

# The Highland Council

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Report No	WRSL/11/25

**Committee:** Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh

**Date:** 28 April 2025

**Report Title:** Area Roads Capital Programme 2023/24 Update

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

## **1 Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.1 This report provides an update on the Area Roads Capital Programme 2023/24.

## **2 Recommendations**

2.1 Members are asked to:-

- i. **Note** the final budget allocation for Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh area for 2023/24;
- ii. **Note** the works completed on the approved list to date; and
- iii. **Note** the additional works identified and prioritised throughout the year

## **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 state 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)** - No implications arising from this report.

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 an update report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

## **5 Background**

- 5.1 On 20 February 2023 at the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Committee Members approved the prioritised Area Roads Capital Programme (Report WRSL/002/23) for Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh.

At the time of approving the report the Highland Council had not set its budget for the 2023/24 financial year.

## **6 Budget**

- 6.1 The local allocation for capital schemes in Ross and Cromarty was set at £1,723,637.
- 6.2 The Ross and Cromarty Committee has been replaced by Dingwall and Seaforth; Black Isle and Easter Ross; and Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Area Committees. However the capital budget was not disaggregated to the individual committees. Consequently the programmes developed reflect the road mileage in each of the current committee areas.
- 6.3 Taking into account overheads that cannot be disaggregated, for Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh the local area allocation amounted to £883,109.
- 6.4 Each year the Strategic Allocation is allocated to one of the three committee areas. For FY23/24 £1,308,000 was awarded to Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh.
- 6.5 The total capital budget for Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh consists of the local and strategic allocations. This amounts to £2,141,109.

## **7 Road Structural Maintenance Programme**

- 7.1 The FY2023/24 prioritised list for Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh that was approved on 20 February 2023 is detailed within Area Roads Capital Programme (Report WRSL/002/23).
- 7.2 The approved list was reviewed following winter and once the effects of the weather on the road network could be assessed. Roads staff regularly attend the Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Area Business Meeting where the list of priorities was reviewed, pre-prioritised and agreed.

7.3 Factors influencing the changes included:-

- additions as road conditions changed and roads not previously identified were added;
- 3rd parties carrying out their works in the same locations; and
- addition of strategic schemes

7.4 The updated prioritised list is detailed within **Appendix 1**.

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Background Papers: Area Roads Capital Programme (Report WRSL/002/23)

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Wester Ross and Lochalsh Area Capital Works  
FY2023/24 (April 2025 Update)

**Appendix 1 Wester Ross Strathpeffer Lochalsh Area Capital Works FY2324  
(April 2025 Update)**

<b>Scheme</b>		<b>Works</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Committee Approval</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
U3119	Tarvie Township Rd 2	Patching	Area Capital Allocation	09-Feb-22	Completed	Deferred from 22/23
U3119	Tarvie Township Rd 1 Deferred from 22/23	Patching	Area Capital Allocation	09-Feb-22	Completed	Deferred from 22/23
U3393	Rhue Rd Deferred from 22/23	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	09-Feb-22	Completed	Deferred from 22/23
A896	Torridon - Kinlochewe	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	09-Feb-22	Completed	
A834	Strathpeffer Main St Ph 1 & 2	Inlay	Area Capital Allocation	21-Feb-23	Completed	
C1223	Glenelg - Donavans Sawmill - Village Junction	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	20-Feb-22	Completed	
A896	Church St jct - CG, Lochcarron	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	21-Feb-22	Completed	
C1055	Letters - Logie Rd	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	21-Feb-22	Completed	
U3006	Marybank & Aultgowrie	Inlay	Area Capital Allocation	20-Feb-22	Completed	
U5346	Morlich - Overlay 2023 -2024	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
U4927	Ratagan - Overlay - 2023_2024	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
A834	Jamestown - Contin and farm rd	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
A832	Dundonnell Fain Badcaul	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
U3079	Golf Course Rd, Strathpeffer top section	Patching	Area Capital Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	

A832	A832 Lochluichart Ph 2	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
A890	Coulags	Overlay	Strategic Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
A890	Achnashellach	Overlay	Strategic Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
A890	Craig	Overlay	Strategic Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
A890	Glencarron	Overlay	Strategic Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
A890	Stromeferry	Coulags West	Strategic Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
A832	Braemore	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	
C1043	Strathconon Rd	Patching	Area Capital Allocation	Approval sought	Completed	