

**Report To:** Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee **Date:** 25 October 2011

**Report By:** Corporate Director Regeneration &  
Environment

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**Subject: Roads Maintenance Backlog – Additional Funding Allocation**

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to a proposed programme of projects funded from the additional £1 million of Roads funding allocated by the Policy & Resources Committee on 20 September, 2011.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 20 September 2011 approved an additional investment of £1 million to assist with the reduction of the current maintenance backlog within the roads network. Funding for these projects will be from the General Fund Reserves.
- 2.2 This report (i) provides details of the projects including details of where this additional allocation will be invested and (ii) seeks authority to negotiate with a single supplier as outlined within the body of this report.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members:-

(i) approve the projects listed in Para 5 below in respect of the additional funding allocation for 2011/13;

(ii) authorise the Head of Environmental Services to take steps to progress the projects listed in Para 5 of the report in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders Relating to Contracts;

(iii) remit it to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to apply appropriate variances as specified in Para 4.3 of this report;

(iv) in terms of Standing Order 11.1 of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, authorise the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to negotiate with a single supplier, namely Exp Consulting, to a total value of £13,000 to assist in the completion of the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP); and

(v) remit it to the Head of Environmental and Commercial Services to develop for approval, at a date to be agreed, a long term investment plan for the roads network and associated infrastructure.

**Ian Moffat**  
**Head of Environmental Services**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 20 September 2011 allocated an extra £1 million from General Fund Reserves to fund Roads maintenance projects to be spent over 2011/13.
- 4.2 The proposed resurfacing projects apply only to carriageways and footways for which the Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) has specific responsibilities in terms of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. In addition, these projects have been compiled to take account of the results of the latest Road Condition Survey prepared by SCOTS and the 2010 Audit Scotland Report 'Maintaining Scotland's Roads'. Cognisance has also been taken off the inspections and assessments, where appropriate.
- 4.3 The costs of the carriageway and footway projects detailed below are inclusive of fees and have been compiled on the basis of assessed unit costs and not on priced bills of quantities which will be prepared when the programme has been approved. Should the cost of any individual project vary from the preliminary estimate, appropriate variances will be applied to the remaining programme.

## 5.0 PROPOSED PROJECTS

### 5.1 1. Carriageways

| Project                      | Category | Area             |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Langhouse Road               | Red      | Inverkip         |
| Daff Avenue                  | Red      | Inverkip         |
| Station Road                 | Red      | Inverkip         |
| Ardgowan Road                | Amber    | Inverkip         |
| Commoncraig Place            | Assessed | Inverkip         |
| Kip Avenue                   | Red      | Inverkip         |
| Hill Road                    | Red      | Inverkip         |
| Oxford Avenue                | Red      | Gourock          |
| Cove Road                    | Assessed | Gourock          |
| Firth Crescent               | Red      | Gourock          |
| Ailsa, Queensway & Iona Road | Assessed | Gourock          |
| Finch Road                   | Red      | Gourock          |
| Old Inverkip Road            | Assessed | Greenock West    |
| Regent Street                | Assessed | Greenock Central |
| Wellington Street            | Amber    | Greenock Central |
| Mount Pleasant Street        | Amber    | Greenock Central |
| Johnstone Street             | Red      | Greenock Central |
| Madeira Street               | Red      | Greenock Central |
| Berryyards Road              | Assessed | Greenock Central |
| Laburnum Street              | Assessed | Greenock East    |
| Glen Avenue                  | Amber    | Port Glasgow     |
| Muirdykes Avenue             | Amber    | Port Glasgow     |
| Moorfield Avenue             | Amber    | Port Glasgow     |
| Merrylee Avenue              | Red      | Port Glasgow     |
| Langside Terrace             | Amber    | Port Glasgow     |
| Farm Road                    | Red      | Port Glasgow     |
| Glenside Road                | Red      | Port Glasgow     |
| Cardross Avenue              | Red      | Port Glasgow     |
| Benview Road                 | Red      | Port Glasgow     |
| Northfield Avenue            | Red      | Port Glasgow     |
| Whitelea Road                | Red      | Kilmacolm Area   |
| A761                         | Red      | Kilmacolm Area   |
| Finlaystone Road             | Assessed | Kilmacolm Area   |
| High Street                  | Assessed | Kilmacolm Area   |
| Market Place                 | Assessed | Kilmacolm Area   |

**Cost of Carriageway Projects****£780,000**

## 2. Footways

| Project                          | Category | Area             |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Berwick Road                     | Assessed | Greenock West    |
| Glamis Drive                     | Assessed | Greenock West    |
| Glamis Place                     | Assessed | Greenock West    |
| Braeside Area (remote footpaths) | Assessed | Greenock West    |
| Newark Street                    | Assessed | Greenock Central |
| Bearhope Street                  | Assessed | Greenock Central |
| Johnstone Street                 | Assessed | Greenock Central |
| Muirdykes Avenue                 | Assessed | Port Glasgow     |

**Cost of Footway Projects****£180,000**

## 3. Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP)

**Cost to complete the Roads Asset Management Plan****£13,000**

## 4. Refresh White Lining

**Cost to Refresh White Lining****£20,000**

## 5. Ancillary Surfacing Equipment

**Cost of Ancillary Surfacing Equipment****£7,000****Total Cost of Projects****£1,000,000****6.0 ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS**

- 6.1** Subject to approval of the recommendation outlined in Para 3(v) above it would be prudent to complete the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) at the earliest opportunity. The RAMP will be a key tool in helping to develop a long term investment plan for the Roads Network and it is therefore essential that the RAMP is completed for this exercise.
- 6.2** At present the resources within the Service working on and providing input data etc for the RAMP are very limited. This currently consists of a part time RMMS technical officer whose primary duties have to vie with the demands of the RAMP. Inverclyde Council's RAMP, which is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of development, is around 70% complete.
- 6.3** The development of the RAMP for each Council has been a joint venture involving all 32 roads authorities working through SCOTS. Exp Consulting, who are experts in this field, were appointed to facilitate the development of the RAMP for each Council at regular workshops hosted throughout Scotland. Exp Consulting have assisted a number of authorities, who have lacked the necessary resources and expertise, to complete their RAMP.
- 6.4** Utilising Exp Consulting resource and expertise would provide the Council with the best value option to complete this essential work and it is recommended that the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services negotiates with Exp Consulting on a single supplier basis allocating a total of £13,000 from the above funding to assist in the completion of the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP).

**6.5** An allocation of £20k has been set aside from the above funding to refresh white lining in areas adjacent to where carriageway resurfacing will take place. This would provide a more complete finished product to an often overlooked aspect of this work.

**6.6** A modest allocation of £7k has been set aside to provide ancillary surfacing equipment to replace/substitute for existing equipment in need of replacing or removing the need to hire.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1** Finance: None

Legal: None

Personnel: None

## **8.0 CONSULTATION**

**8.1** Financial Implications:

This spend will be channelled through the Roads operations team there will be impacts on income and expenditure which will be reflected in future budget monitoring reports.

| Cost Centre | Budget Heading        | Proposed spend this report | Virement from | Other comments |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|             | General Fund Reserves | £1,000,000                 | n/a           |                |

**8.2** Legal & Democratic Services have been consulted on this report.