet to be identified but advised that Martin would like to record his thanks to all multi-agency partners for all their help and assistance in the two and a half years he has been at Oban Fire Station.

The Chair thanked Martin on behalf of the Forum for all his support and wished him well for his new position.

Alex Purdie introduced himself to the Forum and advised he had taken up a new role as Commander in February of this year. He advised that Community Action Teams are engaging with home fire safety visits.

He raised a local issue with the group in regards to a home fire safety visit he undertook in the Dunoon area where adapters from 50's/60's are still being used which do not meet the current regulations. He advised that he is currently liaising with Building Standards and the Housing Improvement Officer who have been really helpful and are looking into carrying out mains installation checks which is best practice for all organisations in the community.

He advised the Forum that Eddie Renfrew is retiring on Friday 29th

August and that there will be a new replacement in post soon.

(c) ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Officer gave an update on the action taken by the service in relation to food safety including legal action against a premise which had failed to meet appropriate standards. She also updated on Gas Safety checks in catering premises and scrutiny of Gas certificates.

She advised that Environmental Health are now carrying out inspections at public events and they will be in attendance at the Argyllshire Gathering Games on Thursday 28th August at Mossfield.

She reported on the dedicated team of officers for controlled samples that are currently looking into shellfish and they have put signs in place to let people know there is a problem with high levels for PSP.

She advised the Forum on action to reduce and prevent that the risk of Legionella in spa baths and Jacuzzis in hotels.

She advised that there are still private water grants available for £800 per property.

(d) NHS

Betty Graham from NHS introduced herself to the Forum and advised she was attending on behalf of Caroline Henderson.

She reported on Tiree Music Festival and advised that they had significant medical and ambulance cover this year and that they would also provide this cover at Mull Rally in October.

The Chair suggested that all partners flag up upcoming events to the Forum which could disrupt traffic, medical assistance etc so that all partners can be notified and provide cover where appropriate.

(e) LOCHWATCH LOCH AWE

Murray Humphries from Lochwatch Loch Awe gave an update on the Loch Patrol Boat. He advised that the pontoon and pier at Innis Chonain is complete and donations, materials and transport to the site have been made by Strathclyde Scaffolding, MacQueen Brothers Removals, Argyll Commercials, Homebase and West Coast Motors. He advised that Atlantis Leisure have recently helped by donating some rescue training aids for the boat.

He updated the Forum on the press and TV interest in the loch patrol boat and advised they will be arranging an "open day" before the end of the fishing season for Lochwatch volunteers and friends and will

also invite the press.

He reported that some of the marker buoys are off station due to high winds and fluctuating loch levels and that the safety boat will be used to sort these out and get them back into position. He advised that there is a warning on the website and Facebook page.

He advised that they have obtained some orange hi-vis waistcoats which have "LochWatch" printed on them and thanked the Wool and Needcraft shop in Oban for their help with this.

He advised that they have currently been uploading videos and pictures of the boat on their Facebook and Twitter page.

The Chair updated the Forum on the recent meeting he attended in Perth with Murray Humphries which covered Water Safety and in-land safety in building safer communities.

4. NO COLD CALLING

The Trading Standards Officer presented the new cold calling stickers to the Group which Trading Standards have issued locally.

He advised that he has now got a system in place for clients which blocks a withheld number and so far there have been 2 people scammed and the clients are receiving their money back.

He updated the Group on the latest scam which is ongoing with a company from England who are calling customers and asking if they require any help to prevent no cold calling. He advised that Trading Standards in Brighton are looking into this.

5. CALL FILTERS

The Trading Standards Officer presented a call filter system which he now has in stock. He advised that this will block withheld numbers and international calls and will be given to customers who are vulnerable.

The Forum noted the information provided.

6. KEEP CALM AND HANG UP

The Trading Standards Officer handed out "Keep Calm and Hang Up" leaflets which have been designed to help reduce the number of telephone scams.

The Forum noted the information provided.

7. OBAN TOWN CCTV SYSTEM

Inspector Julie McLeish reported that the CCTV camera at Combie Street has now been removed due to the demolition of a building and they have recently received a disc recorder. She advised that the Anti-Social

Behaviour Co-ordinator will be undertaking a CCTV Review across Argyll and Bute.

She advised the Forum that there is currently mobile CCTV set up behind the Cathedral as a result of vehicles getting vandalised there and Police Scotland are using this opportunity to prevent and detect crime.

8. AOCB

The Chair mentioned to the Group that Community Safety matters were receiving more attention at a National level and other areas were moving towards a more operational based structure.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 26 NOVEMBER 2014

The next Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum will be held on Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 2pm in Oban Community Fire Station.

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MINUTES of MEETING of OBAN LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE held in the CORRAN HALLS, OBAN on WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

Present: Councillor Alistair MacDougall (Chair)

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon	Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Elaine Robertson	Councillor Duncan MacIntyre
Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald	Councillor Neil Macintyre

Also Present: Councillor Dick Walsh, Leader of the Council

Attending: Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services
 Malcolm MacFadyen, Head of Facility Services
 Fergus Murray, Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation
 Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
 Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager
 Linda Houston, Oban Regeneration Project Manager
 Hugh Blake, Asset Manager
 Simon Clarke, Oban Bay Railway

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:15am to allow the Committee to read over the late report and appendices they received in relation to Rockfield at item 5 of this Minute and to reconvene at 10:45am.

The Committee received petitions from Oban Community Trust in relation to their offer for the former Rockfield Primary (item 5 of this Minute).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Roddy McCuish declared a non financial interest in relation to Former Rockfield Primary School which was dealt with at item 5 of this Minute because he is a Director on the ACHA Board.

Councillor Neil Macintyre declared a non financial interest in relation to Former Rockfield Primary School which was dealt with at item 5 of this Minute because one of the offers made is from a member of his family.

3. OBAN BAY RAILWAY

Simon Clarke introduced himself to the Committee and spoke about the Oban Bay Railway which he purchased after it closed on the Isle of Mull 2 years ago,

as it no longer had a viable lease.

He advised that he is trying to find a suitable location to rebuild the railway and has engaged with a few landowners across Argyll and has looked at schemes of his own.

Simon advised that his aim is to set a timescale for 2 to 3 years to generate revenue and find the right location and level of infrastructure and then work on a full and detailed business case.

He asked the Committee to let him know if there are any Council owned sites which they would be interested in progressing for a potential railway scheme, as now is right time to carry out an assessment.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided and thanked Simon Clarke for his attendance.

(Ref: Verbal update by Simon Clarke dated 10th September 2014, submitted).

4. OBAN CHORD

The Oban Regeneration Project Manager gave a presentation to the Committee on the Oban Bay Enhancement Scheme.

She spoke about phase 1 and 2 of the Public Realm and the detailed timescales for carrying out works on Stafford Street. She also provided information on the North Pier Maritime and Visitor Facility.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided.

(Ref: Presentation by Oban Regeneration Project Manager dated 10th September 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 item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8&9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

(a) PUBLIC REALM SCHEME - PHASE ONE AND TWO - FULL BUSINESS CASE

A report updating the Committee with the full Business Case for the Oban Public Realm Enhancement Scheme following the April Area Committee decision, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendations contained in the report, and noted that a further report would be submitted to the December Area Committee meeting.

(Ref: Report by Oban Regeneration Project Manager dated 21st August 2014, submitted).

Councillor Elaine Robertson left the meeting to attend another meeting about Integrated Care.

(b) **NORTH PIER MARITIME VISITOR FACILITY - FULL BUSINESS CASE**

A report updating the Committee with the full Business Case for the North Pier Maritime Visitor Facility following the April Area Committee decision, was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendations contained in the report, and noted that a further report would be submitted to the December Area Committee meeting.

(Ref: Report by Oban Regeneration Project Manager dated 20th August 2014, submitted).

Councillors Roddy McCuish and Neil Macintyre having declared a non financial interest in the former Rockfield Primary School, left the room and took no part in the discussion of this item.

5. ROCKFIELD

A report providing the Committee with additional information in respect of the offers for Rockfield Primary School per the Committees decision on 14th August 2014 was considered.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Agreed the recommendations at 3.1 and 3.2 of the report; and
2. Agreed that the offerer detailed at 4.2(5) of the report would be the preferred bidder conditional on the detail contained at paragraph 4.15 of the report being provided to the Area Committee by the end of December 2014.

