

ROADS CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2024/25

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Attached to this report is a draft programme for roads reconstruction schemes for 2024/25 in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands area. This programme has been designed using the current Road Condition Index (RCI) which is produced by the national road condition survey data. In addition to the RCI data, information such as road traffic collisions, known development, activities such as timber harvesting and skid condition (of the carriageways surface) which is measured by a separate survey are also considered together with information brought forward from Elected Members during agreed Area Business Days with officers from Roads and Infrastructure Service. This information is considered at officer level when appropriate engineering judgement is also applied to ensure that maximum benefit can be derived from the available investment.
- 1.2 The Roads Reconstruction Programme has been structured in line with the Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Strategy. The focus has been to arrest the rate of decline and provide an overall improvement in condition as has been demonstrated in the Annual Status and Options Report. In previous years this has been achieved through the delivery of a mix of carriageway resurfacing, edge strengthening, patching/surface dressing and in-situ road surface recycling. These treatments have been designed to seal the road to stop the ingress of water, improve ride quality and reduce the number of reactive repairs. This has resulted in an overall improvement in road conditions. Without this investment and works there would have been a significant deterioration in condition and a detriment to the travelling public, economic opportunity and tourism.
- 1.3 Following the Council's Budget Meeting, which took place on 22nd February 2024, £8M has been confirmed for the Capital Roads Reconstruction budget.
- 1.4 As per previous years any post winter deterioration may result in some adjustment to the programme to ensure that the best rates of return in terms of whole life costs can be achieved.

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.

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.
- 5.8 Customer Service - overall improvement in road surfaces and the quality of driven journeys.

5.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – the investment to improve our road network

APPENDIX 1 MAKI PROPOSED ROADS RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2024/25