

# The Highland Council

Agenda Item	6
Report No	WRSL/12/25

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

**Date:** 28 April 2025

**Report Title:** Area Roads Capital Programme 2024/25 Update

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

## 1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides an update on the Area Roads Capital Programme 2024/25.

## 2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:-

- i. **Note** the final budget allocation for Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh area for 2024/25;
- 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 29 January 2024 at the Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Committee, Members approved the prioritised Area Roads Capital Programme (Report WRSL/03/24) for Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Area.

At the time of approving the report the Highland Council had not set its budget for the 2024/25 financial year.

## **6 Budget**

- 6.1 The Highland Council Budget was set on 14 March 2024, where Members agreed the Roads Capital Budget Allocation for 2024/25 as part of a 3-year investment into Roads. Item 6.10 of Place Based Approaches to Strategic Capital Planning and Asset Management (Report HC/05/24) sets out the total investment into Road Capital over the 3 years.
- 6.2 For 2024/25 a total investment of £20.70m was agreed.
- 6.3 The £20.70m is to be distributed with a strategic allocation and a base capital allocation.
- 6.4 The local allocation for Ross and Cromarty was set at:-
- Base capital allocation = £1,847,928.
  - Strategic allocation = £1,349,000.
  - Structures = £100,000.
  - A total for Ross and Cromarty of £3,296,928
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 Taking into account overheads that cannot be disaggregated for Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh, the local area allocation amounted to £237,418.

## 7 Road Structural Maintenance Programme

- 7.1 The FY2024/25 prioritised list for Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh that was approved on 29 January 2024 is detailed within Area Roads Capital Programme (Report WRSL/03/24).
- 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 Ward Business Meetings 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; and
  - 3rd parties carrying out their works in the same locations
- 7.4 The updated prioritised list is detailed within **Appendix 1**. Completed schemes have been identified.

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Background Papers: Area Roads Capital Programme (Report WRSL/03/24).  
Place Based Approaches to Strategic Capital Planning and  
Asset Management (Report HC/05/24)

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Area  
Capital Works FY202/25 (April 2025 Update)

**Appendix 1 – Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Area Capital Works FY2024/25 (April 2025 Update)**

<b>Scheme</b>		<b>Works</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Committee Approval</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
U4884	Salllachy Br	Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	29-Jan-24	Complete	
A890	Mamit Hill	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	29-Jan-24	Complete	
C1083	Diabeg Hill	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	29-Jan-24	Complete	
A834	Fodderty to Contin	Patching	Area Capital Allocation	29-Jan-24	Complete	
A832	Slattadale	Patching	Area Capital Allocation	29-Jan-24	Complete	
A896	A890 Jct - Lochcarron PS	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	29-Jan-24	Complete	
A896	Shieldaig - Torridon	Patching/Overlay	Area Capital Allocation	Approval Sought	Complete	
A832	Slattadale	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	29-Jan-24	Deferred	Funding diverted to A896 Shieldaig - Torridon
U3707	Wester Alligin	Patching	Area Capital Allocation	Approval Sought	Complete	
U3706	Inveralligin Rd	Patching	Area Capital Allocation	Approval Sought	Complete	
A890	Glencarron Lodge to Black Mile	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	Approval Sought	Complete	
A832	Loch a Chrosig Achnasheen	Surface Dressing	Area Capital Allocation	Approval Sought	Complete	