

ROADS UPDATE

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on a number of ongoing roads-related issues in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members take note of the various points which are raised in this report.

3. B842 – SSE WORKS

- 3.1 Concerns have been raised by Members with regard to the condition of the B842 Road north of Carradale. The road condition has deteriorated in recent weeks due to SSE's ongoing works at Crossaig and related haulage operations. A meeting was held on Wednesday 7 May 2014 between representatives from SSE and Council Officers.
- 3.2 At the 7 May Meeting, SSE agreed to provide Roads and Amenity with the following documentation:-
- Traffic Management Plan – SSE will produce a revised and detailed traffic management plan by Friday 16 May 2014. This document will provide details of all haulage movements i.e. vehicle types / vehicle tonnages / vehicle numbers (frequency of journeys) and route use. The preferred route, for all traffic other than light vehicular traffic, will be the overland forestry haul road.
 - Route Maintenance Agreement – This document will be issued in two parts: Part I will deal with the immediate issues of monitoring the condition of the public road and carrying out temporary / permanent repairs during the construction phase. Similarly to the Traffic Management Plan, this document will be forwarded for approval no later than Friday next week; Part II will deal with the nature of permanent repairs on completion of the works – this document will be the subject of detailed discussions between 'Roads and Amenity' and SSE and the agreed basis and outline for this document will be referred to in Part I.

- 3.3 Essentially, SSE will both monitor and maintain the B842 between Brackley and Crossaig whilst their operations are ongoing. Documentation to be provided by SSE will provide the basis for this work. Both SSE and 'Roads and Amenity' are working closely together to address concerns raised. At the time of writing this report, documentation had been provided by SSE and was under review by Roads and Amenity staff.
- 3.4 A verbal update will be provided to Members at the Area Committee to give the very latest position regarding road condition and agreements in place between the Council and SSE.

4. MEETING WITH DUNLOSSIT ESTATE – COATING PLANT

- 4.1 A meeting took place between representatives from Dunlossit Estate and Council Officers on Friday 4th April 2014 to discuss the potential for the introduction of a Coating Plant on Islay.
- 4.2 Roads and Amenity is very supportive of the existence of a quarry on the island with the potential for having hot material supplied from the island. The operational and commercial benefits this would bring to the service and also the positive social, environmental and economic impact upon Islay as a whole would be significant.
- 4.3 Roads and Amenity must comply with the European Procurement Regulations and cannot provide a commitment to procure coated materials from Dunlossit Estate. Any such requirement must be competitively tendered on an open basis. Nevertheless, Dunlossit Estate was provided at the meeting with historical information regarding material quantities in respect of the Council's revenue activities; the Estate was, of course, advised that material quantities may be subject to change in future as budgets vary.
- 4.4 Dunlossit Estate will now decide on whether the plant is viable.

5. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Capital-funded roads reconstruction works are currently ongoing. The latest programme will be circulated and a verbal update provided to Members at the Area Committee to provide the very latest update.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 This report provides details of various roads-related ongoing issues in the MAKI Area which Members are asked to note.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1	Policy	Works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Plan
7.2	Financial	B842 and Capital – Expenditure of revenue and capital budget to maintain the network.
7.3	Legal	None
7.4	HR	None
7.5	Equalities	None
7.6	Risk	Completed works will reduce requirement to repair and maintain existing carriageway
7.7	Customer Services	Maintains service level commitment set out in Service Plan.

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