

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 20 MAY 2004

MAINTENANCE OF ROAD MARKINGS

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the responsibilities and the proposals for the maintenance of road markings.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 25 March 2004 the Cumnock Area Local Committee requested that a report be submitted for information on proposals for the road marking programme.
- 2.2 The maintenance of road markings is funded from an allocation from the Roads Division's Revenue budget.
- 2.3 The work is procured through an annual competitive tendering process. Markon Ltd has been appointed as the contractor for the supply and laying of road markings and studs for this financial year.

3. MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

- 3.1 The condition of road markings is noted by the Roads Division's Clerk of Works/Inspectors during their routine periodic inspections.
- 3.2 Road markings in poor condition are reported back to technical staff who then prioritise the work before producing a programme for the road marking contractor.
- 3.3 Reports by members of the public of defective or worn markings are also taken into consideration when compiling a programme.
- 3.4 The resources for road markings are such that the programme tends to be reactive rather than proactive. The programme is therefore compiled on an ongoing basis. The majority of the budget will be allocated during the first nine months of the financial year. Additional funding has been made available for the maintenance of road markings over the last two years.
- 3.5 In previous years a balance has been struck between renewing markings on rural roads and those on urban roads, concentrating the urban work in particular areas of towns and villages. For example, last year, part of the works included the renewal of centre line markings on a number of 'B'

class roads and centre lines, give way markings and waiting restriction markings in Cumnock town centre.

- 3.6 Road markings on 'A' class roads are being assessed under the Route Action Plan study and renewed and upgraded where necessary.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of the maintenance of road markings is accommodated from the Roads Division's revenue budget.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
- (a) Submit any proposals for the maintenance of road markings to the Area Engineer (South) for consideration.
 - (b) Note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **Nil**

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