
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**BUTE AND COWAL
AREA COMMITTEE**

**ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES**

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ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report format and frequency for these reports were agreed as part of the previous Council. The purpose of the report is to provide a general update on key activities of the Service over recent months and to enable a discussion on key, high level topics and projects. As part of developing future committee structure and workplans, the purpose and effectiveness of this standing item should be reviewed.
- 1.2 As part of the normal course of business, we provide all members with regular weekly briefings on topical projects and ongoing service delivery. We have been doing this weekly for over 60 editions now and these prove to be a useful tool for delivering regular service updates. They are all available as part of the wider resource portal on the Member Zone system which also includes specific topic briefing sheets and key policy documents. We are also in the process of developing a seminar programme on specific topics, which we are hoping to

tap into the marine tourism sector and providing a real, meaningful boost to the local economy. This schemes follows on from successful pontoons projects in Oban and Campbeltown, with both towns benefitting economically as a result of increased visitors.

Play park funding

3.16 Funding of £76,000 was allocated in financial year 21/22, with a further £79,000 this financial year. In order to provide for a meaningful programme of improvement works targeted at the high priority sites, as well as a works package with is attractive to what it is a limited supplier/contractor market, the funds have been rolled together into a single package. Sites were given a priority rating based on asset inspections and feedback form the Youth Forum, in compliance with the reported to EDI in June and is available [here](#). In this area the priority site is Sandbank.

3.17 An update on this was recently provided in the weekly briefing [Edition 61 5th August] which read: *The recent tender process failed to generate any bids. We requested feedback as to why there were no applications and we were advised that the timescales for completion of work were too short. A request for more time to complete was made and this is currently being assessed by our procurement team. A further re-tender process will be looked at this month.*

3.18 A further verbal update will be provided on this at the Committee meeting.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 This report provides a general update to local members on recent Roads and Infrastructure activities.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy

5.5.3 Islands none known

5.6. Climate Change none

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