(Ref: Report by Asset Manager dated 8th September 2014, submitted).

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

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DEVELOPMENT AND
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ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2014 TO 2015 – 1st QUARTER UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The main purpose of this report is to advise Members of the roads revenue budget position for the 1st Quarter of financial year 2014/15.
- 1.2 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 first quarter of the financial year is £1,103,886; this equates to a 27% spend, with 73% remaining for the last three quarters.

ROADS REVENUE BUDGET 2014 TO 2015 – 1st QUARTER UPDATE

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report is the first 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

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 first of four reports provides financial information on roads maintenance spend for the first quarter of the 2014 to 2015 financial year.

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. 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.

Appendix 1a shows the overall roads revenue maintenance budget for each area. The overall roads maintenance budget for the 2014/15 year (excluding winter maintenance and coastal protection) is £4,145,227 as indicated in the table.

Appendix 1b provides information on percentage spend for each area. Spend at the end of the first quarter is £1,103,886 which equates to a 27%, of the available budget.

In Appendix 1c 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. Roads Operations is now in the process of comparing actual quantities of works carried out in each area with spend for particular activities; this process involves careful correlation of quantities input by inspectorial staff in the WDM system with corresponding costs in the Total costing system. Early results are encouraging and this process will form the basis for future reporting of area unit rates.

Appendix 1d 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.

5.0 CONCLUSION

This report provides Members with a financial update on the roads revenue maintenance budget for the first quarter of the financial year 2014 to 2015. It indicates an average spend of 27% at the end of the first quarter. Further quarterly reports will continue to be presented to Members at future Area Committees.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

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.

Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure

Policy Lead Cllr Ellen Morton
Head of Roads & Amenity Services
15 September 2014

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1a
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APPENDICES

Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2014 to 2015

Activity	Activity Description	Mid Argyll	Kintyre	Islay	MAKI	Lorn	Mull	OLI	Bute	Cowal	B&C	Lomond	Central	Total
0201	Resurfacing				0			0			0			0
0301	Anit Skid Treatment				0			0			0			0
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
1002	Cycleway/Patching				0			0			0			0
1301	Remedial Earthworks				0			0			0			0
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
2001	Boundary Fences/Walls				0			0			0			0
2101	Pedestrian Guardrails				0			0			0			0
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
2501	Sweeping and Cleaning				0			0			0			0
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

Roads Revenue Maintenance Budget 2014 to 2015

Spend for Q1

	COMBINED AREA BUDGETS *												
	Mid Argyll	Kintyre	Islay	MAKI	Lorn	Mull	OLI	Bute	Cowal	B & C	H & L	**Bridges / Cattle grids etc.	Total
Area Budget	£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
Actual Spend - End of Q1	£98,514	£112,358	£156,494	£367,366	£147,514	£141,582	£289,096	£76,338	£120,538	£196,876	£184,691	£65,857	£1,103,886
Remaining Budget	£280,386	£263,542	£229,906	£773,834	£583,686	£277,418	£861,104	£173,014	£501,862	£674,876	£494,384	£237,143	£3,041,341
Percentage Spend	26%	30%	41%	32%	20%	34%	25%	31%	19%	23%	27%	22%	27%

