

ROADS ISSUES

1. SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS

This report provides an update on outstanding and ongoing roads-related issues in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Capital Programme – 2012/13.

- An initial draft programme based on a 31% share of £5 million has already been presented to Members at a previous Area Committee. At the time of writing this report, the revised programme, based on a share of £7million, was being compiled for presentation to the Roads and Transportation Working Group on 20 March 2012; it was therefore unavailable for inclusion as an appendix to this report. A separate handout will be circulated at the Area Committee.
- This year's surface dressing contract has been won in competition by Kielly Brothers Ltd. Capital resurfacing works on Islay and Kintyre will be carried out by our contractual partners, Breedon Aggregates Ltd and Colas Ltd. Resurfacing works in Mid Argyll will be carried out using in-house resources.
- In addition to resurfacing works at capital sites, other related works including white-lining, signing, scrub-cutting and ditching will be carried out where/if appropriate. Local community Councils have been advised of the forthcoming scrub cutting works on the A83 Campbeltown Road.

3.2 Capital Programme – 2011/12.

- Works programmed under the 2011 to 2012 capital budget are all now complete. The last schemes to be completed were the additional structural patching works in Mid Argyll and Kintyre and reconstruction works on the Oa Road on Islay.

3.3 Winter Maintenance –

- The formal winter maintenance stand-by period will conclude on 13 April.
- We have used approximately 40% of the salt used for treating roads in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay, when compared to the same period for last year.

3.4 Revenue Maintenance Works -

- General safety-related works is ongoing with pre-surface dressing work about to commence.
- The Patchmaster vehicle is currently operating (weather permitting) within Mid Argyll & Kintyre.

3.5 Works in Campbeltown –

- There will be a number of schemes taking place concurrently in Campbeltown. It will be essential that close liaison takes place. The consultant Mace Group has been employed by the Council to carry out overall co-ordination. Public utilities will be advised formally of all forthcoming works.

4. Policy: The road network will be maintained in line with the 'Road Maintenance & Asset Management Plan' as closely as the available roads maintenance budget will allow.

5. Financial: Expenditure of revenue and capital budget to maintain the network.

6. Personnel: Nil

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