

Agenda Item	10
Report No	ECI/24/2023

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Economy and Infrastructure

Date: 4 May 2023

Report Title: Roads Strategic Capital Allocation

Report By: Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure & Environment

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 To provide Members with details of the distribution of the £7.7m strategic capital allocation for Roads.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- i) **Approve** the strategic capital allocation as set out in Appendix 1; and
 - ii) **Note** that schemes may require to be adjusted for operational reasons or following further discussion with local Members.

3 Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** – No financial implications as the funding has already been allocated by the Council.
- 3.2 **Legal** – Notices will be required for works and will be entered on the Scottish Road Works Register.
- 3.3 **Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island)** – There are no direct equality, poverty, rural or island implications arising from this report.
- 3.4 **Climate Change / Carbon Clever** – There are no known Climate Change / Carbon Clever implications arising as a direct result of this report. However, keeping the road network in a condition which allows the free flow of traffic will assist in reducing carbon emissions.

3.5 **Risk** – There is always a risk that inclement weather will delay works programmes. Where this occurs works will be rescheduled where possible. Contractor and material availability are also a factor, which Area staff will manage where possible.

3.6 **Gaelic** – None arising from this report.

4 Background

4.1 As a reminder, the capital budget split stated in the Council's 'Budget Strategy 2023/24' document contained committee report of 2 March (HC/01/23 Revenue and Capital budgets 2023/24 and medium-term financial outlook) is reproduced in Table 1 below.

Description	Budget	Comment
Roads Base Capital	£7,200,000	Budget covers all assets such as carriageways, footways, structures, drainage, etc.
Roads Base Capital 'Top up'	£5,100,000	Distributed using same principals used for £7.2m budget (stated in HC/01/23 report).
Strategic Allocation	£7,700,000	To be allocated on a strategic basis.
Strategic Timber Transport Schemes	£500,000	Match funding which secures significant additional contributions.
Total	£20,500,000	

Table 1: £20.5m Roads Capital Budget Breakdown

4.2 The Roads Operational Areas have already taken their 2023/24 programmes to Area Committee (with the exception of Sutherland which was presented at the Ward Business Meeting on 3 March and will go to Area committee on 16 May). The programmes were presented to committees before the capital budget allocations were known, so they were based on the 2022/23 base capital figures as an estimate. Area Committees have been presented with a list of schemes for their expected budget allocation.

4.3 The strategic timber transport allocation is used to bid into the fund administered by Scottish Forestry to obtain additional contributions of up to 70%. Highland has been very successful in this over the years, with the outcome of the 2023/24 awards still to be announced.

5 Strategic Allocation

5.1 For the £7.7m strategic allocation, the Service was asked to produce a further list of road surface treatment schemes, utilising engineering judgement and local knowledge to determine which projects were to be included. The project list has been compiled in conjunction with each Road Operations Manager and technical staff, to identify those which they could undertake in 2023/24. A diverse approach was taken, looking at urban and rural localities as well as all classes of roads, including where representations from Members or the public had been received.

Due to the significant long-term deterioration of the road network, particularly in rural roads, priority has been given to resurfacing schemes as opposed to surface dressing. This will add strength back into the road network. As is commonly known, Roads have a large backlog of work, and the additional funding is a welcome enhancement.

- 5.2 A list of the proposed schemes for the £7.7m allocation is included in **Appendix 1** based on an assessment by officers, but also informed by previous area committee reports. The table below summarises the total additional allocation per Area from the £7.7m capital strategic budget (part of the £20.5m capital for 2023/24). Note that schemes may require to be adjusted for operational reasons or following further discussion with local Members.

Area	Total Treatment Area (m ²)	Total Estimated Cost
Badenoch & Strathspey	4,125	£ 127,875
Caithness	102,832	£ 1,799,324
Inverness	30,405	£ 999,900
Lochaber	22,133	£ 695,336
Nairn	4,333	£ 134,323
Ross & Cromarty	65,400	£ 1,308,000
Skye	99,200	£ 1,800,091
Sutherland	41,650	£ 834,950
Grand Total	370,078	£ 7,699,799

Table 2: Total Proposed Additional Area Allocations (£7.7m)

- 5.3 Members are requested to note that major works require 3-month notices which are entered into the Scottish Road Works Register. Due to tight timescales, the works in **Appendix 1** will be noticed and, if amended, may require additional scheme notices to be entered which may delay works starting on site.