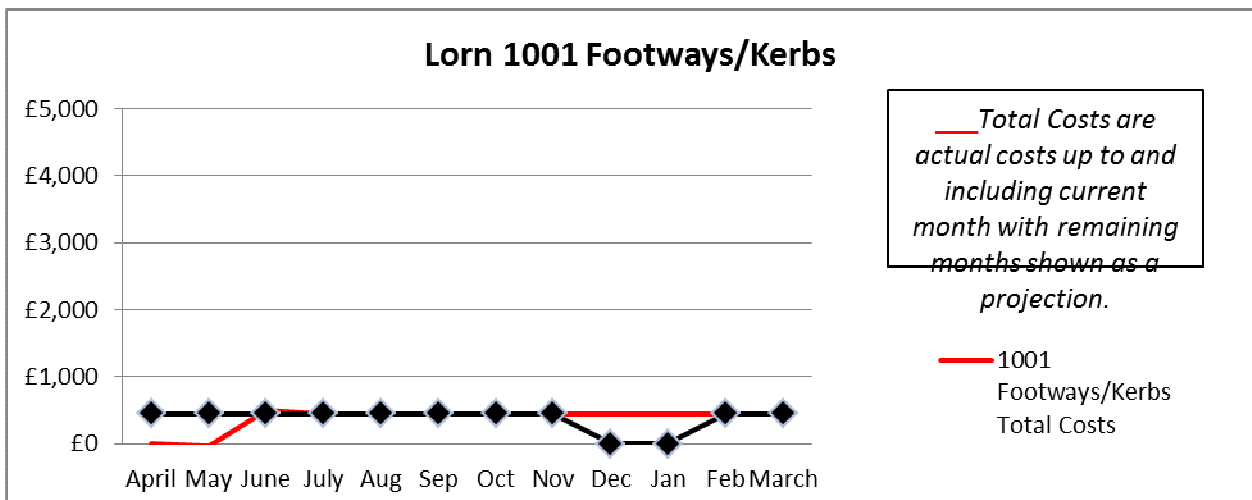
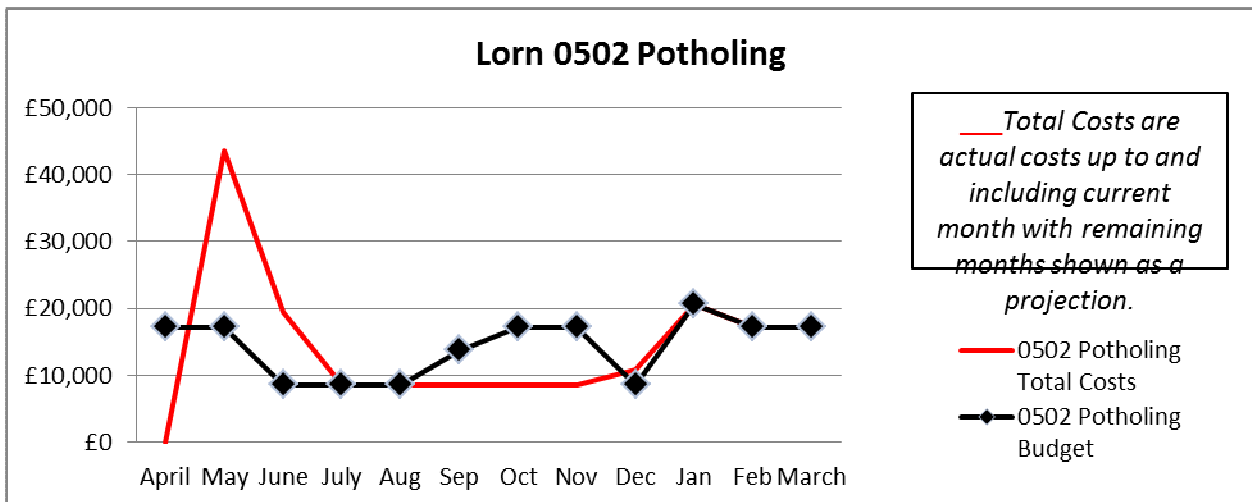
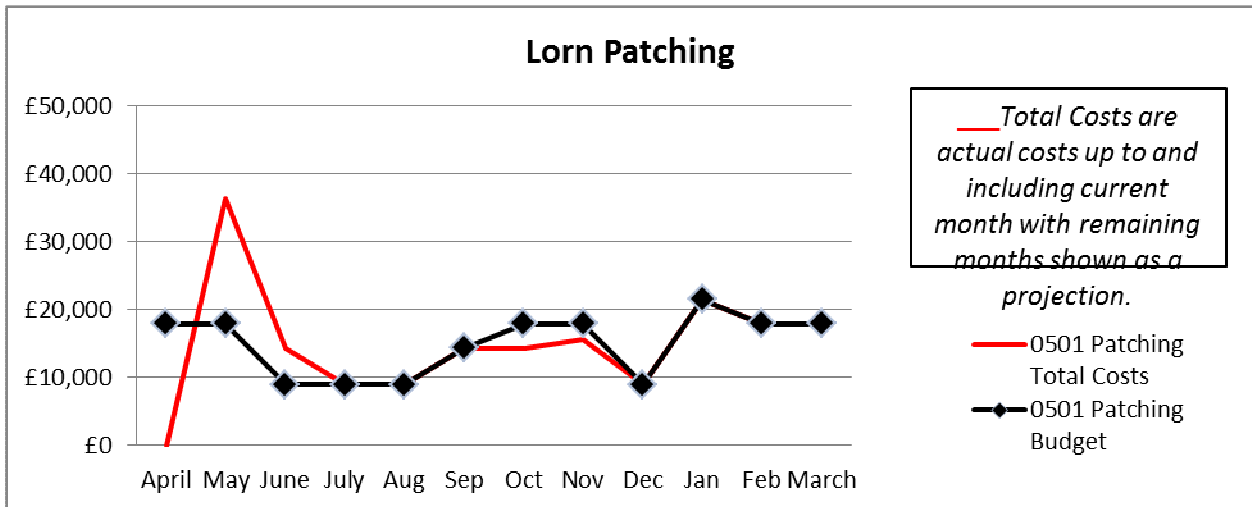
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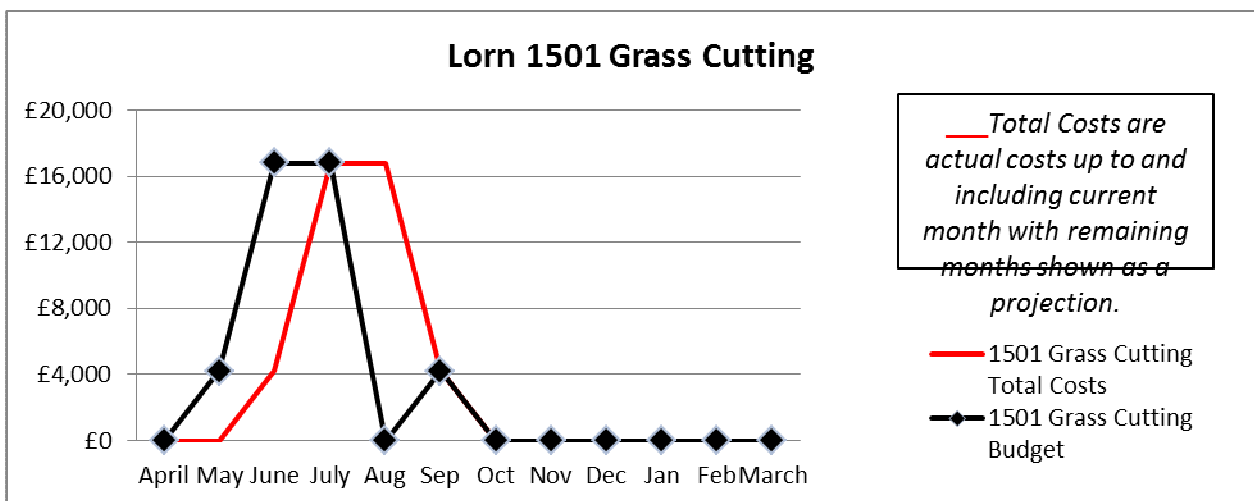
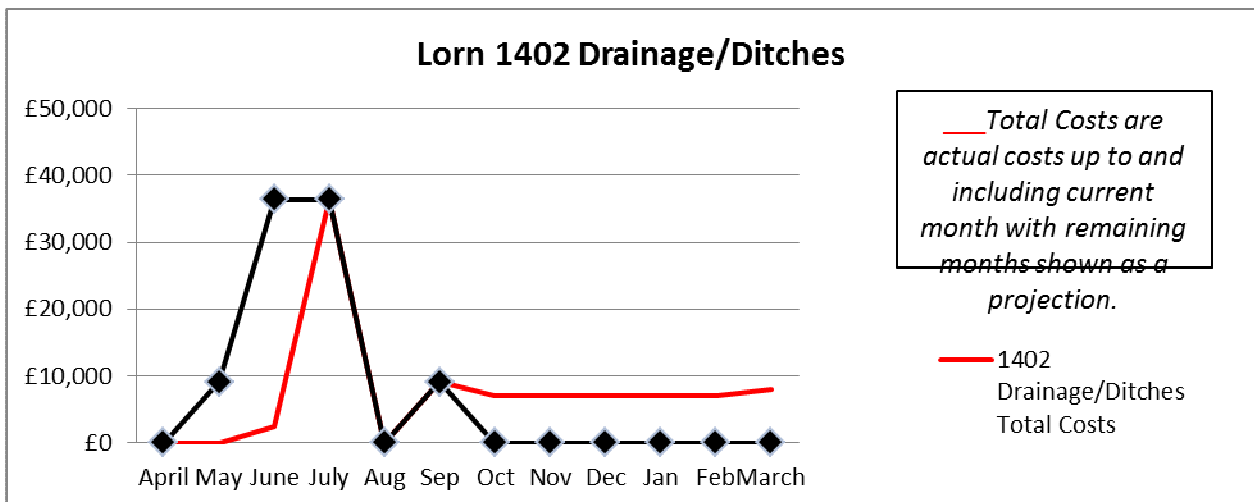
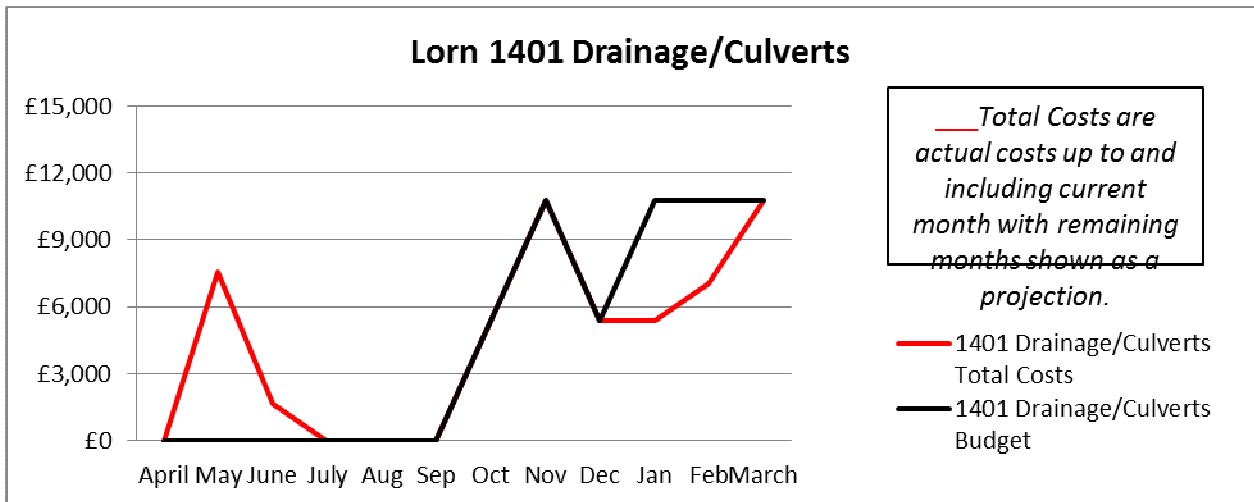
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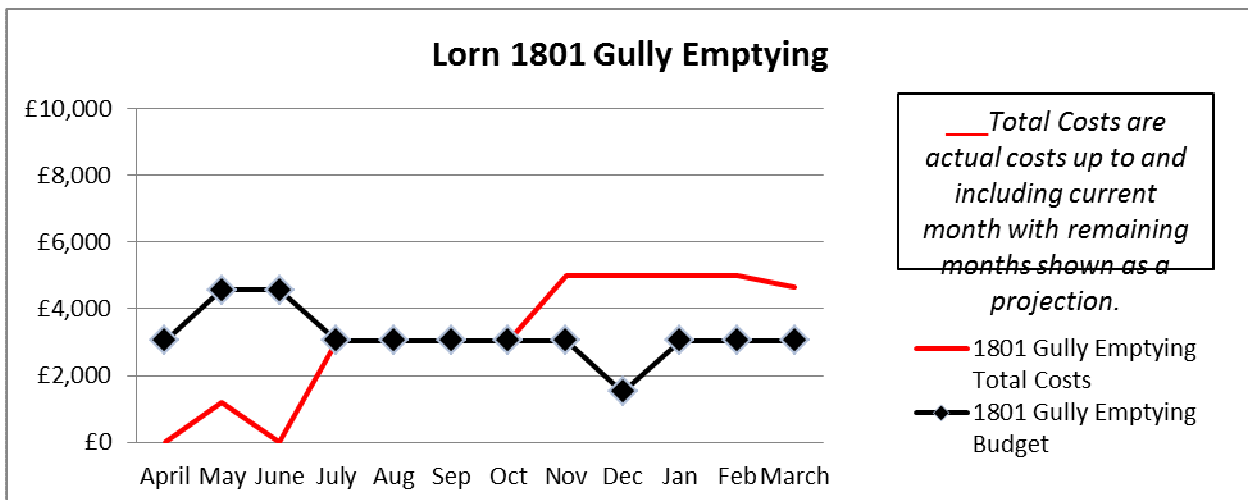
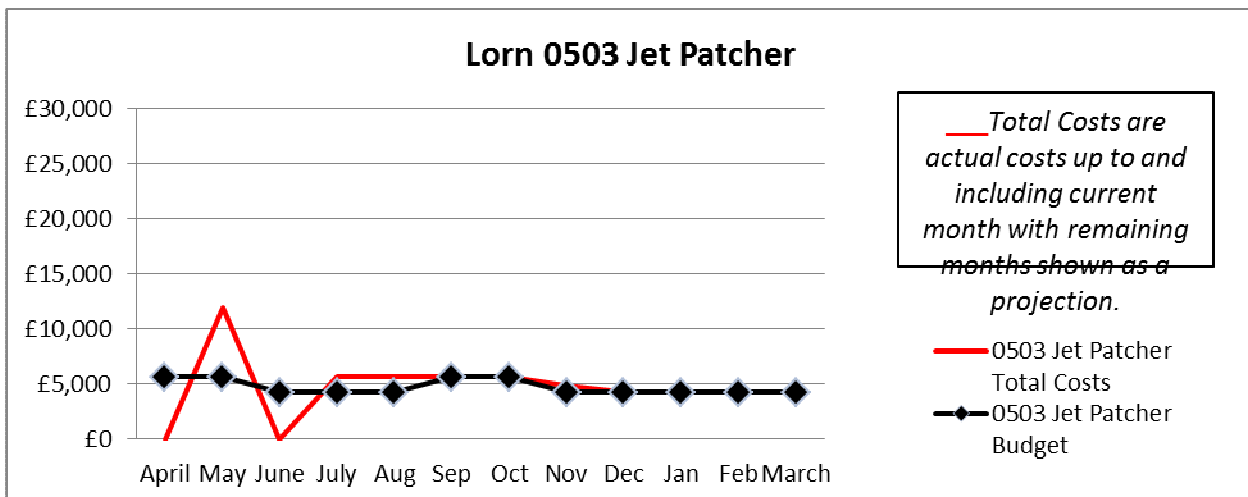
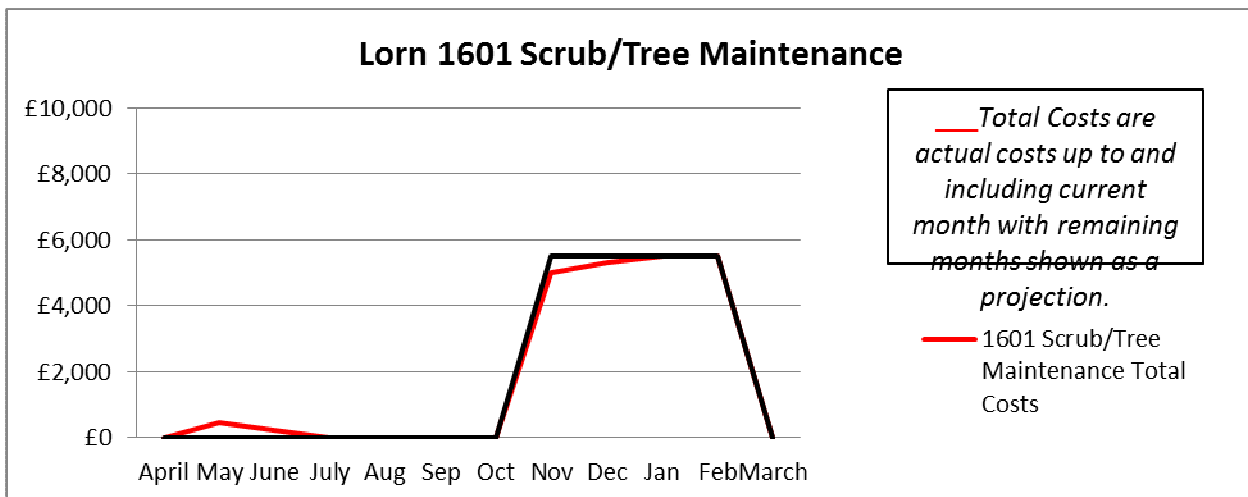
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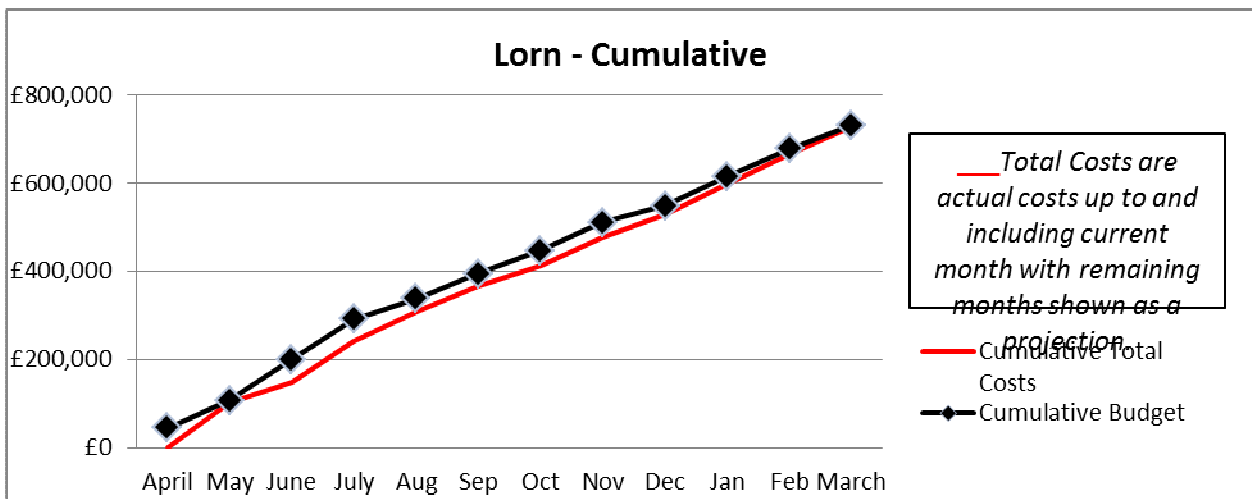
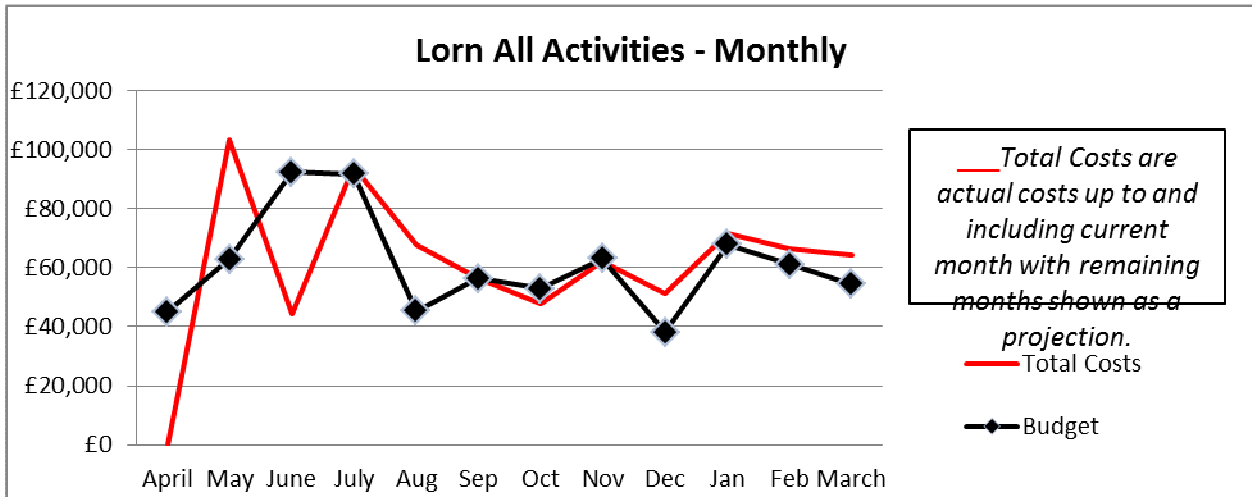
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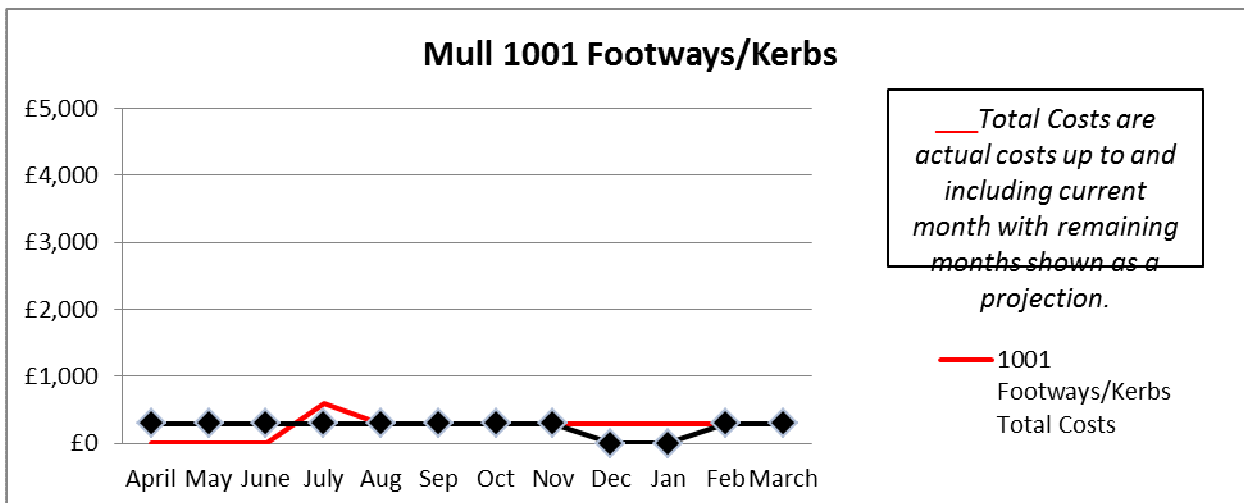
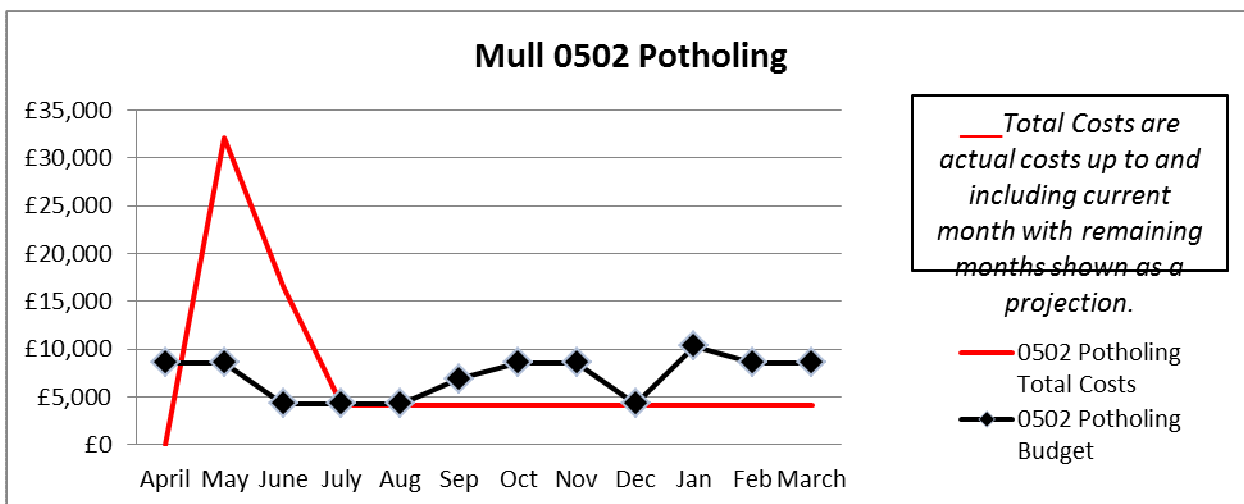
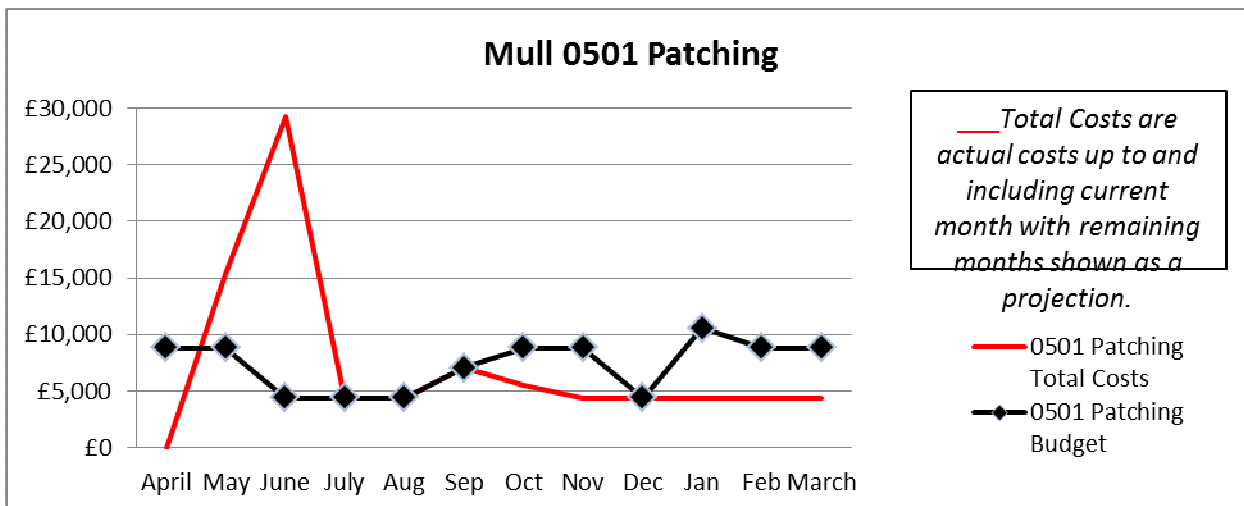
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Funding	Activity	Unit	Spend to Date	Estimated Works Quantity	% of Asset Management Plan achieved	Target Unit Rate	Target Quantity (from Asset Management Plan)	Inventory Quantity
R10	0501 Patching	sq.m	£ 95,365.00	3126.72	8.98%	£ 30.50	34803.65	3,480,365.00
	0502 Potholing	n/a	£ 111,709.00					-
	1001 Footways Resurfacing	sq.m	£ 470.00	25.43	2.28%	£ 18.49	1116.45	67,040.50
	1401 Drainage Culverts	no.	£ 10,326.00	265.11	10.54%	£ 38.95	2515.33	6,621.00
	1402 Drainage Ditches	m	£ 13,726.00	7711.24	4.42%	£ 1.78	174616.14	787,760.55
	1501 Grasscutting	m	£ 4,216.00	128641.17	4.65%	£ 0.03	2767747.97	2,770,000.00
	1503 Weedkilling	sq.m	£ -	0.00	0.00%	£ 0.13	73952.00	126,537.00
	1601 Scrub / Tree Maintenance	n/a	£ 775.00					
	2301 Traffic Signs	no.	£ 1,140.00	13.02	4.78%	£ 87.56	272.30	1,561.50
	Totals		£ 237,727.00					

