

Agenda Item	7
Report No	SR/11/23

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** Isle of Skye & Raasay

**Date:** 22 May 2023

**Report Title:** Local Allocation of Parking Income

**Report By:** Interim Depute Chief Executive

### 1 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to prioritise the spend of the local allocation of income generated in the 2022/23 financial year as a result of car parking charges, in accordance with the Council's Parking Policy.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:-
- i. **Agree** to homologate £81k of the local allocation of income generated as a result of car parking charges in the 2022/23 financial year, along with £44k from the area share of local car parking income for 2021/22 as agreed at Area Committee on 30 January 2023 to road infrastructure improvements, as match funding totalling £125k for an application submitted to the Islands Infrastructure Fund for 7 road improvement schemes on Isle of Skye and Raasay and EV Chargers at the Old Man of Storr; and
  - ii. **Note** that schemes may require to be adjusted for operational reasons or following further discussion with local Members pending the outcome of a decision on the Islands Infrastructure grant application.

### 3 Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** – All work will be managed within budget allocations as approved. There are therefore no resource applications.
- 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; however, works to improve the road infrastructure will positively impact communities in all these aspects
- 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, supports the development of active travel networks and will assist in reducing carbon emissions as will the introduction of EV Chargers.
- 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** – No implications arising from this report.

## 4 Background

- 4.1 The Area Roads Capital Programme for 2023/24 was approved at the Area Committee on 30 January 2023 based on the 2022/23 base capital figures as an estimate. Road Schemes to the value of £409,401 were approved.
- 4.2 For the £7.7m strategic allocation agreed at the Economy and Infrastructure Committee on 4 May 2023, the local Roads Operational 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. Road Schemes to a value of £1,800,091 were approved for Isle of Skye and Raasay.

## 5 Islands Infrastructure Fund

- 5.1 The Scottish Government Island Infrastructure Fund (IIF) is currently seeking applications from Local Authorities with Island communities. Highland Council were notified of this in early February with the deadline for submissions the 21/04/23. The funding available nationally this year is reduced to £4m and therefore the expectation is that the funding round will be oversubscribed and competitive.
- 5.2 Taking account of the reduced funding available and following local engagement on potential projects ready to proceed, it was agreed through homologation at the Economy and Infrastructure Committee on 4 May 2023 to submit two applications by the deadline of 21 April, one for Lochaber and one for Isle of Skye and Raasay.
- 5.3 The Isle of Skye and Raasay Roads Infrastructure Programme identified for submission is ready to start within the required timescales of IIF and align with local identified priorities. The programme will deliver the following schemes:-
- **Scheme 1** Surfacing, A855 Water Treatment Plant to Storr Lochs;
  - **Scheme 2** Surfacing, C1235, Inverarish – Brochel, Raasay;
  - **Scheme 3** Extend Passing Places, Road Widening & Overlay, B884, Lonmore to Glendale Road;

- **Scheme 4** Extend Passing Places, Road Widening & Overlay, C1229, Dunvegan Castle – Claigan;
- **Scheme 5** Surfacing, B8083, Broadford – Torrin;
- **Scheme 6** Extend Passing Places, Road Widening & Overlay, C1225, Quiraing Road;
- **Scheme 7** Extend Passing Places, Road Widening & Overlay, C1237, Merkadale – Fairy Pools, Glen Brittle Road; and
- **EV Chargers** at the Old Man of Storr Car Park

5.4 The value of the application is a total of £926,162. This is made up of a grant request for £561,162, from the IIF and matched with £240,000 from the strategic allocation agreed at the Economy and Infrastructure Committee on 4 May 2023 and £125,000 from the area share of local car parking income.

All the road schemes are individually costed, so, should the full request not be available from the IIF the schemes can be prioritised in line with the funding available.

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