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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**BUTE AND COWAL  
AREA COMMITTEE**

**ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
SERVICES**

**5 MARCH 2024**

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**ROADS CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2024/25**

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## **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Attached to this report is a draft programme for roads reconstruction schemes for 2024/25 in the Bute and Cowal area

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that the Bute and Cowal Area Committee:

Provide comments on the draft programme that is contained in Appendix 1 of this report.

Note that the programme will go forward to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee on 21 March 2024 for endorsement.

## **3.0 DETAIL**

3.1 The focus of the roads reconstruction programme has been to recover the network through the delivery of a mix of carriageway resurfacing schemes, patching/surface dressing and in-

By progressing schemes which will provide the best rate of return, taking consideration of the survey results and associated data, the Council is able to deliver a programme of schemes which maximises the benefits to the travelling public from the available investment. There is also a consideration applied that reflects route classification and hierarchy together with the Road Condition Index.

- 3.5 Surface dressing schemes are selected on the basis that, either the skid resistance of the road surface is poor, or the road surface requires sealing before it fails. Surface dressing can range from a standard binder with 6mm chippings through to polymer modified binders with more than one layer of chippings.
- 3.6 Following a presentation to Members in January 2023 and reports to Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee in June 2023, officers carried out Members Business Days in October/November 2023 to enable an opportunity for Members to bring forward priorities for consideration in the 2024/25 Capital Roads Programme.
- 3.7 As in previous years, the roads reconstruction programme will be delivered by a mixed economy model with the Councils in-house team delivering carriageway reconstruction and patching works. The surface dressing element of the programme will be delivered by an external

further bids to the STTS for 2024/25 which, if successful, will provide additional investment for the road network.

- 3.10 The capital programme presented is based on carriageway condition late autumn/early winter. With the effect of winter this programme may need to be adjusted to ensure that any investment takes into consideration any winter deterioration.
- 3.11 The programme for each of the administrative areas will be forwarded to Area Committee Members and updates to Area Committees as the programme progresses. The programme will also be available on the Council website with key scheme status and dates.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 This report provides details of the proposed roads reconstruction programme for 2024/25 and seeks comments from Elected Members on the draft programme.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy - works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management Plan.
- 5.2 Financial - programme will be based on capital allocation for year 2024/25.
- 5.3 Legal – None known.
- 5.4 HR - reconstruction works delivered by a combination of in-house roads operations team and sub-contractors.
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: None known.
  - 5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – None known.
  - 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – None known.
  - 5.5.3 Islands – None known.
- 5.6 Climate Change – due regard will be given to climate change with a view to minimising any climate change impact and these will be considered as and when they arise.
- 5.7 Risk - completed works will reduce requirement to repair roads and will arrest the carriageway/footway deterioration.
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5.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – the investment to improve our road network will contribute to a safer environment for young people to thrive in.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – B&C Proposed Roads Reconstruction Programme 2024/25

**APPENDIX 1      BUTE AND COWAL PROPOSED ROADS RECONSTRUCTION  
PROGRAMME 2024/25**

C7 - from B8000 to Tank Landing - Kames	Overlay	£	120,000.00
A886 Ardachuple cutting - Colintaive	Overlay	£	78,815.00
A8003 Royal brae - Tighnabraich	Inlay	£	26,694.85
A886 North of Communications Mast	Overlay	£	60,000.00