

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 13 JANUARY 2005

2005/2006 PROGRAMME OF STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE OF ROADS & FOOTWAYS

Report By The Executive Director of Development & Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the 2005/2006 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Development Services Committee.
- 1.2 To seek the Committee's approval of the "highly desirable" schemes for structural maintenance of footways, or "desirable" options.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 25 April 1996 the Development Services Committee determined that the annual structural maintenance programme should contain a range of proposals with priorities defined as "inescapable", "highly desirable" and "desirable".
- 2.2 The inescapable programme would be approved by the full Committee. The options for the remainder to be presented to the Local Committees to consider in relation to local needs.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 At its meeting on 14 December 2004 the Development Services Committee noted that preliminary allocations have been made to the structural maintenance items based on expenditure in the current year.

The Committee also agreed that any reduction in the anticipated structural maintenance budget would be accommodated by reducing the programmes accordingly. This would be achieved as far as practicable by an equal reduction across all Local Committee areas.

For *carriageway* resurfacing the whole of the allocation is taken up by essential, inescapable schemes, for which interim repairs are no longer an economic or feasible option.

The *surface dressing* programme is also inescapable in its entirety, since most of this work is top dressing of roads which were prepared earlier this year, or part of a rolling programme of treatment for unclassified routes.

The *footway* programme is presented in a range of options. The inescapable schemes, have been approved by the full Development Services Committee.

The remainder of the schemes are presented to this Committee to consider the most appropriate programme to suit local needs. The ones considered to have higher priority have been listed under "Highly Desirable Schemes". Other schemes identified but considered to have lower priority have been listed under "Desirable Schemes".

Should the Committee wish to promote any of the "desirable" schemes then "highly desirable schemes" to the equivalent value will require to be deleted by the Committee to keep within the overall budget.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The estimated cost of the combined programmes in the area is £193,941. This will be contained within the structural maintenance allocation for carriageways and footways within the Roads and Transportation Capital Budget, conditional on the final budget allocation.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1** It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) Note the 2005/2006 Roads and Footways Structural Maintenance Programmes for "inescapable" schemes approved by the Developments Services Committee.
- (b) Approve the "highly desirable" schemes for the structural maintenance of footways.
- (c) Note that any reduction in the anticipated budget would be accommodated by the Head of Roads & Transportation by reducing the programmes in an equitable manner.

Jim Lavery
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1

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