

# Report

Report to:	<b>Hamilton Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 December 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Roads Investment Plan - Progress Report</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ set out progress with roads investment activity in the Hamilton Area Committee area

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress in roads investment activity in 2019/2020 be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. It is recognised there is a need to report progress on key priorities to the relevant Area Committee. Given that the original Roads Investment Plan 2008/2019 represented a total investment of £126 million, it was clearly a key Council initiative. Consequently, this report provides the Committee with an update on progress in the Hamilton Area Committee area in the first year after the end of the initial roads' investment period.

3.2. The condition of roads and pavements continues to be a significant concern for members of the public. The South Lanarkshire Household Survey of 2010 recorded a public satisfaction rating of only 18.6% with regard to the condition of roads and footways highlighting the need to continue the investment programme. A further independent survey in 2013 recorded a satisfaction rating of 24.7% for road conditions. The most recent Household Survey in 2014 identified some further progress with satisfaction levels increasing to 29%. However, this remained the lowest rating of any Council Service and it is clear that while good progress has been achieved, much work remains to be done.

3.3. The initial Roads Investment Plan ended in March 2019, with a further £11 million of capital "steady state" funding subsequently being committed for the current year. The Council's approved Capital Strategy commits to continuation of funding at "steady state" levels.

## 4. Improving the Road Network

4.1. The road network is the highest value asset owned by the Council, worth over £3 billion. With this in mind, the Council Plan identifies improvements to the road network as one of the Council's key objectives/priorities.

- 4.2. The total value of the works over the 12 years since 2008 is £137 million and was phased as follows:-

Year	£m per annum	Total
2008 - 2009	£6 million	£6 million
2009 - 2010	£12 million	£18 million
2010 – 2011	£12 million	£30 million
2011 - 2012	£12 million	£42 million
2012 – 2013	£12 million	£54 million
2013 – 2014	£12 million	£66 million
2014 - 2015	£12 million	£78 million
2015 - 2016	£12 million	£90 million
2016 – 2017	£12 million	£102 million
2017 – 2018	£12 million	£114 million
2018 - 2019	£12 million	£126 million
2019 - 2020	£11 million	£137 million

## 5. Priorities

- 5.1. Each carriageway and footway scheme identified for improvement is scored using the criteria listed below. The schemes are then ranked in order of priority to ensure those requiring attention and providing the greatest benefit are included in a programme at the earliest possible date. From 2019/2020 onwards this has been done on a Council-wide basis rather than defined budget splits for each Area Committee area.
- 5.2. This ensures priorities of greatest need across the Council area are addressed.

Carriageway Scoring System			
	Criteria	Max Score	Score
1	Condition	70	70
2	Maintenance Category	30	30
Maximum Total			100

Footway/Footpath Scoring System				
	Criteria	Max Score	Weighting	Score
1	Condition	10	5	50
2	Importance/Accessibility	5	2	10
3	Claims/Defect Reports	10	2	20
4	Assistance to Other Priorities	10	2	20
Maximum Total				100

- 5.3. This approach of treating the worst roads first is also being increasingly complemented by an “asset management” approach whereby relatively low cost interventions, such as surface dressing, are being used to seal existing road surfaces, improve skid resistance and generally prolong the life of the road.
- 5.4. Such an approach represents good value for money and a long-term outlook. However, it can generate comments that “better” roads are being treated before those which are “worse”.

## **6. Progress to Date – 2019/2020**

- 6.1. To 12 November 2019, in total 135 schemes have been completed throughout South Lanarkshire, including 31 in Hamilton. The remaining 4 in Hamilton are either in progress or programmed to be completed by March 2020 as shown below:-

Carriageway Schemes						
	No. of Schemes	Completed	In Progress	Programmed	To be programmed	% Complete
SLC	156	128	6	21	1	82.05
Hamilton	30	27	1	2	0	90.0

Footway Schemes						
	No. of Schemes	Completed	In Progress	Programmed	To be programmed	% Complete
SLC	14	7	3	4	0	50.0
Hamilton	5	4	1	0	0	80.0

- 6.2. The schemes in the Hamilton Area for 2019/2020 are listed in Appendix 1.
- 6.3. The condition of roads is monitored nationally via the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS). South Lanarkshire Council's results for 2018/2019 (the most recent results available) show the Council is now 9<sup>th</sup> of the 32 Councils in terms of the condition of its road network.
- 6.4. The road condition index shows a long-term trend of improvement as shown in Appendix 2. However, it should be recognised that significant works still have to be undertaken on minor and residential roads, including footways, to bring them up to a reasonable standard.