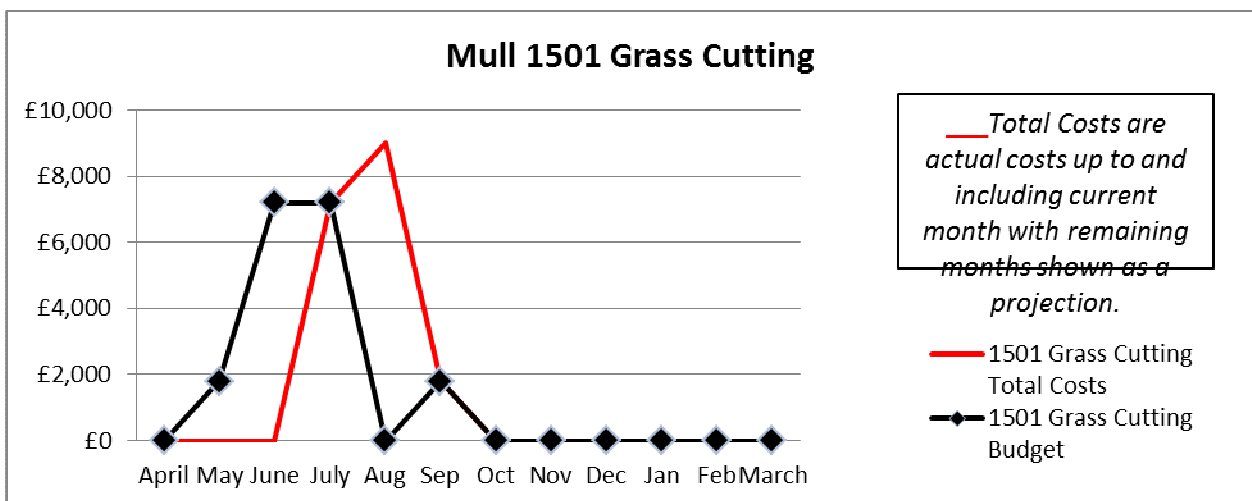
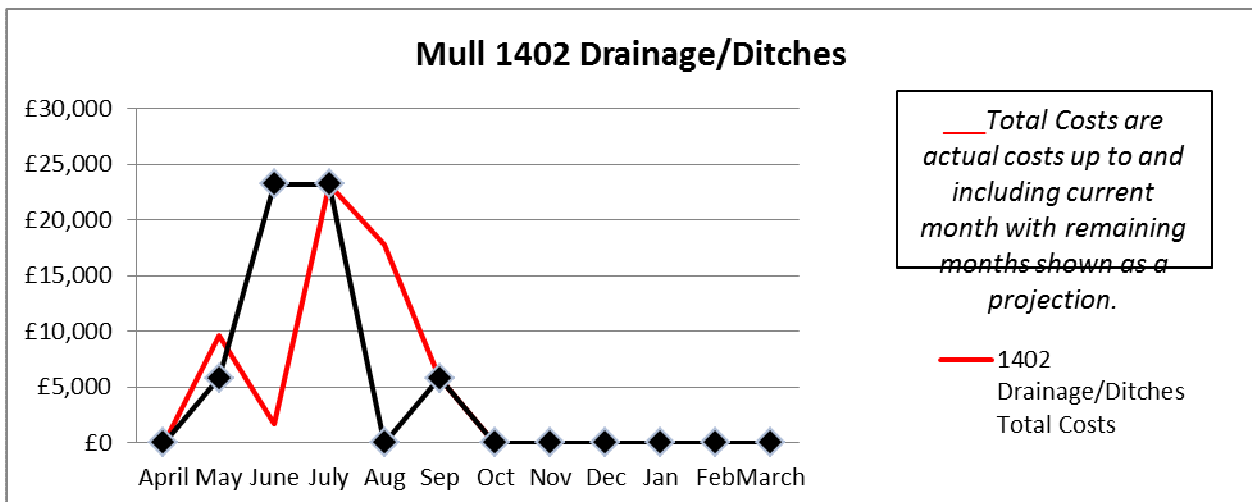
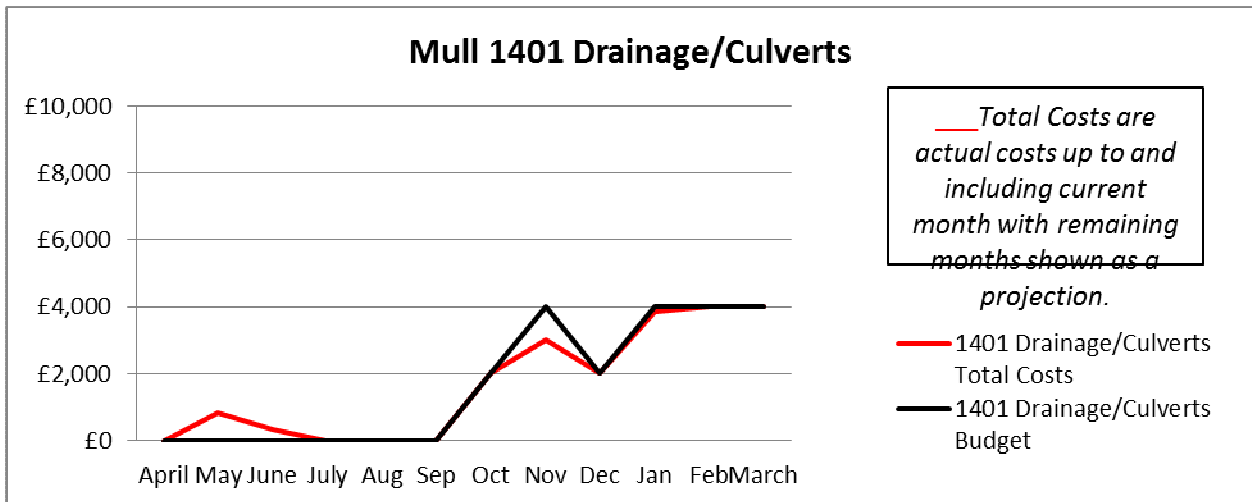


