1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to amend the works Programme for Carriageway and Footway Structural Maintenance and Street Lighting for 2014/15.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Prior to 1 April 2014, the Roads Maintenance Units in East Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council were responsible for implementing and managing the roadworks programmes within the geographical areas of both authorities.

2.2 The East Ayrshire Council programme was approved by Cabinet on 19 March 2014. This included an element of surface dressing work.

2.3 Unfortunately, the Roads Maintenance Unit has been unable to procure a Contractor to undertake the surface dressing for 2014/15. The tender was issued to procure a contractor to supply and lay binder products and to provide plant and operators to assist the Roads Maintenance Unit to undertake the surface dressing process. The procurement process was undertaken by the East Ayrshire Council Procurement Team and with no tenders returned this demonstrated that no contractors had the capacity to participate or provide services for this process.

2.4 Examination of the returned information and on discussion with selected Contractors it was clear that there had been a marked increase in the number of Councils seeking to appoint suitable experienced and qualified Contractors for surface dressing works. Contractors have been able to plan and programme their works taking advantage of the current financial climate and select contracts located closer to their base of operations.

2.5 In previous years, East Ayrshire Council has used the services of Scottish Borders Council to provide trained machine and plant operators. However, this year they have indicated that they also have a large and extensive surface dressing programme and are unable to supply operatives and plant to East Ayrshire Council until July 2014. Due to the nature of this work, this should be carried out in late spring, when traffic volumes are at a reasonable level, and the weather conditions are most appropriate.

2.6 As a result of being unable to appoint a contractor for the Surface Dressing Programme, the Head of Roads - Ayrshire Roads Alliance, subject to Cabinet approval, proposes to realign the works programme as detailed in section 3.
3. AMENDED PROGRAMME FOR CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTWAY STRUCTURAL MAINTENACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS.

3.1. The schemes noted below will be undertaken as replacement for the surface dressing works

3.2 Works identified for Capital Expenditure are:

Queens Drive Kilmarnock\(^1\) £50,000.00
A735 Lugton Road, Haplandmuir Farm to Chapelhouse £90,000.00
A719 Polwarth St, Galston, A71 to Bridge Street £60,000.00
A70 Muirkirk Road, Lugar – River Lugar Bridge to C22 Junction £157,000.00
C3, Barskimming Bridge to Mosshead Junction. £90,000.00

**Total** £447,000.00

Note 1. In order to minimise the impact on the road network in advance of the Queen’s Baton Relay and the use of the Ayrshire Athletics Arena in advance of the Commonwealth Games, the works in Queens Drive, Kilmarnock have already been completed.

3.3 Works identified for Revenue Expenditure are:

B769 Old Glasgow Rd, Stewarton £75,600.00
U13 Aitket Rd, Dunlop, Craigbank to B706 £25,200.00
U714, Cawhillan Rd, Ochiltree, C123 to C49 £27,300.00
U76, Blackside Rd, Mauchline, Full length. £29,400.00
A713 Borland/ Mossdale/ Waterside £36,000.00
B730 Stair, Dalrympleston to Stair, and Drongan Road, Polnessan to Knochshinnoch. £106,000.00

**Total** £299,500.00

3.4 The proposed amendments are accelerated from future years and they are the most appropriate schemes to be undertaken at this stage to ensure the work can be completed on time.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Failure to maintain the adopted roads and footway network would be a breach of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

5 HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1 None
6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The amended programme detailed in Paragraph 3 will be funded from the East Ayrshire Council Capital and Revenue budget allocations for Year 2014/15.

7 POLICY AND COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

7.1 A well maintained road and footway network will contribute to the aims of Delivering Community Regeneration and improving Community Safety Community Plan themes by providing access to our communities and the wider road network and help to reduce accidents. A well maintained road and footway network will encourage cycling, and walking and therefore helping to improve wellbeing.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None.

9 RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:-

(i) Approve the amendments to the 2014/15 Programme for Carriageway and Footway Structural Maintenance and Street Lighting Works dated 19 March 2014.

(ii) Otherwise, notes the content of this report.

Chris McAleavey
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Report to Cabinet “Condition of Road Network” – 9 March 2011

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