

ROADS CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME UPDATE 2021/22

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides a follow up to the report presented to this Committee in March this year and provides an update on the progress of the delivery of road resurfacing and reconstruction works.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- 1) endorses the progress made on delivering the programme of capital works for 2021/22;
 - 2) notes that the council has been successful in securing an additional £1.249M through the Scottish Timber Transport fund;
 - 3) notes that progress updates are provided regularly on the Council website;
 - 4) notes and endorses the allocation of funding for footway schemes.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The March EDI report confirmed Roads and Infrastructure were in the process of delivering a £10M roads capital for 2021/22, after a successful bid through the Scottish Timber Transport Scheme, we now also have an extra £1.249M secured through the Scottish Timber Transport Fund for predetermined routes within Argyll and Bute. These routes all being used to haul harvested timber.
- 3.2 The focus of the roads reconstruction programme has been to recover the network through the delivery of a mix of carriageway resurfacing schemes, patching/surface dressing and in-situ road surface recycling, which follow the principles set out within the Roads Asset Management Plan.
- 3.3 As in previous years, the roads reconstruction programme is being delivered by a mixed economy model with the Councils in-house team delivering carriageway reconstruction and patching works. The surface dressing element of the programme is being delivered by an external specialist contractor and a

number of SMEs are being used to supplement. In order to ensure that the programme provides maximum benefit to the overall network, there will be a minimum of £3.1M (£2M has been carried forward from 2020/21 Budget due to COVID-19) of surface dressing work carried out. This enables the maximum surface area to be covered which will help to seal carriageway cracks, prevent the ingress of water and reduce the amount of reactive maintenance for potholes.

- 3.4 Good progress is being made with the programme which is on schedule to be completed this financial year. Works have had to be adjusted to accommodate the additional external funding secured. The regularly updated programme can be viewed here: [Roads Capital Programme \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](http://argyll-bute.gov.uk)
- 3.5 Whilst the programme is currently on target for completion this financial year, Members should note that we are starting to see some disruption in material supplies, for example cement supplies in many local builders merchants have been depleted due in part to demands from other large UK construction projects, the ability for some European cement production to be maintained on reported logistical challenges due mainly to limited numbers of truck drivers. In addition to this, key materials such as cement and bitumen have seen double figure percentage increases in cost which is reflected in the actual costs of works.
- 3.6 This year's programme will see 229.3km of roadway treated which is equivalent to 10.16% of the total adopted network.

Footway Schemes

- 3.7 The Council invested £0.5m for enhancing and improving footpaths and pavements in rural, remote, island and urban communities at the budget meeting in February 2021. This is in addition to the allocation of £0.4m allocated last year for green transport and travel. This provides us with a funding pot of £0.9m which has been used to form a programme of schemes which is appended to this report at Appendix 1. Members' views were sought via a communication to the Area Committee Chairs on potential schemes and where possible these have been incorporated into the programme.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report provides details of the proposed roads reconstruction programme for 2021/22.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy** - works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management Plan.

- 5.2 **Financial** - programme will be based on capital allocation for year 2021/22.
- 5.3 **Legal** - None
- 5.4 **HR** - reconstruction works delivered by a combination of in-house roads operations team and sub-contractors.
- 5.5 **Fairer Scotland Duty:**
 - 5.5.1 **Equalities - protected characteristics** – None Known
 - 5.5.2 **Socio-economic Duty** – None Known
 - 5.5.3 **Islands** – None Known
- 5.6 **Risk** - completed works will reduce requirement to repair roads and will arrest the carriageway/footway deterioration.
- 5.7 **Customer Service** - overall improvement in road surfaces and the quality of driven journeys.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Footway Programme

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Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands	Estimated Value
Harbour Street - Tarbert	£44k
Woodside Carradale - Kintyre	£41k
Kilchenzie Housing (adopted roads) - Kintyre	£16k
Northbay and Port Ellen - Islay	£61k
Campbeltown Crossing Points (Dropped Kerbs)	£9k
Lorne Street - Lochgilphead	£39k
	£210k
Oban, Lorn & the Isles	Estimated Value
Stevenson Street - Oban	£6k
Glencruitten - Oban	£10k
Combie Street (block paving removal) - Oban	£29k
Shore Street - Oban	£10k
Albany Street - Oban	£19k
Drimvargie Terrace (east side) -Oban	£5k
High St - Oban	£20k
Lochnell Road - N Connel	£20k
Lora View - N Connel	£9k
Kenmore Cottages - Bonawe	£11k
Taynuilt Village main street	£31k
Salen - Mull	£11k
Bunessan - Mull	£20k
	£201k
Bute & Cowal	Estimated Value
UC74 Hillview Walk Rothesay	£17k
UC75 St Andrews Walk Rothesay	£8k
UC76 Waverly Avenue - Rothesay	£9k
Bishop Street - Rothesay	£16k
Victoria Street - Rothesay	£6k
Rothesay Various improvements (Dropped kerbs)	£17k
A815 Alexandra Parade FW - Dunoon	£10k
A815 Glenacre - Innellan	£28k
A815 Ardhallow - Innellan	£34k
A815 Shore Road - Sandbank	£24k
Ardenslate Road - Dunoon	£30k
	£199k
Helensburgh & Lomond	Estimated Value
A818 Sinclair Street- Helensburgh	£12k
A814 Rhu Road Lower (Kidston to Rhu Rd Higher)	£38k
U101 East King Street (Sinclair St to Grant St)	£24k

U314 West King Street (John St to James St)	£24k
U188 Lever Road	£58k
U212 Macfarlane Drive- Arrochar	£14k
	£170k
Helensburgh – Cardross Cycleway (this will be used to bid for match funding)	£140k