

The Highland Council

Nairn and Badenoch and Strathspey Area Committee 11 June 2014

Agenda Item	8.
Report No	NBS/12/14

Maintenance Programme for Roads and Bridges

Report by Director of Community Services

Summary

This report invites Members to approve the Maintenance Programmes for Roads and Bridges for the Nairn and Badenoch and Strathspey Area for 2014/15.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Highland Council has a statutory obligation under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to manage and maintain the local public road network.
- 1.2 The budget for roads maintenance is set by the Community Services Committee and is devolved to Area level for operational purposes.
- 1.3 Maintenance programmes are prepared by the Area Community Services Managers in accordance with the principles set out in the Road Asset Management Plan and presented to Members for approval.
- 1.4 At the Community Services Committee on the 15 May the Director of Community Services reported that a total combined pressure for 2014/15 of £1.966m had to be accommodated within the overall budget for the Service. That sum has been deducted from the roads maintenance budget, as this is the main part of uncommitted spend in the overall budget. This reduction in road maintenance expenditure was approved by Members on 15 May 2014.
- 1.5 However it is largely mitigated by the Roads Innovation Fund (£1.250m) with a range of exciting initiatives that will put the Council in a much stronger position going forward. In addition a request will be made to Council for an additional £0.500m funded from the winter salt underspend achieved during the winter of 2013/14. This £0.500m is already included in the allocations to Areas for road maintenance.

2. Budget Distribution

- 2.1 The Road Maintenance budgets are allocated under the following headings:
 - **Winter Maintenance (Revenue)**
 - **Cyclic Maintenance (Revenue)** including:

- Surface Dressing*
 - Verge maintenance
 - Road Marking Renewal
 - Sign Maintenance
 - Drainage Maintenance
 - Gully Cleansing
 - Footpath Maintenance
 - Patching
 - Other Cyclic and Routine Maintenance
 - Bridge Maintenance
- **Structural Maintenance (Capital)** including:
 - Road Surfacing (including edge strengthening)
 - Surface Dressing*

*Both Capital and Revenue funding is available for surface dressing

2.3 This report focusses on the 2014/15 programmes for:

- Surface Dressing (**Appendix 1**)
- Road Structural Maintenance (**Appendix 2**)
- Bridge Maintenance (**Appendix 3**)

3. Road Maintenance Programmes

3.1 Schemes were selected for inclusion in these programmes on the basis of need using information gathered from a variety of sources.

- SRMCS road condition survey and map based computer analysis – using data gathered at road speed using specialist survey vehicles and equipment
- Safety Inspections
- Detailed Inspections
- Requests from Members and members of the public

3.2 Schemes have been prioritised with the safety of the travelling public and sustainability of the road network as the main objectives. The main factors considered are:

- Road condition
- Likelihood of further deterioration
- Lifeline status
- Usage and traffic level
- Public and school transport route
- Economic and social need

4. Implications

- 4.1 There are no resource implications as all proposals are within the allocated budgets.
- 4.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 4.3 There are no known equalities issues, although maintenance of the road network will enable better access to services for everyone.
- 4.4 There are no climate change/carbon clever implications arising from this report.
- 4.5 There are no risk implications arising from this report.
- 4.6 There are no Gaelic implications arising from this report.

Recommendation

Members are invited to approve the Maintenance Programmes for Roads and Bridges for the Nairn and Badenoch and Strathspey Area for 2014/15.

Designation: Director of Community Services

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Appendix 1

Surface Dressing Programme 2014

Ward	Route	Location	Length	Width	Road area(m2)	Comments*
19 - Nairn	B9007	Duthill - Ferness - Relugas	2350	5	11750	
19 - Nairn	U3101	Dulsie - Drynachan - Loch of Boath	2960	2.7	7992	
19 - Nairn	U3336	Firth Street	77	6.5	501	
19 - Nairn	U3342	Park Street/Union Street	365	5.5	2008	
19 - Nairn	U3376	Lodgehill Road	150	5.5	825	
21 - B&S	A939	Grantown - Dava	1460	6.1	8906	
21 - B&S	A939	Bridge of Brown	830	5.5	4565	
21 - B&S	B970	Kingussie- Aviemore	1350	4.9	6615	
21 - B&S	B970	Nethybridge - Grantown	310	5.7	1767	
21 - B&S	C1124	Corriehullie- Blairgorm- Nethybridge	280	5	1400	
21 - B&S	C1124	Corriehullie- Blairgorm- Nethybridge	2480	5.1	12648	
21 - B&S	C1126	Cairngorm Road	1600	6.3	10080	
21 - B&S	U2234	Ben Alder Road	260	5.5	1430	
21 - B&S	U2543	Campbell Crescent	225	5.8	1305	
21 - B&S	U2558	Cluny Terrace	170	5.8	986	
21 - B&S	U2454	Newtonmore Industrial Estate Road	355	6	2130	
21 - B&S	U2334	Haughs of Cromdale	260	8	2080	
21 - B&S	U2334	Haughs of Cromdale	1810	3.5	6335	
21 - B&S	U2036	Lettoch Road	150	5.5	825	
21 - B&S		Lynstock Park	105	5.6	588	

Appendix 2

Capital Structural Road Maintenance Programme 2014/15

Ward	Route	Location	Length	Width	Road area(m2)	Comments*
19 - Nairn	B9007	Duthill - Ferness - Relugas	250	1	250	Structural Edge Patching
19 - Nairn	U3100	Dulsie - Drynachan - Loch of Boath	500	1	500	Structural and Edge Patching
19 - Nairn	U3164	Penick Road	600	1	600	Structural Edge Widening/Patching
21 - B&S	A939	Grantown - Dava	360	1.5	540	Structural Edge Patching
21 - B&S	A939	Grantown - Nairn	230	6.3	1449	Resurface
21 - B&S	C1132	Loch Insh - Kinncraig	100	5.5	550	Resurface at Insh Church

Appendix 3

Bridge Maintenance Programme 2014/15

Ward	Bridge code	Bridge Name	Description of works	Comments
19 - Nairn	C11540030	Dulsie Bridge	Pointing repairs, vegetation removal, carriageway and drainage repairs.	
19 - Nairn	B90900020	Howford Bridge	Repair accident damaged parapet.	
19 - Nairn	General bridge maintenance repairs following programmed inspections.			
21 - B&S	B09700060	Ruthven Bridge	Investigation currently underway to establish future strategy for the management of the bridge and future repairs following Principal Inspection and introduction of emergency 3Tonne weight restriction.	
21 - B&S	General bridge maintenance repairs following programmed inspections.			