

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee: 7 May 2008

Subject: Road Infrastructure Improvement Works Programme 2008/2009

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the proposed programme of road infrastructure improvement works to be undertaken during 2008/2009.

2. Background

- 2.1 The programme for 2008/2009 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 may 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.

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 2008/2009 revenue and capital budgets. 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.

3.2 The proposed road infrastructure improvement programme 2008/2009 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 2008/2009

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.

7. Conclusions

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.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that Committee

- (a) approve the road infrastructure improvement programme 2008/09 as outlined in Appendix 1.**
- (b) delegate authority to the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Services to take appropriate action in the event of the programme being delayed as a consequence of public utility operations and / or adverse weather conditions.**

Elaine Melrose

Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Date: 14 April 2008

Person to Contact: Jack McAulay - Section Head, Traffic & Transportation,
Garshake Road, Dumbarton, telephone: 01389 737612,
e-mail: jack.mcaulay@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

Appendix: Appendix 1 - Road Infrastructure Improvement
Programme 2008/2009

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All