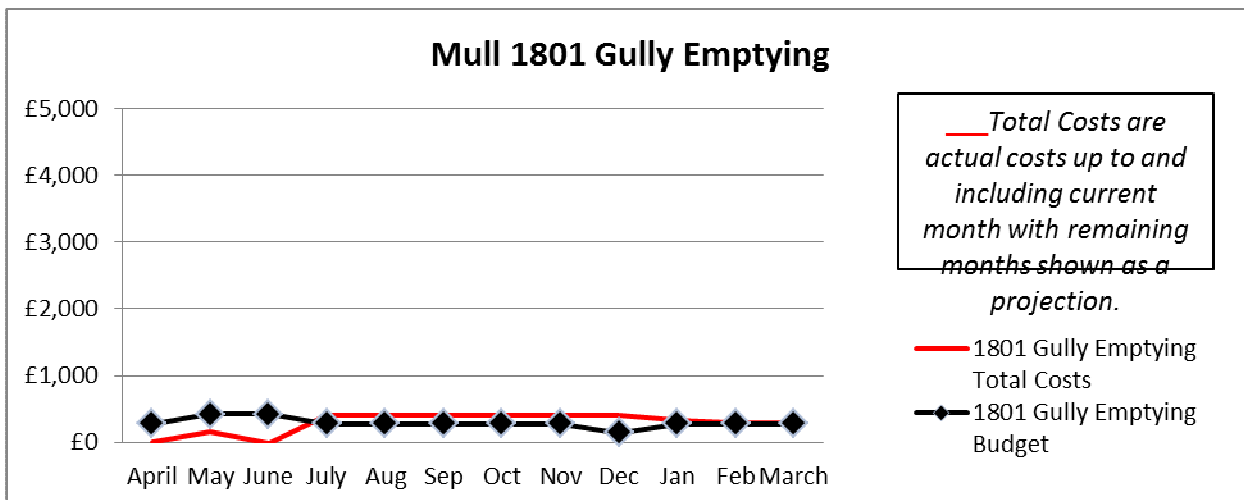
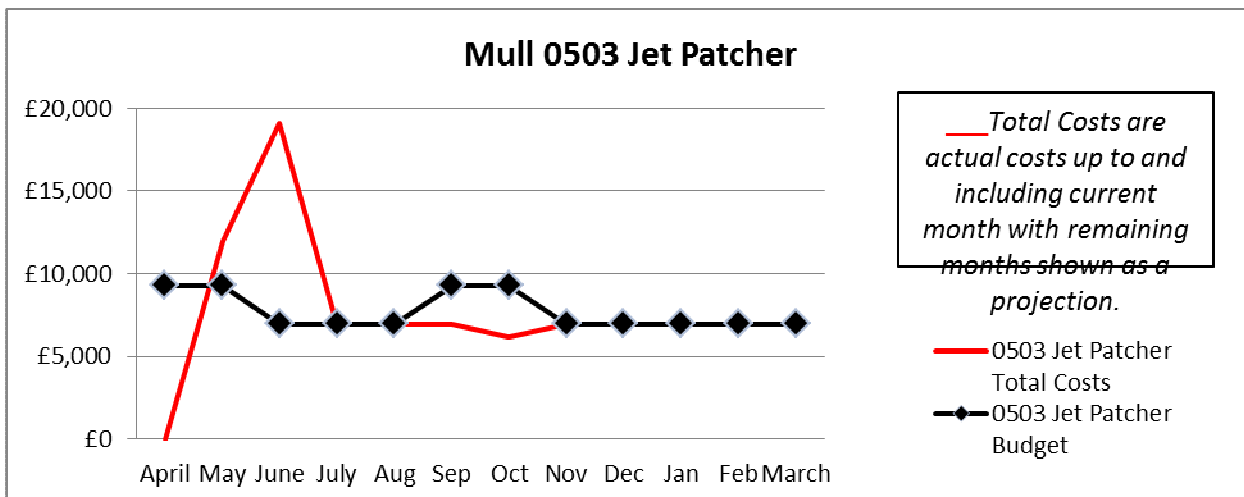
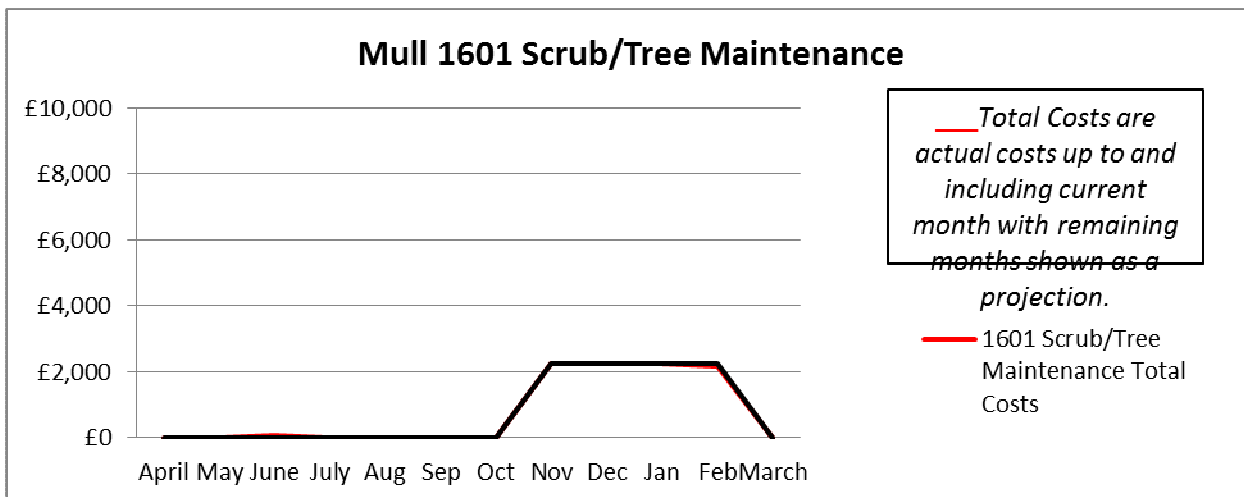


