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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**OBAN, LORN  
AND THE ISLES  
AREA COMMITTEE**

**ROADS AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

**11 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REVENUE AND CAPITAL UPDATE**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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### **2.0 INTRODUCTION**

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### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members note and consider the update.

### **4.0 DETAIL**

#### Capital Programme – Roads Reconstruction

- 4.1 The 2019/20 Capital Programme has been produced using Road Condition Index (RCI) information which is processed through the WDM system using survey information which is collected in the same format across the whole of Scotland. Other factors such as known development, timber extraction, police collision/accident data, local knowledge and engineering judgement are also used. The full programme has been communicated to Members following the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee in March.
- 4.2 Development work has been carried out to include the Roads Reconstruction Capital Programme for all of Argyll and Bute on our website. A listing of all

schemes is currently available at the link below and ultimately this will be linked to a map which will show the geographical location of each individual scheme. The programme can be viewed on our website at the following link:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/roads-capital-programme>

4.3 Additional Funding has been secured through diligent work by officers working in partnership with the Strategic Timber Transport Fund. This will enable additional works to be carried out which will benefit both Argyll and Bute Council, as a Roads Authority, the Timber industry and all road users within our network. This additional funding will be used as match funding to existing surfacing schemes where timber extraction is planned. The allocation of this funding comes with the condition that it is invested in line with a pre agreed plan which focuses on core timber extraction routes.

4.4 The STTS funding is combined for the Mid Argyll and Lorn areas due to road infrastructure at £468,207 and Lochawe being awarded £633,529. The funding will be allocated to the A85 and A816 South as well as some local 'C' and unclassified routes, consisting of additional surfacing and white lining in conjunction with our Capital programme.

#### 4.5 Winter Maintenance

4.5.1 A report to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure September Committee will set out the proposed winter policy. It is intended that in future years, a report will be taken to the June Area Committee cycle seeking comments from Members on winter maintenance. These comments will be considered as part of the annual policy setting process.

#### 4.6 Grounds and Cleansing

Ground maintenance scheduled works are being carried in line with the agreed specification, the service is now using the hand held tablets and recording scheduled and reactive works in the ELM system.

Street cleanliness operations continue to deliver a good level of service and this is replicated in the LEAMS information in pyramid. The service is working with Keep Scotland Beautiful in applying the new criteria to the zoning system.

### **5.0 CONCLUSION**

5.1 This report provides an update on the Roads, Amenities and footways operational matters in the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area.

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Policy – works carried out in accordance with relevant policies.

- 6.2 Financial – Funded from existing budgets
- 6.3 Legal – None Known
- 6.4 HR – delivered by a combination of council employees, national contractors and SMEs
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: – None Known
  - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics– None Known
  - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty– None Known
  - 6.5.3 Islands – None Known
- 6.6. Risk– None Known– None Known
- 6.7 Customer Service– None Known

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