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ROADS ISSUES - RHOIN SALT STORE

1. SUMMARY

This report outlines the current position with regard to the relocation of the Kintyre salt store, from its present location at the Rhoin salt storage depot off the UC59 RAF Machrihanish Road, to the new roads depot at Machrihanish Airbase.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members note this report.

3. DETAIL

In the past, when the roads depot was based centrally in Campbeltown, at Kinloch Road, it was logical to store salt at the Rhoin Depot – distant from the town centre. Following the recent establishment of the new roads depot at the airbase, it was apparent that salt storage could now be moved to the new depot for operational and efficiency reasons.

Various alternatives were considered for a salt storage area and following discussions with the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC), an area for the storage of salt was prepared at the new roads depot at Machrihanish air base. The haulage of salt (estimated at approximately 800 tonnes) from the Rhoin salt storage depot has now commenced.

The Rhoin depot has also been used in the past for the short-term storage of road materials. Any stored material will be removed in the future and the Rhoin Depot will, at that point, be surplus to requirements.

4. CONCLUSIONS

Within a few days of writing this report, salt will no longer be stored at the Rhoin depot.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy None.

5.2 Financial Costs attributed to the movement of salt between

depots will be assigned to the revenue winter

maintenance budget.

5.3 Legal Once the depot is declared as 'surplus to requirements' its future can be considered.

5.4 HR None

5.5 Equalities None

5.6 Risk None

5.7 Customer Services None

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