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Background Papers: [HC/01/23 Revenue and Capital Budgets 2023/24](#)

Appendix 1 – Proposed Schemes for £7.7m Strategic Budget Allocation

Area	Route	Road Name	Ave Width (m)	Length (m)	Total Area (m ²)	Treatment	Estimated Cost
Caithness	A836	Castletown Road	6	204	1224	Inlay	£ 24,480
Caithness	C1081	Lovers Lane	6	154	924	Inlay	£ 18,480
Caithness	C1081	Janet Street	11.5	100	1150	Inlay	£ 23,000
Caithness	B874	Ormlie Road	7.5	20	150	Inlay	£ 3,000
Caithness	A99	George Street	7	209	1463	Inlay	£ 29,260
Caithness	A99	North Road	6	135	810	Inlay	£ 16,200
Caithness	A99	A99 North St - B874 Jct	5.4	380	2052	Inlay	£ 41,040
Caithness	A836	A836 Castletown to Dunnet	7.5	280	2100	Inlay	£ 42,000
Caithness	A836	A836 Castletown to Dunnet	7.5	70	525	Inlay	£ 10,500
Caithness	U2052	Shebster	4.6	4000	18400	Overlay	£ 312,800
Caithness	U3651	Shore Lane	6	87	522	Inlay	£ 10,440
Caithness	U3805	Union Street	9	80	720	Inlay	£ 14,400
Caithness	U2465	March Road	3	370	1110	Overlay	£ 18,870
Caithness	A99	Wick to John O'Groats	6	1250	7500	Overlay	£ 127,500
Caithness	A99	Wick to John O'Groats	1.2	300	360	Inlay	£ 7,200
Caithness	A882	Wick to Georgemas	6	30	180	Inlay	£ 3,600
Caithness	A882	Wick to Georgemas	3	250	750	Inlay	£ 15,000
Caithness	A836	Thurso to Reay	6	105	630	Inlay	£ 12,600
Caithness	C1247	Whitebridge Scarfskerry	3	700	2100	Overlay	£ 35,700
Caithness	A836	Thurso to John O'Groats	6.4	550	3520	Overlay	£ 59,840
Caithness	C1010	Barrock CrossRoads to Barrock	3	1200	3600	Overlay	£ 61,200
Caithness	C1010	Dunnet to Corsback Road	3	200	600	Overlay	£ 10,200
Caithness	C1048	Castletown - Durran Road	3	400	1200	Overlay	£ 20,400
Caithness	U1735	Tofts of Tain Road	3	400	1200	Overlay	£ 20,400
Caithness	U1063	Latheronwheel Houstry	3	3400	10200	Overlay	£ 173,400

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Caithness	U1043	Dunbeath - Mulbuie Road	3.5	300	1050	Overlay	£ 17,850
Caithness	C1053	Lybster to Achavanich	3	2000	6000	Overlay	£ 102,000
Caithness	C1029	Occumster to Watten	3	2000	6000	Overlay	£ 102,000
Caithness	A882	Thurso Road (At Co-op)	10	350	3500	Inlay	£ 70,000
Caithness	B870	Glengolly - Plocan	3	700	2100	Overlay	£ 35,700
Caithness	U1874	Gerston Farm	3	480	1440	Overlay	£ 24,480
Caithness	C1006	Wester Bridge to Greenland	3	1000	3000	Overlay	£ 51,000
Caithness	U1868	Hoy Pumping Station Road	3	1140	3420	Overlay	£ 58,140
Caithness	U1731	Lochside to Hunster	3	377	1131	Overlay	£ 19,227
Caithness	U1727	Reaster to Bowermadden	3	270	3600	Overlay	£ 61,200
Caithness	C1021	Balnabruich Braemore	3	1767	5301	Overlay	£ 90,117
Caithness	B870	Plocan to Glengolly	3	1100	3300	Overlay	£ 56,100
Sutherland	A836	Tongue - Thurso	4.5	2500	11250	Overlay	£ 191,250
Sutherland	A836	Tongue - Thurso	1.2	500	600	Edge Strengthening	£ 21,000
Sutherland	B9176	Ardgay - Evanton	2	500	1000	Edge Strengthening	£ 35,000
Sutherland	B871	Kinbrace - Syre	3	1500	4500	Overlay	£ 76,500
Sutherland	A836	Tongue - Thurso	3	1500	4500	Overlay	£ 76,500
Sutherland	U1741	Melvich	3	600	1800	Overlay	£ 30,600
Sutherland	U3503	Achue	3	600	1800	Overlay	£ 30,600
Sutherland	A897	Helmsdale - Melvich	3	1500	4500	Overlay	£ 76,500
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Sutherland	B9176	Ardgay - Evanton	3	1500	4500	Edge Strengthening	£ 157,500
Sutherland	U1563	Skerray	3	300	900	Overlay	£ 15,300
Sutherland	A897	Helmsdale - Melvich	3	250	750	Overlay	£ 12,750

