

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development**

**Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee: 3 June 2009**

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**Subject: Road Infrastructure Improvement Works Programme 2009/10**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the proposed programme of road infrastructure improvement works to be undertaken during 2009/2010.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** The programme for 2009/2010 as detailed in Appendix 1 has been prepared and prioritised with due consideration to the condition of the entire road network and budgetary constraints.
- 2.2** It should be noted the programme might be subject to disruption and delay as a consequence of public utility operations and/or adverse weather conditions.
- 2.3** Where it is unnecessary to resurface the full length of a road from an engineering point of view and where it is appropriate to do so, the extent of resurfacing of that road will be minimised to essential replacement.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The extent of the works that can be carried out will be restricted to the level of funding available in the 2009/2010 revenue and capital budgets.
- 3.2** A brief description of each work type is detailed below.

**(a)** Carriageway Reconstruction

This consists of removing and replacing the full carriageway make-up.

**(b)** Carriageway and Footway Resurfacing

This consists of removing the top surface by planing normally 40mm, carrying out base repairs as necessary and then replacing the surface. The existing kerbs would be retained if considered to be in an acceptable condition and the footway surface would be removed and replaced.

(c) Carriageway Resurfacing

This consists of removing the top surface by planing normally 40mm, carrying out base repairs as necessary and then replacing the surface. The existing kerbs would be retained and the footway surface would not be removed and replaced.

(d) Permanent Carriageway Repairs

This consists of base and wearing course or wearing course only resurfacing of various sized areas from less than one square metre to in excess of 50 square metres.

(e) Footway Resurfacing

Normally consists of removing the surface and replacing base and wearing course.

(f) Street Lighting Improvements

Priority has been given to the replacement of corroded steel or spalling concrete columns over 30 years old.

All new installations will be white light which provides an improved uniformity of lighting and colour rendition there by assisting in providing a safer environment and helping in alleviating the fear of crime.

- 3.3** The proposed road infrastructure improvement programme 2009/2010 has been summarised as detailed in Appendix 1.

**4. Personnel Issues**

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

**5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** The programme will be met from the approved revenue and capital budgets for 2009/2010

- 5.2** Council agreed at its meeting on 25 March 2009 to fund £1.4million of major road repairs and £126k in lighting column replacement.

**6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1** The Council could be subjected to increased public liability claims if essential repairs were not undertaken on the road network. In addition, the Council in its capacity as Roads Authority would also be subject to substantial fines for not complying with its legal requirement to co-ordinate road works and works for road purposes and related matters.

## **7. Conclusions and Officers' Recommendations**

- 7.1** Continued funding to maintain and improve our road network in a safe condition is essential. Funding levels in recent years has been maintained and allows a planned maintenance programme to be developed and delivered. The projects contained in Appendix 1 are based on technical need.
- 7.2** It is recommended that Committee agree the road infrastructure improvement programme 2009/10 as outlined in Appendix 1.

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**Appendix:** Appendix 1 - road infrastructure improvement programme 2009 / 10

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All Wards