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. The latest update on the overall programme will be provided at the Area Committee meeting.

- Mid Argyll –
  - Surface Dressing – Work on the B841 Crinan Road, B8025 Tayvallich Road and C42 Achnamara Road is now all complete. Work on the B8024 Kilberry Road (see also 3.2 below) is currently in progress.
  - Retread Treatment – The contract for all Mid Argyll retread sites has been awarded to Colas. Work is expected to be carried out in August.
  - Reconstruction work / overlays – Work is nearing completion on the A816 sites at Kintraw Hill and north of Kilmartin. In-house teams, from Mid-Argyll and Kintyre are carrying out this work.

- Kintyre –
  - Surface Dressing – Work at both surface dressing sites, south of Kennacraig and at Achnafad on the A83, is now complete.
- Retread - Colas has completed retread works at Southend and north of Carradale on the B842.
- Overlays – Breedon Aggregates are expected to commence resurfacing work in Kintyre by mid July.

- Islay –
  - Surface Dressing – Work, by Kiely Brothers, at all sites on Islay is now complete.
  - Retread – All retread works have now been completed by Colas on Jura.
  - Overlays - Breedon Aggregates is currently progressing resurfacing work on Islay.

3.2 Kilberry Road

- All preparatory work is complete. Surface dressing work is ongoing; this is a weather-dependent process and, due to recent inclement weather, the surface dressing programme has suffered some delay. Retread work, at the site south of Kilberry, has been awarded to Colas.

3.3 Revenue Maintenance Works -

- Grass cutting in all districts is ongoing – resources have been redirected onto ‘A’ roads to ensure that the main strategic roads are addressed before the start of the main tourist season. Scrub cutting is ongoing.

- General safety-related works (drainage, permanent patching and potholing) is ongoing.

3.4 Other Ongoing Works in and around Campbeltown –

- Passing places on the A83 north of Campbeltown – Works are now nearing completion.

- South of Muasdale – Site works are now well in advance and completion is expected by the end of August.

- New Quay – Works progressing – likely completion date – October.

- Tayinloan – On programme – due for completion by late July.
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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