

Agenda Item	7
Report No	SR/5/21

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee

Date: 29 March 2021

Report Title: Area Roads Programme 2021/2022

Report By: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure and Environment

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report sets out a prioritised list of structural works for the Isle of Skye and Raasay Area.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to approve the proposed prioritised 2021/22 Roads Programme for the Isle of Skye and Raasay Area.

3 Implications

3.1 **Resource** - All work will be managed within budget allocations from a resource perspective with The Highland Council delivering its legal responsibilities.

3.2 **Legal** - The Highland Council undertakes the Structural Programme within the Local Committee area in its duty under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

3.3 **Climate and Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island)** - This report has no impact on Equality, Gaelic, Climate Change or Carbon Clever considerations. However, there may be rural considerations where low road usage levels and distances between communities reduce the opportunity to maximize the impact of investment decisions when compared to more densely populated areas /roads with greater usage levels.

3.4 **Climate Change / Carbon Clever** – No implications.

3.5 **Risk** – No implications.

3.6 **Gaelic** - This report has no impact on Gaelic.

4 Background

- 4.1 The Highland Roads Budget for this year was approved at the Economy and Infrastructure Committee on 4 February 2021. (Item 09, Report [ECI/6/21](#)). This year, 2021/22, the total Highland Roads Capital Budget is £17.2M.
- 4.2 The current Revenue budget allocation for Isle of Skye and Raasay has not yet been advised but will be assumed to be in the region of £1.1M, which is required to cover our Labour, Plant and Materials (including Salt) for Roads Cyclical Maintenance and Winter Maintenance activities for the 2021/22 season.
- 4.3 The Capital budget allocation for the Isle of Skye and Raasay is £1.07M. The proposed priorities for 2021/22 are on the attached list. See **Appendix 1**. As usual the proposal is to undertake primarily Surface Dressing and Surfacing schemes.
- 4.4 The Ward Allocation of £100k per Ward is included in the Capital Budget allocation. It is therefore important that Members are given the opportunity to review and agree the revised prioritised programme attached.
- 4.5 This list is continually updated by adding to it and adjusting priorities so that an updated rolling programme of works can be reported each year to allow the structural programme to gain Area Committee agreement before commencement.

5 Budget Allocation

5.1 Road Maintenance budgets are normally allocated under the following headings:-

- Winter Maintenance (Revenue)
- Cyclic Maintenance (Revenue) including:-
 - Drainage
 - Footpath Maintenance
 - Gully Cleansing
 - Temporary Patching Repairs
 - Road Marking Renewal
 - Sign Maintenance
 - Verge Maintenance
 - Other Cyclic and Routine maintenance
- Structural Works (Capital) including:-
 - Structural Resurfacing (Overlay/Inlay)
 - Structural Integrity Improvements
 - Surface Dressing
 - Recycling
 - Major Patching

5.2 This report focuses on the Structural Works (Capital) programme.

6. Road Structural Works Programme

6.1 Schemes were selected for inclusion in these programmes on the basis of need using the information gathered from the following sources and have been prioritised with the safety of the travelling public and sustainability of the road network as the main objectives:-

- Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) data;
- Safety Inspections;
- Service Inspections; and
- Input and feedback from Members.

6.2 The Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) records data which is processed to show rutting, profile, cracking and surface texture. Surface texture is principally used in the preparation of surface dressing programmes. Rutting and profile data is used for surfacing programmes, while cracking data is used in both surface dressing and surfacing programmes.

6.3 The SRMCS survey is undertaken according to the following schedule:-

- A class roads annually;
- B class roads every two years; and
- C & U class roads every three years.

6.4 The SRMCS survey is presently up to date. The surveys are usually undertaken throughout the spring, summer and autumn but do not include winter damage due to the freeze thaw cycle.

6.5 WDM can produce a paper plan showing the damage over a wide area but the volume of data and the scale of the plan results in the data being difficult to use or handle. The system is best used interactively, using both an over view and then closer inspection at a smaller scale. Small scale prints can be produced for specific sites.

