

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET29 August 2019Report by Director of EnvironmentROADS RESURFACING WORKS PROGRAMME 2019/20**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise on the major additional Roads Works Programme in relation to Carriageway and Footway Resurfacing for 2019/20.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. The Cabinet is asked to approve the roads resurfacing works programme as detailed in Appendix A.

**BACKGROUND AND REPORT**

3. Each year the Roads and Transportation Service provides information on the Roads Condition Indicator (RCI) figures for the previous year and proposes a list of carriageways and footpaths that require resurfacing.

**Roads Condition Indicator**

4. The condition of roads is assessed and reported nationally. The Road Condition Indicator (RCI) figures are based on annual surveys undertaken on A, B and C Class Roads and for the four year average for Unclassified Roads. The figures shown below are defined as *“the percentage of road network which should be considered for maintenance treatment”*.

5. The survey categorises the road condition into Red, Amber and Green bands. The RCI figure that is reported nationally includes both the red and amber categories. The following table is a summary of the RCI figures for East Renfrewshire Council.

Year of measurement	A Class % of roads that are red or amber	B Class % of roads that are red or amber	C Class % of roads that are red or amber	Unclassified % of roads that are red or amber	All	Overall position in Scotland
2010	30.7 (22)	41.6 (27)	38.9 (21)	57.0 (31)	50.1	30
2011	23.7 (8)	41.5 (24)	37.0 (17)	50.1 (29)	45.1	27
2012	18.2 (2)	28.2 (20)	34.5 (16)	51.6 (27)	43.3	26
2013	21.6 (8)	28.0 (11)	36.7 (16)	50.3 (27)	43.5	27
2014	23.9 (12)	32.9 (16)	36.2 (15)	42.5 (22)	39.1	20
2015	18.2(2)	31.0 (14)	31.7 (14)	44.7 (24)	39.2	23
2016	16.3 (1)	30.2 (15)	32.7 (16)	44.8 (25)	39.2	25
2017	17.0 (2)	31.6 (16)	34.5 (17)	41.3 (22)	37.4	22
2018	17.2 (1)	29.6 (14)	34.5 (17)	44.2 (26)	39.1	27
'18 Scottish Average	30.0	35.7	36.3	38.2	36.3	

\*Position in Scotland in brackets

6. The RCI has improved in general since 2013. The overall percentage of roads that are amber or red had previously consistently been above 40%. Since 2013 the RCI has remained below 40%. This figure is still higher than the Scottish Local Authority average. However, this overall position needs to be considered in context.

7. East Renfrewshire Council is now ranked in first place for the condition of A Class roads which strategically and economically are the most important carriers of road traffic in the area.

8. The Council also performs better than the Scottish average for B and C Class roads.

9. However, the data for unclassified roads (which makes up around 80% of East Renfrewshire's network) indicates that 44.2% of this network should be considered for maintenance treatment.

10. Overall, East Renfrewshire Council's road network is considered to be at position 27 out of 32 authorities.

11. Given all of the above and in terms of overall position it is clear that the considerable achievements on the classified network are being overshadowed by the figures for the unclassified network.

### **Additional Capital Resources**

12. Members will recall that the Council in February 2019 committed an additional £15m Capital investment for roads infrastructure over the next 5 years starting from and including 2019/20 (£3m per year).

13. It is recognised that whilst the Council's A and B class road network is in a relatively good condition C & unclassified class roads require significant works and in cognisance of this the proposals for the majority of the additional £3m allocation has been directed towards these types of road.

14. A proposed Roads Works Programme covering major carriageway and footway resurfacing is attached (Appendix A). These schemes are **over and above** those detailed capital schemes agreed by the Council at its meeting on 28 February 2019

15. As in previous years the prioritisation of the proposed resurfacing schemes within the Roads Works Programme has taken the following objective factors into consideration:

- The structural condition of the road or footway;
- The usage of the road or footway;
- Cost of maintenance for the previous three years;
- Number of complaints received regarding the road/footway; and
- geographical spread.

### **Delivering the Programme**

16. The major priority has been to deliver road and footway resurfacing improvements on the ground with the additional capital resources as quickly as possible.

17. However, preparing to deliver this major programme has presented challenges for a number of reasons at least for 2019/20. These are detailed below.

18. Given the scale of the additional funding announced in February 2019 a new procurement framework contract required to be tendered and put in place to deliver the proposed projects.

19. Again, given the scale of the additional funding it took some time to analyse information and develop the proposed list.