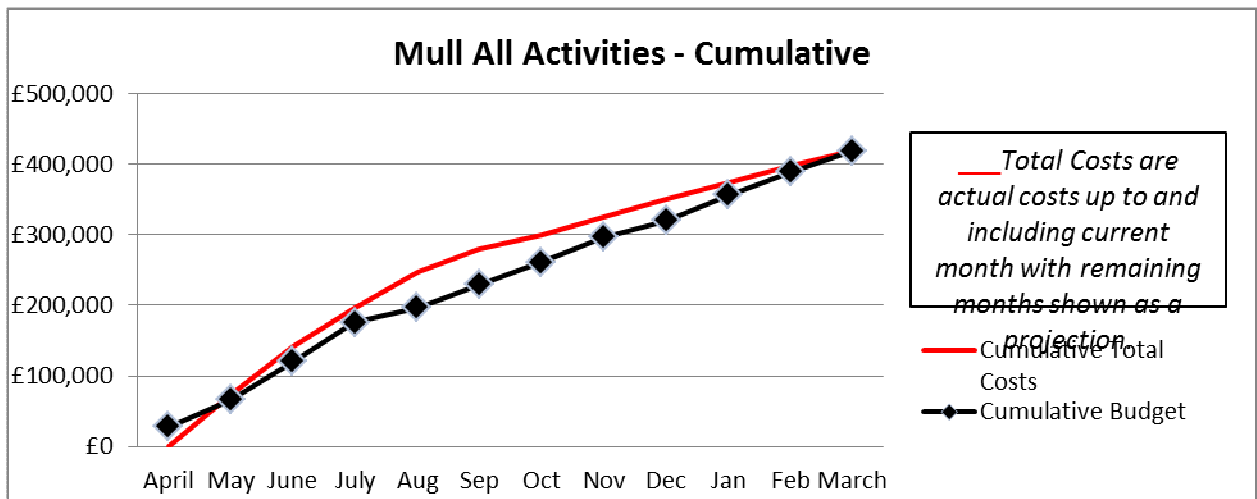
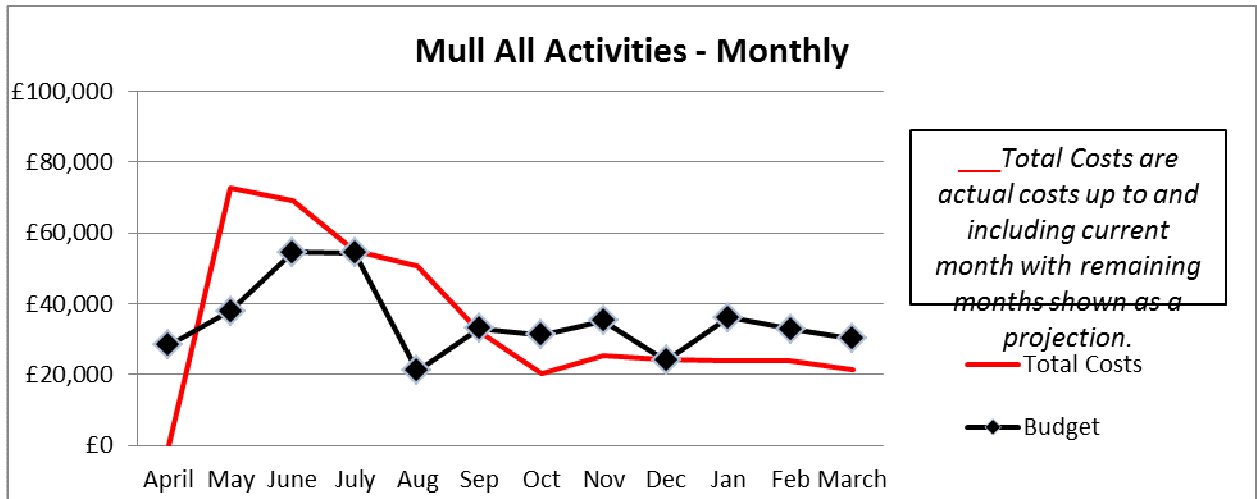












