The Highland Council

Agenda Item	**7**
Report No	**SR/32/26**

Committee: **Isle of Skye and Raasay**

Date: **30 November 2026**

Report Title: **Road Maintenance Update**

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

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides the Isle of Skye and Raasay Committee with an update on the Area Roads Capital Programme completed at the time of writing from the 2026/27 Programme and additional works programmed for the remainder of the financial year. The report also provides an update on partnership working with the Council's Active Travel Team, as detailed in Appendix 2.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to **note** the update.

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** – Weather, Resources (including absences – annual leave/sickness), competing priorities (emergency works etc), breakdowns, price increases, availability of plant and machinery can all have a detrimental effect on the delivery of the entire programme within the financial year.

Where programme delivery is affected by weather, operational demands or other constraints, outstanding schemes will be reviewed and prioritised as part of the following year's programme, subject to available funding and the necessary approvals.

3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – There are no additional health and safety implications arising directly from this report. All works are subject to the appropriate risk assessments, safe systems of work and temporary traffic management arrangements.

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 The estimated 2026/27 Capital allocation to the Isle of Skye and Raasay budget (based on 2025/26 figures) is £3,187,975.00.

Structural Overlay/Inlay	£2,180,495.00
Surface Dressing	£707,480.00
Strategic Allocation	£300,000.00
Total	£3,187,975.00

5.2 As detailed in the report to Isle of Skye and Raasay Area Committee on 16 February 2026 the 2026/27 Capital Programme, the Committee approved the rolling programme of capital schemes.

6 **Programme Delivery**

6.1 The Roads Operations Team has continued to progress the 2026/27 Capital Programme across Skye and Raasay.

Following the cancellation of the planned surface dressing programme, part of the funding originally allocated to these works was redirected towards additional structural overlay schemes. This provided an opportunity to undertake further improvements to sections of the road network identified as requiring attention.

The additional schemes were identified by the Roads Operations Team and discussed with Members during regular meetings throughout the year, ensuring Members were kept informed of the changes to the programme. All additional overlay schemes listed in **Appendix 1** have now been completed.

The team will continue to progress the remaining programmed works, subject to weather conditions, available resources and competing operational priorities, particularly during the winter maintenance period.

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Background Papers:	Area Roads Capital Programme 2026/27
Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Overlay/Inlay and Surface dressing schemes for 2026/27. Completed schemes highlighted in yellow. Appendix 2 - Active Travel Partnership Working 2026/27

Appendix 1 - Overlay/Inlay and Surface Dressing Scheme 2026/27

Activity	Route	General Description	Average Width (m)	Scheme Length (m)	Total Area (m^2)	26/27 Allocation
Overlay	A855	Old Police Station-Hairpin	5.5	33	181.5	£6,187.50
Overlay	A855	Old Police Station-Hairpin	4.5	91	409.5	£13,387.50
Overlay	A855	Old Police Station-Hairpin	5.5	179	984.5	£26,262.50
Overlay	A855	Old Police Station-Hairpin	4	322	1288	£33,850.00
Overlay	A855	Quiraing Junction	3	203	609	£19,875.00
Inlay	A855	Portree	6	1212	7272	£70,000.00
Overlay	A855	Uig (north)	4	2416	9664	£100,000.00
Overlay	A855	Duntulm	4	905	3620	£30,000.00
Overlay	A851	Isle Ornsay	6	3200	19200	£100,000.00
Overlay	U4838	B class to township	3	1920	5760	£50,000.00
Overlay	A863	Slig	5.8	1000	5800	£75,000.00
Overlay	A851	Armadale	6	100	600	£16,750.00
Inlay	U4814	Stormy hill	5.5	58	319	£13,961.00
Overlay	U4815	Scorry breac	5	141	705	£19,275.00
Overlay	U4815	Scorry breac	5.5	180	990	£29,400.00
Inlay		The pier/quay street/brae	5.5	205	1127	£42,029.00
Overlay	A850	Edinbane-Greshornish Jct	5.8	1000	5800	£150,000.00
Inlay	B8083	BRD	6	307	1842	£53,550.00
Overlay	B8083	BRD	4	100	400	£11,650.00
Overlay	B8083	Chilchrist	4	100	400	£11,650.00
Overlay	B8083	Chilchrist	5	100	500	£14,150.00
Overlay	B8083	Chilchrist	4	400	1200	£31,650.00
Overlay	B8083	Chilchrist	4	100	400	£11,650.00
Overlay	B8083	Slappin	3.5	757	2649.5	£69,087.50
Overlay	B8083	Slappin	3.5	1002	3507	£90,525.00
Overlay	B8083	Strathaird	3.5	765	2677.5	£50,000.00
Overlay	U4839	mid-section	3	260	780	£21,150.00
Overlay	C1225	Uig end - hairpins	3	126	378	£11,100.00
Overlay	C1225	Uig end - hairpins	3	45	135	£5,025.00
Overlay	C1225	Uig end - hairpins	3	157	471	£13,425.00
Overlay	C1225	Uig end - hairpins	3	255	765	£20,755.00
Overlay	C1225	Uig end - hairpins	3	343	1029	£27,375.00
Overlay	B8009*	further inspection	5	3600	1800	£100,000.00
Overlay	B8009*	Distillery - up the hill	5	200	1000	£26,750.00
Overlay	B8009	Carbost	3.5	5600	19600	£250,000.00
Overlay	B8009*	Bad bend	3.5	900	3150	£86,100.00
Overlay	U4802*	Fiscavaig	3.5	100	350	£10,400.00
Overlay	U4802*	Fiscavaig	3	3000	9000	£150,000.00
Overlay	U4792	Waterloo	3	1200	3600	£96,550.00
Overlay	U4837	Earlish road	3	700	2100	£55,650.00
Overlay	U5002	New Pier	3	700	2100	£55,650.00
Overlay	U4874	Council Yard Road	6	350	2100	£60,450.00

Additions to Capital Programme						
Overlay	U4776	Borve Loop Road	3	1500	4500	£157,000.00
Overlay	U4772	Idrigill Road	3	1030	3090	£108,150.00
Overlay	U4741	Cuil Road	3	500	1500	£52,500.00
Overlay	U4827	Glenhinnisdal	3	1300	3900	£136,500.00
Overlay	U4739	Rhenetra/Keistle	3	1600	4800	£168,000.00
Overlay	C1242	Tarskavaig Loop	3	3573	10719	£375,165.00
Overlay	U4951	Upper Fasach Road	3	740	2220	£77,700.00
Overlay	U4766	Fasach	3	2100	6300	£220,500.00
Overlay	U4765	Holmisdale	3	1150	3450	£120,750.00

Work completed

Appendix 2 – Active Travel Partnership Working 2026/27

Location/Scheme	Description of Works	Status
Moll Road, Sconser	Restoration of former road to provide an improved walking and cycling route.	Completed June 2026.
Old Sleat Road	Improvements to former road to provide safer off-road walking and cycling access.	Completed June 2026.
Edinbane Link Path	Walking and cycling route connecting the village and surrounding areas.	Work to commence in November 2026.

The Moll Road, Old Sleat Road and Edinbane Link Path projects were developed from design through to construction by the Council's Active Travel Project Officer for Skye, working closely with local community partners.

Funding was secured from two external sources: Paths for All's Ian Findlay Path Fund for Moll Road and Old Sleat Road, and the Scottish Government's Active Travel Infrastructure Fund for the Edinbane Link Path. A £50k contribution from the Council's Active Travel Capital budget helped secure the external funding for the Moll Road and Old Sleat Road projects.

Construction of all three projects is being delivered by the Area Roads Team in partnership with the Active Travel Team.

Together, these projects represent approximately £1.8m in external investment, supporting around 18km of active travel improvements across Skye.