20. As a consequence of coal tar found on a roadworks site in the East Renfrewshire area late last year the Council now requires to pre-test each site in advance to establish if any material being removed from site contains coal tar and then ensure that the correct disposal procedures are adhered to. Most of the sites on the proposed programme of works for financial year 2019/20 have been tested. However, some still require to be tested prior to any works commencing. Given the value of this work a new contract was required for this testing to be completed by an external contractor.

21. During the course of 2019/20 this new contract will be used to pre-test potential sites to allow the evaluation of potential coal tar costs and associated disposal procedures to help shape a draft programme of works for the financial year 2020/21.

22. Additional staff resources (technical) had to be put in place to design, procure, deliver and monitor the proposed programme. These are now in place.

23. The Roads and Transportation Service is currently subject to a major service redesign which is resource intensive.

24. Despite these issues considerable progress is being made in delivering the proposed programme. At this point in time it is anticipated that around £2.8 million of the proposed additional investment of £3 million will be spent in 2019/20. Any slippage will be carried forward into 2020/21.

## **FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY**

25. A new procurement framework has been put in place to ensure the delivery of this work. Additionally, a new contract has been set up for coal tar testing across the identified improvement sites..

## **CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

26. Not applicable in this case.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS**

27. The proposed 2019/20 roads and footway resurfacing programme details the recommended expenditure for carriageway and footway resurfacing. There are no further implications in terms of property, legal, IT, equalities and sustainability.

**CONCLUSIONS**

27. The 2019/20 proposed roads works programme will utilise the additional resources of £3 million recently made available to improve the roads condition across the authority. It is recognised that whilst the Council's A and B class road network is in a relatively good condition the C Class & unclassified roads require significant works and, as a consequence, the majority of the additional £3m allocation has been directed towards these types of road. This expenditure will have a major impact on resident's perceptions of Council expenditure on roads major resurfacing projects for carriageways and footways (as opposed to mainly potholing/patching) in the past in residential estates.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

28. The Cabinet is asked to approve the roads resurfacing works programme as detailed in Appendix A.

Director of Environment

Further information can be obtained from Andrew Cahill Director of Environment.

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# **Appendix A**

**East Renfrewshire Council  
Roads and Transportation Services**

**2019/2020**

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**EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL ROADS & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
CARRIAGEWAY & FOOTWAY SURFACING 2019/20**

<u>Carriageway Resurfacing</u>	<u>Ward</u>
B767 Glasgow Road, Eaglesham (Humbie Road to Eaglesham Cross)	5
Rouken Glen Road, Thornliebank (B769 Spiersbridge Rd to A727)	3
A77 Ayr Road Southbound, Newton Mearns (Mearns Cross)	5
B769 Stewarton Road, Newton Mearns (Rural part only)	2
Rural Roads Barrhead	1
- Shilford Road, (Rural part only)	
- Sergeantlaw Road, (Rural part only)	
- Ferenzeze Road, (Rural part only)	
- Muirhead Road, (Rural part only)	
Rural Roads Eastwood	5
- Holehouse Road, Eaglesham (Rural section only)	
Commercial Road, Barrhead	1
Glenwood Drive, Thornliebank	3
Greenwood Road, Clarkston (Mearns Road to Buccleuch Avenue)	4
Etive Drive, Clarkston	3
Merrycrest Avenue, Giffnock (Fenwick Road to Thornlea Drive)	3
Ormonde Avenue, Netherlee (Parklands Road to Ormonde Drive)	4
Harelaw Avenue, Neilston	2
Eglinton Drive, Eaglesham (Part Only)	5
C9 Barrhead Road, Newton Mearns (Waterside Avenue to Netherplace Road)	2
Capelrig Road, Newton Mearns (Part only) (Crookfur Road to Meadowhill)	2
Mearns Road, Newton Mearns	5

(Broompark Drive to Falkland Avenue)	5
Rowand Avenue, Giffnock	3
Briarlea Drive, Giffnock	3
Maryville Avenue, Giffnock (Park Rd – Maryville Gdns)	3
Aurs Dr / Kelvin Dr, Barrhead (Arthurlie St – Arthurlie Ave)	1
Castlehill Dr, Newton Mearns (Broomhill Avenue – Broomburn Dr)	5
Holehouse Brae, Neilston	2

**Footway Resurfacing****Ward**

Glenwood Drive, Thornliebank	3
Nethervale Avenue, Netherlee (Clarkston Road to Monteith Dr)	4
Rowand Avenue, Giffnock	3
B769 Spiersbridge Road, Thornliebank (Rouken Glen Road to Spiersbridge Av.)	3
Balgray Rd, Newton Mearns (Part Only)	2
Craignethan Rd, Newton Mearns (Odd side)	5
Harelaw Ave, Neilston (Odd side)	2
Ormonde Avenue (Parklands Rd to Ormonde Dr)	4