

The Highland Council
Lochaber Area Committee
26 August 2014

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Report No	LA/30/14

Maintenance Programme for Roads and Bridges

Report by Director of Community Services

Summary

This report invites Members to homologate the decision by the Director of Community Services, in consultation with Ward Members, to approve the Maintenance Programmes for Roads and Bridges for the Lochaber Area for 2014/15.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Highland Council has a statutory obligation under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to manage and maintain the local public road network.
- 1.2 The budget for roads maintenance is set by the Community Services Committee and is devolved to Area level for operational purposes.
- 1.3 Maintenance programmes are prepared by the Area Community Services Managers in accordance with the principles set out in the Road Asset Management Plan and presented to Members for approval.
- 1.4 At the Community Services Committee on the 15 May the Director of Community Services reported that a total combined pressure for 2014/15 of £1.966m had to be accommodated within the overall budget for the Service. That sum has been deducted from the roads maintenance budget, as this is the main part of uncommitted spend in the overall budget. This drop in road maintenance expenditure was approved by Members on 15 May 2014.
- 1.5 However it is largely mitigated by the Roads Innovation Fund (£1.250m) with a range of exciting initiatives that will put the Council in a much stronger position going forward. In addition a request will be made to Council for an additional £0.500m funded from the winter salt underspend achieved during the winter of 2013/14. This £0.500m is already included in the allocations to Areas for road maintenance.

2. Budget Distribution

- 2.1 The Road Maintenance budgets are allocated under the following headings:
 - **Winter Maintenance (Revenue)**

- **Cyclic Maintenance (Revenue)** including:
 - Surface Dressing*
 - Verge maintenance
 - Road Marking Renewal
 - Sign Maintenance
 - Drainage Maintenance
 - Gully Cleansing
 - Footpath Maintenance
 - Patching
 - Other Cyclic and Routine Maintenance
 - Bridge Maintenance

- **Structural Maintenance (Capital)** including:
 - Road Surfacing (including edge strengthening)
 - Surface Dressing*

*Both Capital and Revenue funding is available for surface dressing

2.3 This report focusses on the 2014/15 programmes for:

- Surface Dressing (**Appendix 1**)
- Road Structural Maintenance (**Appendix 2**)
- Bridge Maintenance (**Appendix 3**)

3. Road Maintenance Programmes

3.1 Schemes were selected for inclusion in these programmes on the basis of need using information gathered from a variety of sources.

- SRMCS road condition survey and map based computer analysis – using data gathered at road speed using specialist survey vehicles and equipment
- Safety Inspections
- Detailed Inspections
- Requests from Members and members of the public

3.2 Schemes have been prioritised with the safety of the travelling public and sustainability of the road network as the main objectives. The main factors considered are:

- Road condition
- Likelihood of further deterioration
- Lifeline status
- Usage and traffic level
- Public and school transport route
- Economic and social need

4. Implications

- 4.1 There are no resource implications as all proposals are within the allocated budgets.
- 4.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 4.3 There are no known equalities issues, although maintenance of the road network will enable better access to services for everyone.
- 4.4 There are no climate change/carbon clever implications arising from this report.
- 4.5 There are no risk implications arising from this report.
- 4.6 There are no Gaelic implications arising from this report.
- 4.7 There are no rural implications arising from this report.

Recommendation

Members are invited to:

Agree to homologate the decision by the Director of Community Services, in consultation with Ward Members, to approve the Maintenance Programmes for Roads and Bridges for the Lochaber Area for 2014/15.

Designation: Director of Community Services

Date: 12 August 2014

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Appendix 1

Surface Dressing Programme 2014

Ward	Route	Location	Length	Width	Road area(m2)	Comments*
22	A861	Lochailort	2200	5.8	12760	Seal new surfacing
22	A861	Kinlochmoidart	3390	5.7	19323	Seal now surfacing
22	A861	Kinlochmoidart	1220	4.8	5856	Seal new surfacing
22	A861	Kinlochmoidart	462	5	2310	Old SD surface
22	U1504	Glencoe – Clachaig	4500	4.5	20250	Re-seal surface to prolong life

Appendix 2

Capital Structural Road Maintenance Programme 2014/15

Ward	Route	Location	Length	Width	Road area(m2)	Comments*
22	B8044	Kentra	1200	3.5	4200	Reinforced surfacing
22	U1373	Shielfoot	1400	3.5	4900	

Appendix 3

Bridge Maintenance Programme 2014/15

Ward	Bridge code	Bridge Name	Description of works	Comments
22	B08630010	Invercoe	Reduce to single lane operation	
12	U10230010	Inverskilavulin	Place steel deck plates on timber deck c/w anti-skid surface	
12	U10230010	Inverskilavulin	Replace beam cross bracing	
12	C11440010C6	Ardochy West	Repair and secure timber deck. Replace antiskid	
12	C11440020	Chaorainn	Replace failing deck timbers and reposition upstream steel beam. Replace antiskid panels.	
22	B80070080C1	Un-named	Parapet damage repairs and modify parapets	