## **7. Employee Implications**

- 7.1. None.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. Works are being funded via approved budgets. Carriageway condition is improving as a result of the significant investment. However, additional investment in both carriageway and footways will be required beyond 2020 if progress is to be maintained and recent improvements protected.

## **9. Other Implications (Including Environmental and Risk Issues)**

- 9.1. Continuing to progress this investment programme will reduce the risk of third party claims and improve public satisfaction with regard to road and footway conditions.
- 9.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1. The Roads Investment Plan will improve road and footway conditions for all sections of the community.
- 10.2. There was no requirement to undertake an equality impact assessment or consultation in terms of the content of this report.

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12 November 2019

**Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Improve the road network, influence improvements in public transport and encourage active travel

**Previous References**

- ◆ Executive Committee – 20 April 2008
- ◆ Hamilton Area Committee - 5 December 2018

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

**Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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## Appendix 1

### Roads Investment Schemes – Hamilton

**2019/2020**

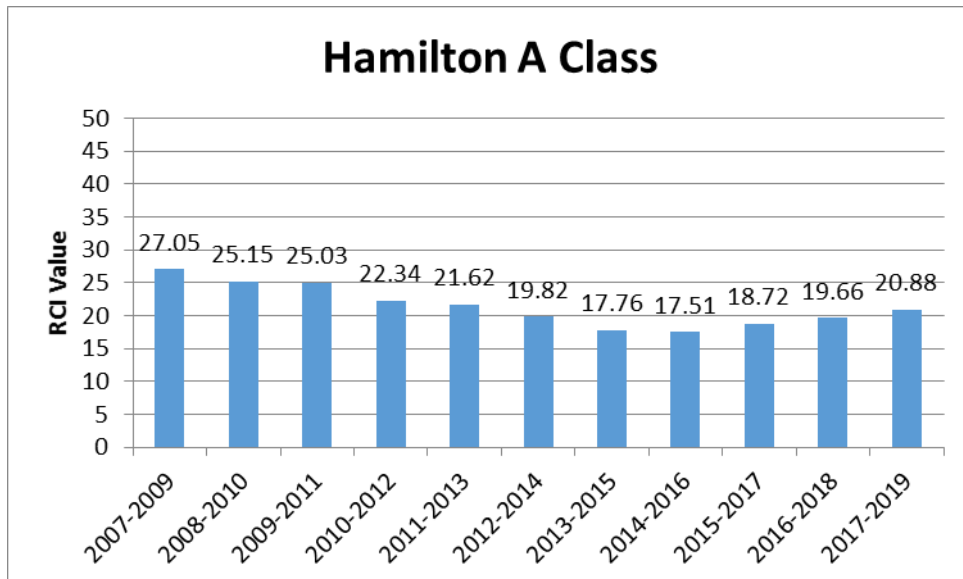
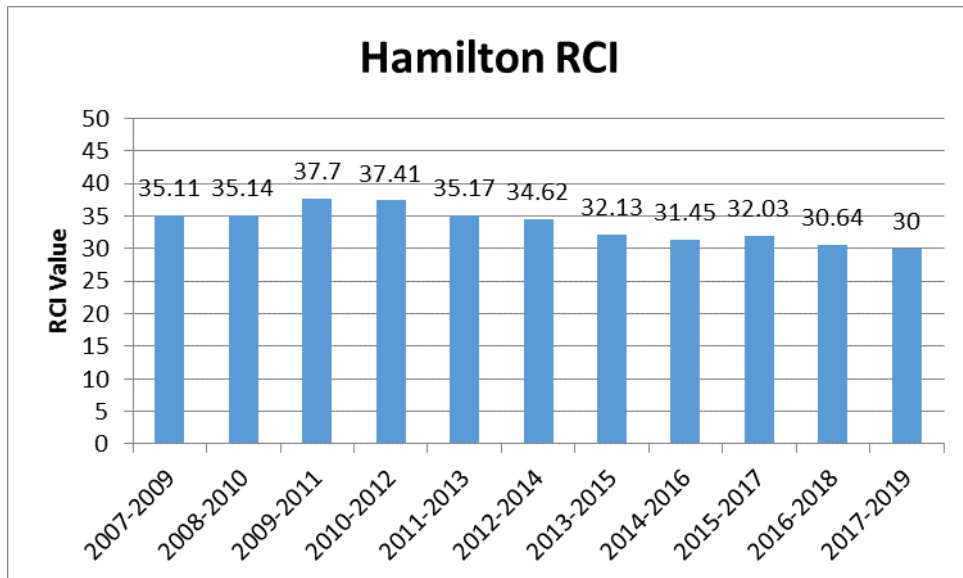
<b>Capital Investment</b>		
Lower Millgate, Uddingston	£92,564	Complete
Hillside Crescent/Lane/Terrace/Alness Terrace, Hamilton	£70,954	Complete
B7012 Main Street, Blantyre	£66,273.18	Complete
Albert Terrace, Hamilton	£24,168.62	Complete
B7012 Hamilton Road, Blantyre	£160,624.00	Programmed
South Avenue, Blantyre	£114,104.00	Complete
Lindams, Uddingston	£27,259.61	Complete
Cowan Wilson Avenue, Blantyre	£72,300.57	Complete
Farm Road, Blantyre	£21,227.19	Complete
Ansdell Avenue, Blantyre	£50,144.94	Complete
Ballantrae Road, Blantyre	£83,429.06	Complete
Fallside Road, Bothwell	£58,194.71	Complete
Blantyre Road, Bothwell	£84,207.17	Complete
Springfield Crescent, Blantyre	£30,513.35	Complete
Sherry Drive (Phase 2)	£47,016.18	Complete
Hillhead Crescent/Hillhead Terrace, Hamilton	£46,138	Complete
A724 Burnbank Road, Hamilton	£160,000	Programmed
B7071 Cadzow Street, Hamilton	£116,176.47	Complete
Birch Brae, Hamilton	£29,787.81	Complete
Bent Road, Hamilton	£109,960.23	Complete
A71 Ayr Road / Cornsilloch Brae	£265,462.91	Complete
New Street, Stonehouse	£39,787.19	Complete
B7019 Hamilton Street, Larkhall	£70,460.99	Complete
Hill Street/Montgomery Place, Larkhall	£61,994.31	Complete
Howard Street/Rannoch Terrace	£32,666.01	Complete
Bertram Street/Woodland Terrace, Larkhall	£76,989.93	Complete
Howie Street/Beech Terrace, Larkhall	£71,499.02	Complete
Vicars Road, Stonehouse	£34,560	In Progress
Mainsacre Drive, Stonehouse	£57,942.48	Complete
Middleton Avenue	£53,221.71	Complete
<b>Capital Carriageway Total</b>	<b>£2,229,627.64</b>	
<b>Capital Footway Schemes</b>		
A723 Low Waters Road, Hamilton	£121,692.63	Complete
Earn Gardens, Larkhall	£22,993.00	Complete
Ness Gardens, Larkhall	£18,621.96	Complete
St Ninians Place, Stonehouse	£28,803.37	Complete
Violet Crescent, Stonehouse	£38,620.00	In progress
<b>Capital Footway Total</b>	<b>£230,730.96</b>	
<b>Capital Total</b>	<b>£2,460,358.60</b>	

