

The Highland Council

Agenda Item	9
Report No	SR/13/24

Committee: Isle of Skye and Raasay

Date: 26 August 2024

Report Title: Road Maintenance Update

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides the Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee with an update on the Area Roads Capital Programme 2024/25 further to Report No. SR/3/24 considered by the Committee on 12 February 2024, including works completed at the time of writing and additional works programmed for the remainder of the financial year.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to **note** the update

3 Implications

3.1 **Resource** – All work will be managed within budget allocations with the Council delivering its legal responsibilities.

3.2 **Legal** - The combined programme for Structural Resurfacing and Structural Integrity Improvements enables the Council to meet its duty under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 within the Local Committee Area.

3.3 **Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island)** - This report recognises that the local road network serves both strategic traffic and local access to remote communities. Road improvement schemes are selected on both the strategic and local importance and the extent and severity of defects. Noting that funding falls short of addressing all of the known defects, low volume and rural routes may be disadvantaged as prioritisation of limited funding dictates.

3.4 **Climate Change / Carbon Clever** - The level of investment across Highland falls short of the budget requirements to maintain a steady state condition of the road network. Deterioration of the overall network will occur with a corresponding risk to the travelling public. An increase in damage claims can also be expected, as the road defects develop.

- 3.5 **Risk** - Weather, Resources (Absences – Annual leave/sickness), Competing Priorities (Emergency works etc), Breakdowns, Price increases, availability of Plant and Machinery can all have a detrimental effect to the programme, or rather the delivery of the entire programme within 2024/25.

The Capital budget has the ability to roll over to 2025/26, if the Programme slips due the afore mentioned causes, the sites from the 2024/25 programme will be the first to be delivered in 2025/26

- 3.6 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – No implications arising from this report.

- 3.7 **Gaelic** - This report has no impact on Gaelic considerations.

4 Background

- 4.1 As detailed in Report No SR/3/24, the 2024/25 Capital Program considered was based on the 2023/24 Area Roads Budget as the 2024/25 Capital Budget had not been calculated at the time of writing the report.

An 'above the red line' Capital program agreed shown below:-

Budget	Overlay/Inlay	Surface Dressing	Total
Baseline capital budget	£296,341	£220,012	£516,353

- 4.2 As the 2024/25 Capital allocation and the Strategic allocation to the Skye and Raasay Capital Budget is now known, additional works can be programmed. The allocation is as shown below:-

Structural Overlay/Inlay	£521,223
Surface Dressing	£340,565
Strategic Allocation	£2,089,850
Structures	£50,000
Total	£3,001,638

- 4.3 Complete surface dressing programme delivered in 2024/25 are detailed within **Appendix 1**. Overlay delivered and additional schemes planned for 2024/25 are detailed within **Appendix 2**.

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Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 - Surface Dressing 2024/25 – Programme complete
Appendix 2 - Overlay 2024/25 and additional schemes planned

Appendix 1

Surface Dressing Programme 2024/25 – Complete

Area	Site	Length
Raasay	Youth Hostel – Brochel	7740m
	Raasay house	500m
	Steading to fire station	1020m
Glenbrittle	Glenbrittle	4270m
Elgol Road	Village	1170m
	Strathaird	812m
	Loch Slappin *	1472m
	Torrin grid - Kilbride *	915m
	Broadford – Shean *	1500m
Breas	Ollach - Gedintailor	2140m
	Gedintailor – Turning area	2580m
Harlosh	Harlosh – Vatten *	2000m +370m
Roag	Roag	2670m
Orbost	Orbost	1530m
A863	Lonmore to Roskill *	3000m
A855	Grealin – Lealt *	2030m
Struan Hill road	Hill road *	2580m + 1080m

* Agreed at Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee – Monday 12 February 2024 completed 2024/25.

All other works are additional - completed 2024/25.

Appendix 2

Surfacing Completed

	Heaste (1), Heaste (2) & Heaste(3)	<i>Add Capital</i>
B855	Hill Road (1) & (2)	<i>Ctte / Add Capital</i>
	Braes Road	<i>Add Capital</i>
	Camastianavaig	<i>Add Capital</i>
	Balmeanach	<i>Add Capital</i>
	Floddigarry	<i>Add Capital</i>
	Uginish	<i>Add Capital</i>
	Glenbernisdale	<i>Add Capital</i>

Surfacing Programmed

A863	Drynoch - Meadale (1) & (2)	<i>Ctte / Add Capital</i>
A855	Portree – Storr (Bride’s veil – Storr) (1)	<i>Ctte</i>
A855	Portree – Storr (Bride’s veil – Storr) (2) & (3)	<i>Add Capital</i>
U4748	Talisker (1) & (2)	<i>Add Capital</i>
C1229	Dunvegan Castle - Clagan (1) & (2)	<i>Add Capital</i>
A855	Kilmaluag - Duntulm	<i>Add Capital</i>
B8083	Drinan - Elgol	<i>Ctte</i>
	Merkadale - Glenbrittle (2)	<i>Add Capital</i>
A850	Dunvegan (1) & (2)	<i>Add Capital</i>
A850	Braebost - Edinbane (Inlay)	<i>Add Capital</i>
	Blaven Road, Portree (Inlay)	<i>Add Capital</i>
A850	Both approaches to B886 (Fairly Bridge) Jct	<i>Add Capital</i>
A863	Either approach to Balmeanach Junction	<i>Add Capital</i>
A863	Loch Beag View point - Struan Causeway	<i>Add Capital</i>
C1230	Roag Loop	<i>Add Capital</i>
C1239	Kylerhea	<i>Add Capital</i>
A863	A87Jct (Sligachan) - Loch Caol	<i>Add Capital</i>
B884	Corner before Neist Point Jct to Pooltiel Pier	<i>Add Capital</i>
B884	Glendale - Hamaramore (Mill Road Jct)	<i>Add Capital</i>
C1228	Totaig (Link Road Jct) to B884	<i>Add Capital</i>
C1225	Brogaig - Idrigill (Quiraing)	<i>Add Capital</i>
A855	Staffin - Uig (Lon a' Ghreip Grid)	<i>Add Capital</i>
U4912	Calums Road	<i>Add Capital</i>
C1235	Inverarish – Oskaig - Brochel	<i>Ctte</i>
C1237	Merkadale - Glenbrittle	<i>Add Capital</i>