#### ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

# OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE

# ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**DECEMBER 2022** 

## ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A Roads and Infrastructure standing report was a fixture on Area Committee agendas throughout the life of the last Council. In the first two rounds of Area Committee meetings in the new Council feedback was sought on the value of these updates, and their format and frequency. Generally Members felt having a standard item was beneficial and it was acknowledged that the Roads and Infrastructure weekly briefings issued to all members each Friday afternoon provide for the main sources of live information on current activities. On top of these briefings there is a bank of resources on the new Member Zone system which include the weekly briefings, subject specific briefings, ad hoc short briefings on issues, relevant previous committee reports, operational service procedures, legislation and Council policies.
- 1.2 In the last Council the purpose of these reports was to provide an update on service activities but since weekly briefings were introduced around 18 months ago [at the time of writing this report we are on to briefing Edition 72] these have largely superseded the original stated purpose of these reports.
- 1.3 On the basis of the above a new format is proposed for these standing area committee reports which removes duplication for Officers and rather links to existing published information, with additional updates only in the body of the reports if these are specifically requested/noted from previous meetings. The report remains as a standing item and continues to provide the opportunity for Officer engagement at the committee meetings.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Area Committee:

2.1 Note and consider the contents of this report, and provide feedback on the proposed new format.

### 3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Roads and Infrastructure Services provides Members with weekly briefings on topical service activities which are all available <a href="here.">here.</a>
- 3.2 As part of the resources on the new Member Zone system there are various key documents available in an online library <a href="here.">here.</a>
- 3.3 Following recent correspondence regarding Ganavan, and for the benefit of new Elected Members and Community Councillors in particular, it is felt that it would be useful to hold an on-site meeting to view all of the public infrastructure/facilities then to have a round-table discussion afterwards at the Corran Halls [or another suitable venue] to discuss both the historic work to address concerns raised and any future options

### 4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 This report provides links to existing published information on service activities and provides for the opportunity for Officer attendance and engagement at committee meetings.

### 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy none
- 5.2 Financial none
- 5.3 Legal none
- 5.4 HR none known
- 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. Climate Change none
- 5.7 Risk none known
- 5.8 Customer Service none

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