

## ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2014/15

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides the proposed capital roads reconstruction programme for the forthcoming financial year (2014 to 2015). The draft programme was presented to Members on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at the recent Council Budget Meeting.
- 1.2 In February 2012, the Council approved £21M investment in roads reconstruction for 2012-15. This is the third year element of the 3 year network recovery plan with estimated costs of approximately £7m being applied.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Council notes the progress of the Roads Reconstruction Programme for 2012-2015.

**3 DETAIL**

- 3.1 The focus of the roads reconstruction programme has been to recover the network through the delivery of a mix of carriageway resurfacing schemes, patching/surface dressing and insitu road surface recycling, which follow the principles set out within the proposed Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Strategy.
- 3.2 The summary table below highlights the positive and visible impact of the works undertaken to date. Since 2011 the Council has upgraded almost 40% of its "A" class roads and over 400km of roads in total, which makes a significant and positive impact upon the local economy, connectivity and the quality of life of our communities.
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Table 3.2

| Road category | Treatment % 2011/12 | Treatment % 2012/13 | Treatment % 2013/14 | Total Treatment Length | Total Treatment as a % of network length 2011-13 |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|
| A             | 55.76 km = 10%      | 93.37 km = 17%      | 46.32 km = 8%       | 195.45 km              | 36%  |
| B             | 26.85 km = 4%       | 58.91 km = 10%      | 30.82 km = 5%       | 116.58 km              | 20%  |
| C             | 12.37 km = 3%       | 4.01 km = 1%        | 3.79 km = 1%        | 20.17 km               | 5%   |
| U             | 18.86 km = 3%       | 17.55 km = 2%       | 43.46 km = 5%       | 79.87 km               | 9%   |
|               |                     |                     |                     | 412.07km               | 17%  |

- 3.4 The Roads Reconstruction Programme will be delivered by a mixed economy model with the Council's in house team delivering carriageway resurfacing and patching works across the Council area. The Council's contractual partner Breedon Aggregates will be utilised on Islay to deliver resurfacing and structural patching works. In addition the insitu road surface recycling process for Jura will be tendered via the Public Contracts Scotland portal to ensure best value. Surface dressing will again be delivered by Kiely Brothers who were awarded the contract for the Council wide area in 2013-14 for a 1+1 year. The option to extend this contract to 2014-15 has been accepted.

#### **4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 This report provides the roads reconstruction programme for 2014-15.

#### **5 IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | Policy                       | <i>Works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Plan</i>   |
| 5.2 | Financial                    | <i>Programme based on capital allocation for years 2012 – 2015.</i>   |
| 5.3 | Personnel                    | <i>Reconstruction works delivered by a combination of in-house Roads Operations team, Partnership Contractor and specialist contractors for surface dressing and in-situ recycling.</i> |
| 5.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | <i>None</i>   |
| 5.5 | Legal                        | <i>None</i>   |
| 5.6 | Risk                         | <i>Completed works will reduce requirement to repair and maintain existing carriageway deterioration.</i>   |
| 5.7 | Customer Service             | <i>Overall improvement in travel time and quality of driven and walking journeys.</i>   |

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