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Sutherland	A897	Helmsdale - Melvich	3	100	300	Overlay	£ 5,100
Sutherland	A897	Helmsdale - Melvich	3	150	450	Edge Strengthening	£ 15,750
Sutherland	A839	Lairg - The Mound	6	500	3000	Inlay	£ 60,000
Skye	B8009	Drynoch - Carbost	4.5	750	3375	Surfacing	£ 64,079
Skye	B8009	Carbost village	3.5	450	1575	Inlay	£ 29,903
Skye	A850	Snizort Bridge - Peiness	6	1000	6000	Inlay	£ 96,393
Skye	B883	Braes Road	3.5	950	3325	Surfacing	£ 77,430
Skye	A855	Flodigarry Slip zone	4	250	1000	Surfacing	£ 21,907
Skye	A855	Scorebay Slip Zone(s)	6	200	1200	Surfacing	£ 26,289
Skye	B8083	Broadford - Kilbride Jct	3.5	1500	5250	Surfacing	£ 99,680
Skye	B8083	Torrin - Elgol (Incl village)	3.5	900	3150	Surfacing	£ 73,355
Skye	C1227	Hallin - Geary (1)	3.5	750	2625	Surfacing	£ 46,005
Skye	C1227	Hallin - Geary (2)	3.5	500	1750	Surfacing	£ 30,670
Skye	A850	Braebost - Edinbane	6	2500	15000	Ralumac	£ 150,000
Skye	A855	Loch leathan	6	1200	7200	Surfacing	£ 115,671
Skye	C1230	Roag Loop	3.5	600	2100	Surfacing	£ 39,871
Skye	C1231	Harlosh Loop	3.5	500	1750	Surfacing	£ 38,338
Skye	C1234	Ullinish	3.5	450	1575	Surfacing	£ 29,904
Skye	B885	Portree to Struan	3.5	800	2800	Surfacing	£ 61,341
Skye	C1235/ U4747	Inverarish - Eyre	4.5	1000	4500	Surfacing	£ 104,794
Skye	A851	Kinloch	6	800	4800	Surfacing	£ 77,114
Skye	C1228	Galtragill	3.5	900	3150	Surfacing	£ 73,355
Skye	A863	Drynoch Jct - Hairpin Bends	6	900	5400	Surfacing	£ 102,527
Skye	A863	Sligachan - Dunvegan	6	900	5400	Surfacing	£ 108,985
Skye	A850	Bernisdale Straight	6	1300	7800	Surfacing	£ 136,703

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Skye	A855	A87 R/Bout - Industrial Estate	6	230	1380	Inlay	£ 41,400
Skye	A855	A87/A855 Jct Portree	6	150	900	Inlay	£ 27,000
Skye	B884	Lonemore	3.5	225	787.5	Surfacing	£ 17,252
Skye	B886	Fairy Bridge - Stein	3.5	1050	3675	Surfacing	£ 69,775
Skye	U4746	Sawmill - Creachan Cottage	3.5	495	1732.5	Surfacing	£ 40,350
Badenoch & Strathspey	A939	Bridge of Brown	5.5	750	4125	Overlay	£ 127,875
Nairn	B9101	B9101 B9090 Jct to Geddes Burn	7	619	4333	Overlay	£ 134,323
Lochaber	B8004	B8004 Banavie to Commando Memorial	4.9	330	1617	Overlay	£ 50,127
Lochaber	B8005	B8005 Gairloch to Clunes	4.8	460	2208	Overlay	£ 68,448
Lochaber	B8007	B8007 Glenmore Bridge to Ockle Road Jt	4.9	800	3920	Overlay	£ 121,520
Lochaber	A861	A861 Strontian	5.7	250	1425	Inlay	£ 49,875
Lochaber	B8007	B8007 West of Salen to Laga Bay	4.8	821	3940.8	Overlay	£ 122,165
Lochaber	A884	White Glen	5.1	120	612	Overlay	£ 18,972
Lochaber	C1094	Glen Etive Road	3.5	300	1050	Overlay	£ 32,550
Lochaber	U1712	Hospital Road, Glencoe	3.5	450	1575	Overlay	£ 48,825
Lochaber	B8006	B8006 Lochyside	6.3	515	3244.5	Overlay	£ 100,580
Lochaber	U1166	Glenpane Street	7.3	120	876	Inlay	£ 30,660
Lochaber	U1598	Glenachulish	3	555	1665	Overlay	£ 51,615
Inverness	U1004	Balchraggan - Ballaggan	3	1200	3600	Overlay	£ 108,000
Inverness	B9006	B9006 Old Perth Road	9	200	1800	Inlay	£ 81,000
Inverness	A833	A833 Glen Convinth	6	1000	6000	Overlay	£ 180,000
Inverness	U4682	Henderson Drive	7.5	200	1500	Inlay	£ 67,500
Inverness	U4608	Carsegate Road	7.5	340	2550	Inlay	£ 114,750
Inverness	U1108	Dunlichity Road	3.5	2000	7000	Overlay	£ 210,000

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Inverness	B851	Farr to A9	4	1000	4000	Overlay	£ 120,000
Inverness	C1080	Inverfarigaig to Errogie	3.5	930	3255	Overlay	£ 97,650
Inverness	U5461	Braefield	3.5	200	700	Overlay	£ 21,000
Ross & Cromarty	A890	West Achnasheen	7.3	6000	43800	Inlay	£ 876,000
Ross & Cromarty	A890	Achnashellach	4.5	4800	21600	Overlay	£ 432,000
		Totals		84,168	370,078		£ 7,699,799