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Report no	RC/017/19

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: **Ross and Cromarty Committee**

Date: **1 May 2019**

Report Title: **Roads Capital Programme Progress Report 2018/19**

Report By: **Director of Community Services**

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the work undertaken on the Area Capital Roads Programme for 2018/19 financial year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

3. Area Capital Programme

3.1 Finance

The capital programme for 2018/19 was approved at the Ross and Cromarty Committee on 31 October 2017. The programme was based on the previous year's budget of £1,533,695.

The 2018/19 capital budget was set at £1,522,900 which was a reduction of £10,795 on the previous year.

Care and Learning had a surplus of funds following the issue of Chromebooks to all Highland pupils. The surplus was allocated to roads capital budget with £326,685 assigned to Ross and Cromarty.

The total capital budget for Ross and Cromarty for 2018/19 is therefore £1,849,585.

At the end of December 2018 £1,464,313, or 79%, of the budget has been spent. The remaining £385,272 has been allocated to Capital Patching to maintain the road network over the rest of the winter months.

3.2 Surface Dressing Schemes

Pre-surface dressing patching started in April 2018 and continued through to July. The patching was more extensive than previously envisaged due to the severe 2017/18 winter.

Surface dressing started in May and continued to July when the plant was transferred to Skye.

Twenty-four roads were surface dressed giving a total of 179,180 sq m covering 31 km. This represents 1.27% of the road network in Ross and Cromarty.

Surface dressing at 18 roads was cancelled due to either the road being in too poor a condition to surface dress or time constraints.

Completed surface dressing sites are detailed in **Appendix A**.

3.3 Inlay Schemes

Only Parkland Place in Balintore was inlaid from a total of five sites on the programme.

Financial pressures due to the excessive patching required for the surface dressing operation resulted in the sites being deferred.

3.4 Overlay Schemes

Three overlay schemes were completed giving a total of 8,165 sq m covering 1.32 km. This represents 0.053% of the road network in Ross and Cromarty. Four schemes were cancelled due to time constraints and financial pressures. Deferred schemes will be considered for next year's capital programme.

In addition, Glenelg Village Road has been strip widened to form a footway and has been overlaid although bollards and lining remain outstanding.

On the A832 at The Fain the original length of the overlay was extended from 500 m to 725 m as the road had deteriorated over last winter. The additional length reflects the deterioration caused by the prolonged and severe winter and could not be surface dressed due to its poor condition.

These sites are detailed in **Appendix A**.

3.5 **Machine Patching Schemes**

Four roads were machine patched with three schemes being deferred due to time constraints and financial pressures.

The extent of the machine patching on Craig Road was significantly extended and the sunken gullies rebuilt on reinforced concrete foundations.

The A890 at Achnashellach was originally programmed for 500 sq m of machine patching. With the additional capital monies this scheme was extended to include strip widening over 600 m. The site will be overlaid next financial year.

These sites are detailed in **Appendix A**.

3.6 **Footway Schemes**

The capital programme had allocated 8,400 sq m of slurry sealing to footways across eight sites in Ross and Cromarty. Due to plant issues none of these works were completed.

4. **Implications**

4.1 Resource – No implications.

4.2 Legal – No implications.

4.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – No implications.

4.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – No implications.

4.5 Risk – No implications.

4.6 Gaelic – No implications.

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Completed Capital Road Schemes

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Surface Dressing Site

- A832 Aultbea Tops-Gruniard
- A832 Dumrunie Jct S
- A832 Viewpoint E of Kinlochewe westwards
- A832 Loch Maree
- A834 Strathpeffer - Achterneed
- A896 Shieldaig
- C1083Diabaig Rd Lower Diabeg
- C1083Diabaig Rd S of Loch
- C1087Bealach
- C1043 Torr – Achility Rd
- B9175Arabella and Nigg Station
- C1004Tarrel
- C1071Docherty Rd Dingwall
- U4451Simpson PI Dingwall
- A832 Manse Brae - Rosemarkie
- B9161Munloch - Suddie
- U2490Shore St Cromarty
- U2498Townlands Park Cromarty
- U2722Braepark Rd Munloch
- B9169Culbokie Village
- C1063Tomich Jct - house on left
- B9169Millbuie - Easter Kinkell
- C1224Mam Ratigan

Overlay Schemes

- A832 The Fain
- C1223Glenelg Village Road/Footway
- U1471 Rosskeen
- B9165Burnside Cottage-Balnaha Cottage

Machine Patching Schemes

- A890 Auchtertyre – Viewpoint west of Stromeferry
- A832 Craig Road, Dingwall
- A832 The Fain
- A896 Torridon – Kinlochewe