## **ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**

MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE & THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2012

### ROADS ISSUES - KILMAHO ROAD WIDTH

#### 1. SUMMARY

This report provides details of road surface widths at the new resurfacing scheme on the A83 at Kilmaho in Kintyre.

#### 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members note this report.

#### 3. DETAIL

Following the recent works carried out on the A83 at Kilmaho, Members requested a report on road widths at the final scheme as it was suggested that the overall road width had been reduced. A survey was duly carried out to check widths of the new carriageway road surface following completion of the works. Road widths were reported to vary between 5.8 metres at the widest point, down to 5.4 metres at the narrowest point – see Appendix.

Technically, when a road is overlayed with a new surface, the resultant road width will be reduced as the new top layer of surfacing 'steps-in' – but the reduction will be minimal, in the order of 1 or 2 centimetres. In the case of the Kilmaho scheme, road widths measured at the resurfacing site were found to be an absolute minimum width of 5.4 metres. Road widths were measured outwith the site and found to be generally 5.4 metres or thereabouts i.e. no greater than the minimum width of the newly resurfaced site.

Some work is still outstanding at Kilmaho. Due to inclement weather, the specialist contractor left site before completing white edge-lining works – without a solid edge line, carriageway widths do tend to appear narrower. This will be rectified in the near future. Also, some kerbing works will be carried out to deter motorists from over-running the verge and filter drain.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Further works (kerbing and lining) will be carried out at the A83 Kilmaho site this financial year.

# 5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy Works assessed and carried out under the current 'Road Maintenance & Asset Management Plan'.
- 5.2 Financial Costs of carrying out remaining work will be assigned to this year's roads reconstruction capital budget.
- 5.3 Legal None.

5.4 HR None

- 5.5 Equalities None
- 5.6 Risk None
- 5.7 Customer Services None

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# APPENDIX

