

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Report No</b>	<b>CIA/03/25</b>

# The Highland Council

**Committee:** City of Inverness Area

**Date:** 3 February 2025

**Report Title:** Area Roads Capital Programme 2025/26

**Report By:** Assistant Chief Executive - Place

## **1 Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.1 This report details the proposed prioritised 2025/26 Area Roads Capital Programme for the City of Inverness and Area.

## **2 Recommendations**

2.1 Members are asked to approve the proposed 2025/26 Area Roads Capital Programme for the City of Inverness and Area.

## **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 **Risk** –The level of investment across Highland falls short of the budget requirements to maintain a steady 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.

3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – We consider the Health and Safety of our workforce, employed contractors and the general public as paramount in carrying out roads' operations. Documentation such as Risk Assessments and Method Statements are required as a matter of course as well as Full Personal Protective Equipment (which includes hard hats and full Hi Vis) and signing Lighting and Guarding. Our operatives are fully trained, and records of such training are maintained.

3.5 **Gaelic** – This report has no impact on Gaelic considerations.

## **4 Impacts**

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.
- 4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.
- 4.3 This is a monitoring report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

## **5 Background**

- 5.1 This report outlines the proposed Area Road Capital Programme for 2025/2026 in accordance with the approved capital budget.
- 5.2 Works are delivered through the Roads workforce, augmented as required by external contractors. Due to the inter-relationship between the capital and revenue budget to fund the roads workforce, prioritisation to internal delivery will be given, with the use of external contractor being limited to projects where such additional funds permit.
- 5.3 Additional engineering resources may be required from the Project Design Unit working with the Roads Operational Managers to plan and deliver the works.
- 5.4 It is recognised that the works necessary at any location may be a combination of works that are additional to the surfacing works.
- 5.5 Such surfacing works take time to plan and deliver and it is vital that the programme of works is agreed, as any delay in the agreed programme will impact on the construction programme, which is influenced by the availability of resources and also, by the prevailing weather conditions as summer delivery is more reliable and durable.
- 5.6 We also need to ensure that such works are coordinated with utility companies so early uploading of the programme to the Scottish Road Works Register aligns with the necessary reporting requirements and allows the coordination of utility works in advance of structural treatments (statutory advance notification period recorded) ensuring a period of protection from planned excavations.
- 5.7 Notwithstanding these works are as proposed in this report it is recognised that variation can be expected, and these will be agreed with Members at ward business meetings to maintain a dynamic programme.

## 6 Budget Allocation

6.1 The local allocations capital budget for 2025/26 remains to be established, which will be calculated from the approved capital budget allocation. In order to programme works for this report we have considered the same budget allocation as was granted in 2024/25. This includes our baseline Capital allocation plus the extra capital funds allocated to Inverness area (year two of the three-year extra Roads Capital Funding) however this will be adjusted in accordance with analysis of the road condition survey results.

This can be best demonstrated in the Capital Budget Allocation for year 2024/25, shown in **Appendix 1** of this report, which shows the baseline budget. Should the approved 2025/26 budget differ significantly from this baseline budget, then the programme will be adjusted as appropriate.

The local allocations capital budget for 2024/25 for the City of Inverness Area consisted of:-

<b>Budget</b>	<b>Overlay/Inlay</b>	<b>Surface Dressing</b>	<b>Total</b>
Expected capital budget	£1,504,962.50	£155,340.00	£1,660,302.50
Capital remaining	TBC	TBC	TBC
Other capital	TBC	TBC	TBC

6.2 **Appendix 1** identifies the capital allocated from budgets set for 2024/25 which includes the uplift from the Area share of the additional Roads Three Year Capital Funding. This figure also includes the Strategic Capital Allocation which is administered by the Roads HQ Team based on Road Condition factors. For the purposes of budgeting, this has not been included in this programme and will be allocated later.

