

The Highland Council

Minutes of Special Meeting of the **City of Inverness Area Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, Inverness on Thursday 28 March 2019 at 11.30 am.

Present:

Mr R Balfour	Mr J Gray
Mr B Boyd	Mr A Jarvie
Mr I Brown	Mrs I MacKenzie
Mrs C Caddick	Mr D MacPherson
Miss J Campbell	Mr R MacWilliam
Mrs H Carmichael	Mrs E McAllister
Mr G Cruickshank	Mrs T Robertson
Mrs M Davidson	Mr G Ross
Mr A Graham	Mr C Smith

Officials in Attendance:

Mr D Haas, Inverness City Area Manager, Chief Executive's Office
Ms T Urry, Head of Roads and Transport, Community Services
Mr J Taylor, Roads Operations Manager (Inverness), Community Services
Mrs A MacArthur, Administrative Assistant, Chief Executive's Office

An asterisk in the margin denotes a recommendation to the Council. All decisions with no marking in the margin are delegated to Committee.

Mrs H Carmichael in the Chair

Business

**1. Apologies for Absence
Leisgeulan**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Christie and Mr K Gowans.

**2. Declarations of Interest
Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Roads Maintenance Programme 2019/2020
Prògram Càradh Rathaidean 2019/2020**

There had been circulated Report No. CIA/17/19 dated 26 March 2019 by Director of Community Services.

During discussion, Members raised the following issues:-

- Noting the assessed Roads Maintenance Programme budget for Landward wards, the Redesign Board could be asked to identify funds and work

towards a redrawing of the formula. Further thought should be given to identifying other ways of utilising funds to allow for a more effective approach to improving roads infrastructure. Members also expressed the need for clarification on the cost to do the required repairs on the arterial routes in the City to enable a better understanding of the funding gap. Academy Street had to be accelerated, a three year wait for repairs was too long, the Inverness City Area Manager advised that he was meeting with the Director of Development and Infrastructure to progress a co-ordinated programme for the improvement of Academy Street.

- Mrs M Davidson advised that issues to be checked through full Council would include: the reallocation of spare capital, through underspends, to roads; redesign to investigate the link between labour, workforce and the capital programme to ensure the right balance; the possibility of a Highland Seminar to progress allocation through usage and persuade landward councillors that they also make use of roads in Inverness; the drawing up of a co-ordinated work programme to target Academy Street; and insurance that the subsidy from the Timber Transport Fund was used in the best way.

Members thanked officers for the time and effort undertaken to research the revised report.

Decision

The Committee **APPROVED** the revised Roads Capital Maintenance Programme for the City of Inverness Area, noting the changes detailed in 4.1.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm.