

Arran Locality Partnership – TBC

Subject: Road Maintenance Programme 2017/18

Purpose: To advise the Locality Planning Partnership of the Structural Roads and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2017/18

1. Introduction

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to manage and maintain its public road network. The adopted road network within North Ayrshire has a total length of 1034km. The core roads assets are currently estimated at a value of approximately £1.7 billion.
- 1.2 North Ayrshire Council are responsible for the maintenance of the adopted local road network as well as its other non-adopted road assets. However the Council have no responsibility for the maintenance of the Trunk Road Network which is the responsibility of Transport Scotland and their management contractor, Scotland Transerve. The Trunk Road network includes the A78, the A737 from Kilwinning to the East Renfrewshire Boundary and A738 from the Pennyburn Roundabout to the A737 Dalry Road Kilwinning.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 Roads and Transportation have adopted an asset management approach to road maintenance to allocate available road maintenance funds to locations that will offer the most beneficial return on the investment.
- 2.2 The Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) was submitted to and approved by North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet on 5 December 2016. The maintenance strategy developed within the RAMP complies with the recommendations contained within the 'Well Maintained Highways Code of Practice, ensuring that the Council's statutory obligations as delegated Roads Authority are met.
- 2.3 The Code of Practice states that the establishment of an effective regime of inspection, assessment and recording is the most critical component of road maintenance. This approach to roads maintenance assists in not only providing a road network for the future but one that promotes social inclusion and contributes to economic growth within the area. This approach

also ensures the Council is providing value for money on any investment attributed to road maintenance.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 North Ayrshire Council's roads are the Council's largest Community Asset and play a vital role in supporting the local and wider economy by facilitating the movement of people, goods and services and connecting people with economic opportunities
- 3.2 As part of the Asset Management process, annual condition assessments are carried out on the public road network as part of the inspection regime. Where the condition of the road has deteriorated to the point where maintenance should be considered, a prioritisation matrix is completed to score and rank each location for consideration in future resurfacing programmes. This approach ensures an appropriate prioritisation of works in line with available budgets.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Roads Maintenance Programme 2017/18, approved by North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet on 14 March 2017, is attached in Appendix 1a and 1b.
- 4.2 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion on our Roads and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme are provided in Appendix 2.
- 4.3 A copy of the footway assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking footways for inclusion in our resurfacing programmes is attached in Appendix 3.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That the Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the approach taken to determining the Roads and Street Lighting structural maintenance programme.
- 5.2 That Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the Roads and Street Lighting Programme for 2017/18, as shown at Appendix 1a and b.

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