## 7 Road Structural Maintenance Programme

7.1 Schemes are selected for the capital programme as follows:-

- existing approved capital schemes that remain to be completed and new identified schemes; and
- prioritised ranking of the road network

7.2 The following information was used to prepare the scheme prioritisation:-

- Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) data;
- Safety inspections;
- Number and location of Insurance Claims
- Service inspections; and
- Input and feedback from Ward Members via ward Business Meetings held in December 2024

- 7.3 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. All roads selected for resurfacing have been prioritised based on the criteria above.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 The 2025/2026 programme is scheduled in **Appendix 2** (Resurfacing) and **Appendix 3** (Surface Dressing).

Extensive member engagement has been undertaken and Members have been given the opportunity to review and agree the programme at Ward Business Meetings.

Programmed schemes shaded in green can be funded from the capital allocation. Those unshaded schemes (reserves) will be undertaken subject to any finalised increase in capital budget allocation and any potential underspend carried forward.

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Date: 6 January 2025

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Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Roads Budget Allocation Year 2024/25  
Appendix 2 – Resurfacing Programme Year 2025/26  
Appendix 3 – Surface Dressing Programme Year 2025/26



## Proposed Area Capital Programme – Resurfacing – Year 2025/26

Ward	Route	Road Name / Description	Length m	Width m	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Cost
13	C1118	King Brude Road	135	7.5	1012.5	£40,500.00
13	U3788	Ballifeary Lane	200	5.0	1000	£40,000.00
13		Footpaths (reconstruction/resurfacing)				£20,000.00
13	U3822	Bught drive (Patching)	150	3.5	525	£21,000.00
13	U4079	Laurel Avenue Roundabout	100	8.0	800	£32,000.00
13	U4132	Maxwell Drive	130	5.5	715	£28,600.00
13	C1118	General Booth Road (Charleston Academy)	350	7.5	2625	£105,000.00
13	U1160	Leachkin Road (Kinmylies Way – General Booth Junc.	190	6.5	1235	£49,400.00
14	U4322	Rosehaugh Road/Coronation Road Junc.	40	5	200	£8,000.00
14	U3835	Charles Street	230	5.5	1265	£50,600.00
14	U4360	Telford Gardens (patching)	50	3.5	175	£7,000.00
14		Footpaths (reconstruction/resurfacing)				£20,000.00
14		Castle Street	150	7.5	1125	£45,000.00
14	U4093	Lochalsh Road	150	6.5	975	£39,000.00
14	U4608	Carsegate Road	250	7.5	1875	£75,000.00
14	U4622	Telford Road	300	6.0	1800	£72,000.00
14	U4425	Balnacraig Lane	120	5.5	660	£26,400.00
14	U4348	St Ninians Drive	180	6	1080	£43,200.00
14	U4350	St Valery Avenue (phase 1)	200	5.5	1100	£44,000.00
14	B0865	Academy Street	225	10	2250	£90,000.00
14	U3784	Attadale Road	200	5.5	1100	£44,000.00
14	U3880	Dunain Road (patching)	100	5	500	£20,000.00

**Appendix 2 - Resurfacing Programme 2025/2026**

Ward	Route	Road Name / Description	Length m	Width m	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Cost
15	U4120/U3832	Mackay Road - Cauldeen Road Junc.	140	7.5	1050	£42,000.00
15	U3871/U4077	Broom Drive/Laggan Road Junc.	100	5	500	£20,000.00
15	U3792	Balloan Road junctions	150	5	750	£30,000.00
15		Footpaths (reconstruction/resurfacing)				£20,000.00
15	B0861	Culduthel Road (half carriageway)	330	3.5	1155	£46,200.00
15	U4423	Ardholm Place	200	5.5	1100	£44,000.00
15	U3931	Esk Road	90	5.5	495	£19,800.00
15	U4294	Stratherrick Park	100	5.5	550	£22,000.00
16	U4023	Harbour Road (Phase 3)	100	7.5	750	£33,750.00
16	U4410	Mason Road	130	6	780	£35,100.00
16	U4443	Ashton Road (patching)	75	3.5	262.5	£11,812.50
15		Footpaths (reconstruction/resurfacing)				£20,000.00
16	B0853	Old Edinburgh Road	250	7.5	1875	£84,375.00
16	U4517	Mackintosh Road (patching)	120	3.5	420	£18,900.00
16	B0865	Millburn Road	250	7	1750	£78,750.00
16	U3874/U3856	Drynie Avenue/Dell Road Junc.	75	5	375	£16,875.00
16	U4364/U3864	Temple Crescent/Druid Road Junc.	75	5	375	£16,875.00
16	U4619	Cromwell Road	200	7	1400	£63,000.00
16	B9006	Perth Road (Raigmore Hospital)	170	7.5	1275	£57,375.00