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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**OLI Area Committee****DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES****8 October 2014**

Kerrera Stag/Roads Update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 A Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) report by Transport Scotland was published in June 2013 which identified long term options for ferry service provision to the island of Kerrera. The STAG report recommended that the existing vehicle ferry route is retained with a north-south link road constructed on the island to negate the requirement for 3 separate ferry services.
- 1.2 A Stage 1 application was submitted to the Coastal Community Fund for £700k for construction of a new forestry type road linking the north to the south was successful and progress was made to Stage 2.
- 1.3 Argyll and Bute Council officers have assisted IKDT in the preparation of the Stage 2 application in relation to supporting economic development on the island. However in relation to the technical and engineering information required to be input Roads and Amenity Services highlighted gaps in information required. IKDT also found it problematic to provide details in relation to job creation on the island which is a main focus of the Coastal Community Fund.
- 1.4 In light of the above it was agreed with the IKDT that they would thank the Coastal Community Fund for their consideration of the bid submission to date but that they were not in a position to provide the necessary level of detail to progress with the bidding process. It is anticipated that the above approach would allow a positive relationship with the Coastal Community Bid organisation for any future re-applications.

Kerrera Stag/Roads Update

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) report by Transport Scotland was published in June 2013 which identified long term options for ferry service provision to the island of Kerrera. The STAG report recommended that the existing vehicle ferry route is retained with a north-south link road constructed on the island to negate the requirement for 3 separate ferry services. Transport Scotland would be responsible for upgrading the shore infrastructure to enable a non-tidal operation of the ferry service however costs associated with the road infrastructure will be the Councils responsibility.
- 2.2 There are potential borrowing opportunities through revenue savings to Argyll and Bute Council through the construction of a north to south link road. The savings of £13,000 from the dedicated ferry service for school children and £6,500 from the refuse collection to the island would be in line with the funding associated with prudential borrowing of approximately £300,000 over 30 years.
- 2.2 A Stage 1 application was submitted to the Coastal Community Fund for £700k for construction of a new forestry type road linking the north to the south was successful and progress was made to Stage 2. The bid was submitted by the Isle of Kerrera Development Trust (IKDT) as lead applicant as only one bid can be received by each individual organisation and Argyll and Bute Council submitted a bid to the Coastal Community Fund for Rothesay Pavillion which also was successful in progressing to Stage 2.
- 2.3 Argyll and Bute Council officers have assisted IKDT in the preparation of the Stage 2 application in relation to supporting economic development on the island. However in relation to the technical and engineering information required to be input Roads and Amenity Services highlighted gaps in information required. IKDT also found it problematic to provide details in relation to job creation on the island which is a main focus of the Coastal Community Fund.
- 2.4 In light of the above it was agreed with the IKDT that they would thank the Coastal Community Fund for their consideration of the bid submission to date but that they were not in a position to provide the necessary level of detail to progress with the bidding process. It is anticipated that the above approach would allow a positive relationship with the Coastal Community Bid organisation for any future re-applications.
- 2.5 Roads and Amenity Services will assist IKDT to progress with the proposed forestry road project by undertaking a topographical survey to add to the information already collated and the progress with the project made to date.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Councillor's note that IKDT will no longer be progressing with a Stage 2 application to the Coastal Community Fund and support Roads and Amenity Services in assisting with a topographical survey to progress the design of the road.

4.0 DETAILS

- 4.1 There are 33 residents on Kerrera and approximately half of the population are located north of the vehicle ferry slipway with the other half to the south if it. There is currently no vehicle road link between the north and middle of Kerrera and in effect this results in two separate communities, divided between the north and south of the island. Residents of Kerrera consider the island to be physically divided between the north and the south end because of the lack of proper and reliable access between the two areas.
- 4.2 The existing roads in the south of the island are of a basic standard, akin to forest tracks. It can take around half an hour to travel from the south end of Kerrera to the vehicle ferry in the middle of the island. The two roads on the west of the island are both adopted by Argyll and Bute Council however, they are in very poor condition, being of a basic granular construction with no sealed surface or formal drainage.
- 4.3 A Stage 1 application was submitted to the Coastal Community Fund for £700k for construction of a new forestry type road linking the north to the south was successful and progress was made to Stage 2. The bid was submitted by the Isle of Kerrera Development Trust (IKDT) as lead applicant as only one bid can be received by each individual organisation and Argyll and Bute Council submitted a bid to the Coastal Community Fund for Rothesay Pavillion which also was successful in progressing to Stage 2.
- 4.4 Argyll and Bute Council officers have assisted IKDT in the preparation of the Stage 2 application in relation to supporting economic development on the island. However in relation to the technical and engineering information required to be input Roads and Amenity Services highlighted gaps in information required.
- 4.5 Although there is planning approval for an east road alignment there is a section between Ardentrive Farm and the ferry slip which is still to be agreed. This section of the route will need consultation with Crown Estates.
- 4.6 To date there has been no detailed topographical survey undertaken and although this may not be required for a typical forestry type road on the mainland it is considered required for the more challenging construction environment of Kerrera Island.
- 4.7 IKDT also found it problematic to provide details in relation to job creation on the island which is a main focus of the Coastal Community Fund. IKDT felt that there would potentially be jobs created when the road was being constructed and that when built the road would have a positive impact on the island and will help to support existing businesses by improving access and increasing tourism. However IKDT did not feel in the position to provide detailed information on job creation and increased income when the prime reasons

IKDT needed the road link were in relation to linking the community and creating better access to services.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 In light of the above it was agreed with the IKDT that they would thank the Coastal Community Fund for their consideration of the bid submission to date but that they were not in a position to provide the necessary level of detail to progress with the bidding process. It is anticipated that the above approach would allow a positive relationship with the Coastal Community Bid organisation for any future re-applications.

5.2 Roads and Amenity Services will assist IKDT to progress with the proposed forestry road project by undertaking a topographical survey to add to the information already collated and the progress with the project made to date.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	In line with Economic Development Action Plan
6.2	Financial	Potential borrowing opportunities through revenue savings to Argyll and Bute Council noted under 2.2.
6.3	Legal	Potential land agreements require to be formalised.
6.4	HR	None.
6.5	Equalities	Improve accessibility on Kerrera Island.
6.6	Risk	Funding cannot be secured.
6.7	Customer Services	Potential savings to school transport noted under 2.2.

Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Pippa Milne

Policy Lead Ellen Morton

Date Paper Prepared 24 September 2014

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES
AREA COMMITTEE****COMMUNITY SERVICES****8 OCTOBER 2014**

LETTER FROM OBAN HIGH SCHOOL PIPE BAND

1. SUMMARY

The attached is a request for an endorsement from Oban High School Pipe Band.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee are asked to consider this request.

If you require further information, please contact Morven McKerrell, Music Teacher at Oban High School at morven.mckerrell@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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1 October 2014

Dear Sir Madam

New York 2015 – Oban High School

In April 2015, a group of musicians from Oban High School, comprising of members of the Pipe Band, Traditional School of Music and Choir, will travel to New York primarily to take part in the annual Tartan Day Parade and to give a concert in conjunction with a local pipe band. It is an opportunity for us not to only showcase the school but promote the town of Oban and its surrounding area.

This is the first time we have taken a group to the Tartan Day Celebrations and will be a once in a lifetime experience for our youngsters. The cost of flying/transporting the instruments to New York is estimated to be around £14,350 and we are seeking donations to assist in the transportation costs. This includes transportation of instruments, uniforms and additional instrument insurance. We would like to assure you that the monies we are seeking will only be used for these costs as each pupil is paying £1500 to cover their travel, accommodation, meals and excursions to be part of this once in a lifetime experience.

We realise you probably receive more of these “begging letters” than is possible for you to respond to, but any donation to help with these additional costs would be greatly appreciated and in return we will be very pleased to advertise your involvement in this project both locally and internationally. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter.

We have also attached a letter of endorsement from Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee for your perusal.

Yours sincerely

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Morven Mckerrell
Music Teacher



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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES****AREA COMMITTEE****CUSTOMER SERVICES****8th October 2014**

MEMBERSHIP OF SCOTTISH RURAL PARLIAMENT LIAISON GROUP.

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members in regards to membership of the Scottish Rural Parliament Liaison Group and invite them to consider appointing an elected Member to serve on the group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Area Committee note a request from the Scottish Rural parliament Liaison Group to appoint an elected Member to serve on their group, and consider appointing a local Member to undertake that role.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Scottish Rural Parliament will have its first meeting in Oban on the 6th, 7th and 8th of November 2014. The Scottish Rural Parliament is organised and run by Scottish Rural Action, a company set up for this purpose. The Scottish Rural Parliament meeting has the backing of the Scottish Government.
- 3.2 The Scottish Rural Parliament is expected by its organisers to attract around 400 people to Oban during the event on 6th to 8th November 2014. The Parliament and associated events will centre upon the Atlantis Leisure Centre and the Corran Halls, and participants will also be able to undertake visits to local projects.
- 3.3 Given the request of the Scottish Rural Parliament Liaison Group to the Area Committee to nominate a Councillor to the Liaison Group for the Parliament taking place in Oban, Members are asked to consider appointing a Member of the Area Committee to serve on the Scottish Rural Parliament Liaison Group.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the request made by the Scottish Rural Parliament Liaison Group to appoint an elected Member to serve on the Group, and to consider appointing a Member of the Area Committee to that Group.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy -	In keeping with the Council's commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations
Financial –	None
Legal -	None
HR -	None
Equalities -	None
Risk -	None
Customer Service -	None

Executive Director of Customer Services
1st October 2014

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