6.6 Given the survey frequency, the SRMCS data is only indicative of the road conditions at any one time. Additional deterioration and repairs may not be captured on the survey. Consequently additional sources of information are used.

6.7 All roads are inspected either monthly, quarterly or annually for safety hazards depending on their priority. Roads are also inspected in the course of preparing the works programmes. These inspections, together with specific concerns raised through Members and Community Councils, are considered for inclusion in the works programmes.

6.8 The programmes are prepared over the winter months and are finalised in the spring to allow for additional damage due to freeze thaw cycle. This winter has had a serious effect on the road network. The programmes reflect both the strategic network and the importance attached to local roads by rural communities.

6.9 Prior to finalising the programmes, each site is again visited by experienced engineers to confirm the importance of the works against the network and the details of the designs.

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Background Papers: [ECI/6/21](#) – Roads Investment Budget Distribution – Capital Report No9, E&I Committee, 4 February 2021

Appendix 1 - Isle of Skye and Raasay Area Capital Works 2021/22

Number	Route	Location	Length (m)	Comments
Overlay / Inlay Resurfacing (* denotes carried over from 2020/21)				
2021-01*	C1229	Claigan	300	Regulate/Overlay
2021-02*	C1225	Quiraing	500	Regulate/Overlay
2021-03*	C1231	Vatten	400	Regulate/Overlay
2021-04*	B8083	Broadford – Elgol (Loch Slappin)	500	Regulate/Overlay
2021-05*	Various	Portree Village inc. Home Farm	900	Inlay
2021-06*	C1239	Kylerhea	300	Regulate/Overlay
2021-07*	C1225	Quiraing (additional Layby / Extensions)	50	Layby Extensions
2021-08*	U4780	Waterstein (additional layby(s))	30	2 No. Laybys
2021-09	A850	Bernisdale	300	Regulate / Overlay
2021-10	A851	Armadale	153	Regulate / Overlay
2021-11	A851	Duisdale	520	Regulate / Overlay
2021-12	A863	Ose	570	Regulate / Overlay
2021-13	A855	Torvaig North Phase 1	500	Regulate / Overlay / Local widening
2021-14	U5027	Portree Village Co-op to A87T r'about	185	Inlay
2021-15	U4984	Mill Park, Portree	90	Inlay
2021-16	U4817	York Drive, Portree	150	Inlay
2021-17	B8036	Prabost – Tote	320	Regulate / Overlay
2021-18	U4776	Borve Township	200	Regulate / Overlay
2021-19	TBC	Raasay	300	Regulate / Overlay
2021-20	U5002	Pier Road, Broadford	30	Regulate / Overlay
2021-21	C1243	Camuscross	200	Regulate / Overlay
Surface Dressing (* denotes carried over from 2020/21)				
2021-21*	U4892	Old Corry	1000	Surface Dress
2021-22*	C1235	Raasay	1500	Surface Dress
2021-23*	U4807	Edinbane Village	550	Surface Dress
2021-24*	A863	Sligachan – Drynoch Jct Phase 1	2750	Surface Dress
2021-25*	A850	Clahamish - Bernisdale	2500	Surface Dress
2021-26*	A850	Carbost to Glenbernisdale junction	4100	Surface Dress
2021-27*	A851	A87 Junction – Double Grid	975	Surface Dress
2021-28*	A855	Old man of Storr North	1250	Surface Dress
2021-29*	C1244	Ardvasar – Aird of Sleat	3000	Surface Dress
2021-30	Various	Marrishadder & Maligar spur	2400	Surface Dressing
2021-31	A855	Uig Police Station to Idrigill Junction	425	Surface Dressing
Other Schemes				
2021-32	Various	Portree Footpaths	TBC	Footpath works
2021-33	A855	Staffin Road, Portree	TBC	Drainage Scheme