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Ward	Route	Road Name / Description	Length m	Width m	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Cost
17	U1846	Smithton Park	175	5.5	962.5	£38,500.00
17	U2088	Moray Park Avenue Junc.	75	7	525	£21,000.00
17	U2448	Oakdene Court Junc.	75	5	375	£15,000.00
17	U1037	Hillhead (Badger Road)	300	3.5	1050	£36,750.00
17		Culloden Shopping Centre Car Park				£10,000.00
17		Footpaths (reconstruction/resurfacing)				£25,000.00
17	C1032	Barn Church Road	250	7.5	1875	£75,000.00
17	U1038	Keibuck Stone (Forestry)	600	3	1800	£63,000.00
17	U1038/U1029	Carse/Balnagowan/Tomhommie side roads various	1000	3	3000	£105,000.00
17	U2458	Moray Park Terrace Junc.	75	5	375	£15,000.00
17	B9092	Smithstown Wood	250	3	750	£30,000.00
19	C1056	Craggie to Castleton (sections)	300	3	900	£31,500.00
19	B9006	Culloden Road	200	7.5	1500	£60,000.00
19	U2836	Garbole - Coignafearn	500	3.2	1600	£56,000.00
19		Footpaths (reconstruction/resurfacing)				£25,000.00
19	U1267	Dell of Inshes (top of hill)	200	5	1000	£35,000.00
19	U1128	Tower Brae South	250	4	1000	£40,000.00
19	B9154	Daviot - Moy	200	6	1200	£42,000.00
19	U1279	Caulfield Road South	285	3.5	997.5	£39,900.00
19	U2186	Burn Brae (patching and junctions)	150	5.5	825	£33,000.00
19	U2122	Leanach Gardens	200	5.5	1100	£44,000.00



## Appendix 2 - Resurfacing Programme 2025/2026

Ward	Route	Road Name / Description	Length m	Width m	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Cost
12	B0862	Errogie - B851 junction	800	3.5	2800	£98,000.00
12	A0831	West of Balnain Village	250	6	1500	£52,500.00
12	B0861	Balnafoich - Tomfat	250	4	1000	£35,000.00
12	C1064	Ashie Moor - B862	300	3.5	1050	£36,750.00
12	U1600	Ferry Rd / Lane, Beauly	120	5.5	660	£23,100.00
12	U1564	Wardlaw Road, Kirkhill (part)	250	3.2	800	£28,000.00
12	U1774	Fort Augustus Canalside North	300	5	1500	£52,500.00
12	A0831	Erchless - Cannich (sections)	300	5.5	1650	£57,750.00
12	C1080	Inverfarigaig - Errogie	250	3.5	875	£30,625.00
12	B0852	Foyers - Chapel House	250	3.5	875	£30,625.00
12	C1084	Glenlia Road (Phase 1)	700	3.2	2240	£78,400.00
12	U1217	Trinloist Road (2 sections)	350	3.2	1120	£39,200.00
12		Footpaths (reconstruction/resurfacing)				£25,000.00
12	B0862	South of Errogie	150	5.5	825	£28,875.00
12	B0862	Aldourie near Dores	750	5	3750	£131,250.00
12	B0862	Scaniport - Inverness	1000	5.5	5500	£192,500.00
12	B0862	North of Errogie	400	4	1600	£56,000.00
12	B0852	Dores - Foyers	1000	3.5	3500	£122,500.00
12	B0862	Errogie Village	200	5.5	1100	£38,500.00
12	C1060	Blackfold - Abriachan	800	3.2	2560	£89,600.00
12	C1076	Loch Ashie to Midtown	300	3	900	£31,500.00
12	U1758	Cabrigh (Township Road)	450	4	1800	£63,000.00
12	C1064	Essich to Loch Ashie	500	3.5	1750	£61,250.00
12	C1084	Glenlia Road (Phase 2)	750	3.2	2400	£84,000.00
12	C1102	Foxhole - Clunes	500	3.5	1750	£61,250.00
12	U1088	Torness	350	3.2	1120	£39,200.00
12	B0862	West of Gorthleck	300	5	1500	£52,500.00

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<b>Ward</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Road Name / Description</b>	<b>Length m</b>	<b>Width m</b>	<b>Area m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Cost</b>
12	U1667	Ardachy Road	250	3	750	£26,250.00
12	B0862	Glendoe (South of High Bridge)	250	6	1500	£52,500.00
All Wards		Major Patching/Machine Patching				£200,000.00

## Proposed Area Capital Programme – Surface Dressing – Year 2025/26

Appendix 3 - Surface Dressing 2025/2026						
Ward	Route	Road Name / Description	Length m	Width m	Area m <sup>2</sup>	Cost
13	U4578	Highfield Avenue	375	5.5	2062.5	£9,281.25
13	U4579	Blarmore Avenue	300	5.5	1650	£7,425.00
14	U3839	Coronation Road	90	5.5	495	£2,227.50
14	U4350	St Valery Avenue	580	5.5	3190	£14,355.00
14	U4089	Limetree Avenue	200	6	1200	£5,400.00
15	U4077	Laggan Road (southern spur)	50	5.5	275	£1,237.50
15	U1695	Pine Drive	100	5	500	£2,250.00
15	U4134	Merlewood Rd	380	4	1520	£6,840.00
15	U4312	Ruthven Road	130	5.5	715	£3,217.50
15	U4152	Moy Terrace	160	5.5	880	£3,960.00
16	U3816	Broadstone Park	290	6	1740	£7,830.00
16	U4585	Broadstone Avenue	110	6	660	£2,970.00
16	U3837	Clava Road	80	5.5	440	£1,980.00
17	C1024	Old Tornagrain to Cantray Crossroads	500	3.5	1750	£7,875.00
17	U1315	Braeside Park	240	5.5	1320	£5,940.00
17	U2233	Forest Drive	140	5.5	770	£3,465.00
17	U2156	Blackwell Avenue	185	6	1110	£4,995.00
17	U2103/U1327	Dalcross Industrial Estate phase II/phase I			0	£0.00
17	U2069	Barn View	270	5.5	1485	£6,682.50
19	U2786	Ruthven Road - Moy	750	3.5	2625	£11,812.50
19	B9154	Daviot - Dalmagarry (Sections)	3000	6	18000	£81,000.00

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<b>Ward</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Road Name / Description</b>	<b>Length m</b>	<b>Width m</b>	<b>Area m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Cost</b>
12	A833	Glaickbea	500	6	3000	£13,500.00
12	C1102	Moniack-Clunes-Foxhole (Sections) Phase 2	1400	3.2	4480	£20,160.00
12	B851	Aberarder to Dunaglass (sections)	200	5.5	1100	£4,950.00
12	U1140	Whitebridge - Garrogie	1000	3	3000	£13,500.00
12	B0862	East of Knockie	670	6.5	4355	£19,597.50
12	B851	Dumnaglass - Calanour	1500	6.5	9750	£43,875.00
12	A831	Balnain-Kilmartin	2000	6	12000	£54,000.00
12	B852	Dores-Inverfarigaig (Part)	1000	5	5000	£22,500.00
12	U	Ledclune	2000	3	6000	£27,000.00
12	U1774	Fort Augustus Canalside South	280	3.5	980	£4,410.00
12	U	Hughton to Struy (Part)	1000	3.2	3200	£14,400.00

<b>Total Resurfacing</b>	<b>£1,504,962.50</b>
<b>Total Surface Dressing</b>	<b>£155,340.00</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>£1,660,302.50</b>