

Agenda Item	8
Report No	SR/11/20

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Isle of Skye & Raasay Local Area Committee

Date: 30 November 2020

Report Title: 2020/2021 Area Roads Capital Programme Progress

Report By: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure and Environment

1. PURPOSE/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update on the work undertaken on the Area Roads Capital Programme for 2020/21 within the Isle of Skye & Raasay.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to note the report's contents.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 **Resource** - There are no known implications.

3.2 **Legal** - There are no known implications.

3.3 **Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural)** - There are no known implications.

3.4 **Climate Change / Carbon Clever** - There are no known implications.

3.5 **Risk** - There are no known implications.

3.6 **Gaelic** - There are no known implications.

4. AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Finance

The capital programme for 2020/21 was approved at the Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee on 2 March 2020. The programme was based on the previous year's Area budget allocation of £603,707.

Following the release of Capital funding at The Highland Council Committee on 1 October 2020, the Isle of Skye and Raasay 2020/21 area capital allocation was set at £600,397 with structural overlay/inlay and surface dressing allocated £340,175 and £260,262 respectively. Appendix 1 contains details of the Area budget allocations for 2020/21.

4.2 Surface Dressing Schemes

Due the surface dressing being weather and temperature dependent this element of the capital programme has unfortunately had to be cancelled. The schemes included in Appendix 2 will now be considered for inclusion in the 2021/22 programme. The budget allocation will be used to capitalise revenue patching undertaken earlier in the year and bolster the structural overlay/inlay schemes.

4.3 Structural Overlay/Inlay Schemes

- 4.3.1 The Head of Roads and Transport approved a limited programme of surfacing in September 2020. This was to allow some progress to be made on surfacing schemes carried forward from 2019/20 (Tarskavaig & A850 at Braebost), Storr and Fairy Glen car parks as well as Suledale and Scorrybreac in Portree prior to Sconser Quarry's commitment to supply a significant volume of bituminous materials to the contractor undertaking works on the A87 trunk road on Skye.
- 4.3.2 Schemes highlighted in yellow in Appendix 2 have been completed and those in blue italic are schemes carried forward from 2019/20 except for Sheadar which was done because of extremely poor condition of the section of road and while plant was operating in the immediate vicinity.
- 4.3.3 The trunk road contractor has revised his programme allowing a window for the area to undertake further surfacing works. It is proposed that given the deteriorating condition of sections of road within Portree and the necessity to undertake such works out with the tourist season that area exhibiting obvious failure on the A855 within Portree, within Somerled Square, as well as the section on Home Farm Road already included in Appendix 2 are undertaken. To this end the total length recorded against Home Farm Road has been extended by 400 metres to 900 metres allow for the additional inlay works.
- 4.3.4 The remaining schemes in Appendix 2 will be undertaken as our limited window, weather and resources allow.

5. SHARED FUNDING & INCOME GENERATION SCHEMES

- 5.1 Storr Car Park – Phase1 opened to the public in July 2020 in anticipation of increased visitor numbers following the move into Phase 3 of the Lockdown restrictions and in advance of the construction works commencing on the Storr toilet contract which inevitably impact on some of the adjacent on-street parking during the construction phase. Phase 1 of the car park received £200k of LEADER funding with the remaining £190k being funded by The Highland Council. All the works were undertaken by local contractors managed and supervised by the local Area Roads Office and were completed on budget. The 55-space car park has been generating income since its opening in July 2020.
- 5.2 Storr Car Park – Phase 2 works recommenced in mid July 2020 and are due to be complete towards the end of November 2020. The project was fully funded by The Highland Council and will be completed under the £420k funding allocation. As with Phase 1 all the works were undertaken by local contractors managed and supervised by the local Area Roads Office. Phase 2 provides an additional 42 spaces to the 55 spaces in Phase 1 giving a total of an additional 97 off street car parking spaces at the Storr.
- 5.3 Fairy Glen Car Park & On-street Parking works was approximately 50% complete when lockdown stopped all works. Works recommenced at the end of July 2020 and although progressed slower than the Storr due to the disruption from visitor traffic given a portion of the works are adjacent single track road. The project was slower to mobilise following lockdown due to machine operators being occupied on other projects. The car park is on Scottish Government owned land with the additional on street parking being on the public road, and the project is a partnership between

Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Division (SGRPID) and The Highland Council with SGRPID funding £80k and The Highland Council funding £45k plus some additional passing places. As with the other schemes the were works undertaken by local contractors and managed and supervised by the local Area Office. It is anticipated that the works will be completed in December 2020 and out turn cost will be on budget. The is the second scheme that has been undertaken in partnership with SGRPID with the first being the car park and on street parking at the Quiraing completed in 2019.

- 5.4 Quiraing – Phase 2 works are programmed to commence following the completion of the Storr – Phase 2 and Fairy Glen. SGRPID funding for the works has been received by The Highland Council and commitment for The Highland Council's share of funding was agreed by Council prior to Covid-19 and is hence considered committed works that can proceed.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure and Environment

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Area Roads Budget Allocation
Appendix 2 - Structural Overlay/Inlay & Surface Dressing 2020/2021

Roads Budget Allocation - Year 2020/21

(ver 1.2, 10/10/20)

Item	Description	Total	HQ	Caithness	Sutherland	Ross & Cromarty	Island of Skye	Nairn	Badenoch & Strathspey	Lochaber	Inverness
	Parameters										
1	Total Road Length (km)	6,746		761.2	1,336.8	1,650.9	618.1	302.3	387.4	670.4	1,019.4
2	Urban Road Length (km)	1,113		124.1	109.8	305.1	35.0	54.6	71.4	72.0	341.0
3	Number of Bridges	1332		93	282	308	112	32	96	230	179
4	Population (Year 2011)	232,132		26,486	13,820	56,666	10,177	12,566	13,664	19,930	78,823
5	Gullies (WDM db)	44,610		4,835	2,491	11,522	878	2,006	2,653	3,653	16,572
6	Winter Allocation	100%	1.62%	9.41%	21.69%	22.69%	9.99%	2.29%	9.36%	6.09%	16.85%
7	Weighted Mileage	100%		10.96%	19.49%	24.34%	8.80%	4.43%	5.65%	9.92%	16.42%
8	Watercourse	100%		11.06%	16.48%	24.36%	7.82%	4.65%	5.70%	9.62%	20.32%
9	Structural Maint. (SRMCS)	100%		10.87%	18.20%	21.31%	10.97%	4.44%	6.29%	11.58%	16.33%
10	Surface Dressing (SRMCS)	100%		12.69%	13.16%	19.06%	13.01%	4.41%	9.07%	11.12%	17.49%
	REVENUE										
21	Winter Allocation	£4,980,000	£80,892	£468,849	£1,080,284	£1,129,716	£497,553	£114,283	£466,234	£303,236	£838,953
22	Cyclic Maintenance	£6,573,775	£20,000	£718,410	£1,277,192	£1,595,215	£576,624	£290,294	£369,980	£649,990	£1,076,071
22a	Additional £1M Revenue (Cyclic)	£1,000,000		£109,618	£194,879	£243,404	£87,983	£44,294	£56,453	£99,178	£164,191
23	Drainage	£200,000		£21,924	£38,976	£48,681	£17,597	£8,859	£11,291	£19,836	£32,838
25	Gully Emptying	£400,000		£43,354	£22,336	£103,313	£7,873	£17,987	£23,788	£32,755	£148,594
26	Bridges - Structural Maintenance	£480,000		£33,514	£101,622	£110,991	£40,360	£11,532	£34,595	£82,883	£64,505
27	Bridge Inspections	£200,000	£200,000								
28	Cattle Grids	£80,000	£80,000								
29	Safety Barriers (VRS)	£275,000	£275,000								
30	Water Course Maintenance	£80,000	£80,000								
31	Asset Management (Mobile Working)	£60,000	£60,000								
	Total Revenue Budget	£14,328,775	£795,892	£1,395,667	£2,715,288	£3,231,320	£1,227,990	£487,248	£962,341	£1,187,877	£2,325,152
	Capital Budget										
32	Structural Overlay/ Inlay	£3,100,000		£337,072	£564,328	£660,658	£340,176	£137,602	£194,979	£358,935	£506,251
33	Surface Dressing	£2,000,000		£253,781	£263,267	£381,183	£260,222	£88,124	£181,343	£222,313	£349,768
34	Area Road Improvements	£300,000	£300,000								
35	STTS	£600,000	£600,000								
36	SCRIM (Cancelled due covid)	£10,000	£10,000								
37	Bridge Maintenance (Structures)	£650,000	£650,000								
38	Road Markings	£70,000	£70,000								
39	Weather Stations	£70,000	£70,000								
40	Minor Network Improvements	£195,000	£195,000								
41	Cattle Grids	£20,000	£20,000								
42	Safety Barriers (VRS)	£125,000	£125,000								
43	Large Directional Signs	£60,000	£60,000								
	Total Capital	£7,200,000	£2,100,000	£590,853	£827,595	£1,041,841	£800,397	£225,725	£376,322	£581,248	£846,019
	Total Revenue + Capital Budget	£21,528,775	£1,895,892	£1,986,520	£3,542,883	£4,273,161	£2,028,387	£712,973	£1,338,663	£1,769,125	£3,171,171

