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Report No	SR/19/19

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Isle of Skye & Raasay Area Committee

Date: 2 December 2019

Report Title: Area Roads Capital Programme Progress 2019/20

Report By: Executive Chief Officer Customer and Communities

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the work undertaken on the Area Capital Roads Programme for 2019/20 financial year.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource – As detailed in report.
- 3.2 Legal – Under Section 34 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 the Council, as Roads Authority, has a duty of care to manage and maintain the adopted road network.
- 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – there is a risk that should road conditions continue to deteriorate access to minor rural roads and residential streets may become more restrictive as precedence is given to maintaining the strategic road network.
- 3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever – in relation to Carbon Emissions the Service provides specialist training for all operatives in respect to fuel efficient driving, and route plans are in place to achieve the most efficient routing of vehicles.
- 3.5 Risk – Where a Roads Authority is unable to demonstrate that it has made adequate provision for the upkeep and safety of its adopted road network, as can be reasonably expected, it may lead to a greater risk to unable to defend claims made against it.
- 3.6 Gaelic - This report has no impact on Gaelic considerations

4. Area Capital Maintenance Programme

4.1 Finance

The capital programme for 2019/20 was approved at the Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee on 3 December 2018. The programme was based on the previous year's budget of £807,222.

The 2019/20 capital budget was set at £603,708 which was a reduction of £203,514 on the previous year. Hence some schemes identified within the capital programme approved on 3 December will have to be deferred. These are identified in Appendix 1.

At the end of October 2019 £441,199, or 70%, of the budget has been spent. This spent includes the Councils £65K contribution from the area Capital budget of the shared construction costs of the off-street and on-street parking development at Quiraing completed earlier this year. A decision to convert this to capital borrowing and hence refund the Area budget will be taken at Corporate Resources Committee on 20 November 2019.

The remaining £162,509 plus any refund from the Quiraing will be allocated to schemes agreed by members programmed for completion in March 2019.

4.2 Surface Dressing Schemes

Pre-surface dressing patching started in April 2019 and continued through to June 2019. The patching was more extensive than previously envisaged due to the ongoing deterioration that occurred following the sites having been deferred from 2018/19. Members will recall the necessary reprioritisation of capital resources to A and B following the extensive winter damage to the local road network as a consequence of winter 2017/18.

A six-week window was available for the Surface Dressing Plant in Skye and Surface dressing commenced early in May and continued for six weeks to the middle of June at which time the surface dressing plant was to be passed on to Ross & Cromarty.

11 of the 15 road sections in the programme were surface dressed giving a total of 63,175 sq. m covering 27.6 km. This represents 3.1% of the road network in Isle of Skye and Raasay.

Surface dressing at 4 roads was cancelled due time constraints mainly as a consequence of delays associated with issues with the spray tanker.

Completed surfacing sites are detailed in **Appendix A**.

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4.3 Overlay Schemes

Five overlay schemes were completed giving a total of 9,300 sq. m covering 2.80 km. This represents 0.03% of the road network in Isle of Skye & Raasay. Two schemes are programmed to commence in November with the remainder to be completed by March 2019. No schemes have yet been identified to be deferred due to financial pressures, but this will be reviewed following the outcome the decisions taken at Corporate Resources Committee with regard to the Quiraing on 20 November 2019. Any deferred schemes will be considered for next year's capital programme.

5. Off Street Car Parks at Quiraing & Old Man of Storr

- 5.1 In partnership with Scottish Government Rural Payment and Inspection Division (SGRPID) local area staff utilising local contractors and the DLO delivered a 60 space off street carpark and 50 space on street parking development at the Quiraing. The works were completed on budget in July 2019.
- 5.2 Works are nearing completion on Phase 1 of the 60-space off-street car park which is being delivered by Area Staff utilising local contractors and the DLO. Funding for the development is by Highland Council and LEADER and it is due to be completed on budget within the next few weeks.

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Completed Capital Road Schemes

Route	Surfacing Site	Status
A850	Lynedale Lodge	November 2019
C1242	Tarskavaig Loop (Achnacloich)	To be completed by March 2019
A855	Staffin Village (Inlays)	November 2019
C1241	Drumfearn	To be completed by March 2019
U4780	Waterstein Laybys (2 No.)	To be completed by March 2019
U4780	Milovaig to Waterstein (2 Sections)	Completed
C1225	Quiraing (road & on-street parking)	Completed
U4785	Heribusta Loop Road (Museum – Cemetery)	Completed
A855	Osmigarry (Cattle Grid – C1225 Jct)	Completed
C1228	Totaig - Husabost	Completed
	Fernquarrie – Husabost (Paver Patching)	Completed
	Surface Dressing Site	
U4807	Upper Edinbane	Completed
U4754	Kildonan	Completed
U4748	Talisker	Deferred to 2020/21
U4829	Glasphein, Fernquarrie Loop	Completed
U4892	Old Corry	Deferred to 2020/21
U4861	Lower Breakish	Completed
U4792	Waterloo	Completed
U4831	Glenmore (Hill)	Completed
C1225	Quiraing	Completed
C1235	Raasay	Deferred to 2020/21
U4807	Edinbane Village	Deferred to 2020/21
C1226	Marishadder	Completed
U4849	Grealin	Completed
U4826	Lealt	Completed