ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL **MAKI AREA COMMITTEE**

ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES **4 MARCH 2026**

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purpose of these reports was to provide an update on service activities but since weekly briefings these have largely superseded the original stated purpose of these reports.

1.3 On the basis of the above this new format has been agreed through the December 2022 round of area committees for this standing item. This format 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.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 Roads and Infrastructure Services provides Members with weekly briefings on topical service activities which are all available here.

3.2 As part of the resources on the new Member Zone system there are various key documents available in an online library here.

3.3 There are also additional online resources covering the streetlighting, footway, surface dressing and roads reconstruction programmes available on the website here.

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 – Roads and Infrastructure work to a number of agreed policies across the range of service areas.

5.2 Financial – revenue and capital budgets are in place to deliver projects and cyclic work.

5.3 Legal – Roads and Infrastructure Services work to a number of different pieces of legislation such as the Roads Scotland Act 1984 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

5.4 HR – none known.

5.5 Customer Service – none known.

5.6. Risk – risk managed through toolbox talks, safety briefings and where appropriate risk registers – all of the above are monitored through the RIS leadership and management teams.

5.7 Climate Change - due regard will be given to climate change with a view to minimising any climate change impact and these are considered as and when they arise.

5.8 Fairer Scotland Duty – none known.

5.9 Equalities - protected characteristics – where appropriate EqSEIAs will be carried out to identify any implications.

5.10 Consumer Duty – where appropriate EqSEIAs will be carried out to identify any implications.

5.11 Islands – where appropriate Island impacts assessments will be carried out to identify any implications.

5.12 Children's Rights and Wellbeing – none known.

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