Appendix 2 - Structural Overlay/Inlay & Surface Dressing 2020/2021

Number	Route	Location	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (sq.m)	Comments
Structural Overlay/Inlay						
2021/01	U4856	Suladale	300	3.5	1050	Regulate/Overlay
2021/02	C1229	Claigan	350	3.5	1225	Regulate/Overlay
2021/03	C1225	Quiraing	500	3.5	1750	Regulate/Overlay
2021/04	C1231	Vatten	400	3.5	1400	Regulate/Overlay
2021/05	B8083	Broadford – Elgol Loch Slappin)	500	3.5	1750	Regulate/Overlay
2021/06	U4831	Glenmore	350	3.5	1225	Regulate/Overlay
2021/07	U4816	Portree Village – Home Farm	900	6.0	5400	Inlay
2021/08	C1239	Kylerhea	300	3.5	1050	Regulate/Overlay
2021/09	U4815	Scorrybreac	200	4.0	800	Regulate/Overlay
2021/10	C1225	Quiraing (additional Layby / Extensions)	50	3.0	150	Layby Extensions
2021/11	U4780	Waterstein (additional layby(s))	30	3.0	90	2 No. Layby
2021/23	A850	Braebost (carried forward from 19/20)	500	6.0	3000	Overlay
2021/24	C1242	Tarskavaig Loop Road (carried forward from 19/20)	750	3.5	2625	Regulate & Overlay
2021/25	U4768	Sheadar Road (Balnaknock)	400	3.5	1400	Overlay
			3480		13,490	
Surface Dressing (Carried forward to 21/22)						
2021/12	U4748	Talisker	4000	3.5	14000	Surface Dress
2021/13	U4892	Old Corry	1000	3.5	3500	Surface Dress
2021/14	C1235	Raasay	3000	3.5	10500	Surface Dress
2021/15	U4807	Edinbane Village	550	5.5	3025	Surface Dress
2021/16	A863	Sligachan – Drynoch Jct	2750	6.0	16500	Surface Dress
2021/17	A850	Clahamish - Bernisdale	2500	6.0	15000	Surface Dress
2021/18	A850	Glen Bernisdale to Skeabost Bridge	2000	6.0	12000	Surface Dress
2021/19	A851	A87 Junction – Double Grid	1000	6.0	6000	Surface Dress
2021/20	A855	Old man of Storr	2750	6.0	16500	Surface Dress
2021/21	C1244	Ardvasar – Aird of Sleat	3000	3.5	10500	Surface Dress
2021/22	TBA	Portree Village	1000	6.0	6000	Surface Dress
			23,550		113,525	