## Appendix 2

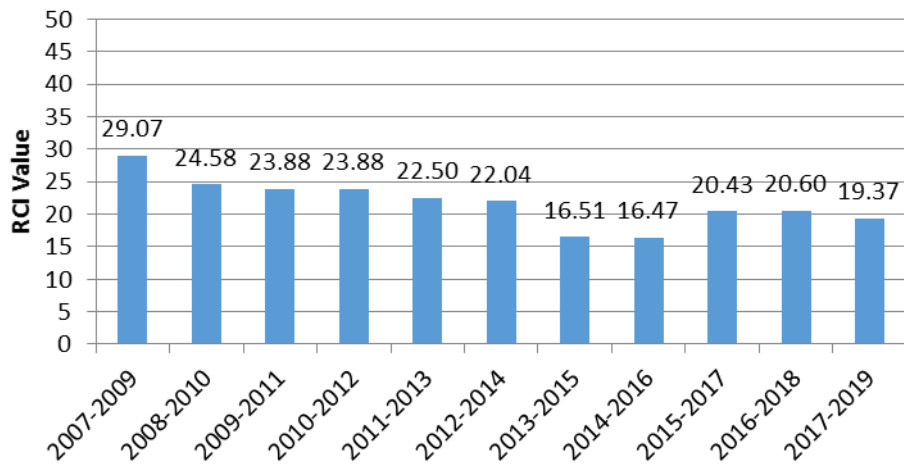
### Roads Investment Schemes – Hamilton 2018/2019

#### Road Condition Index 2009-2019

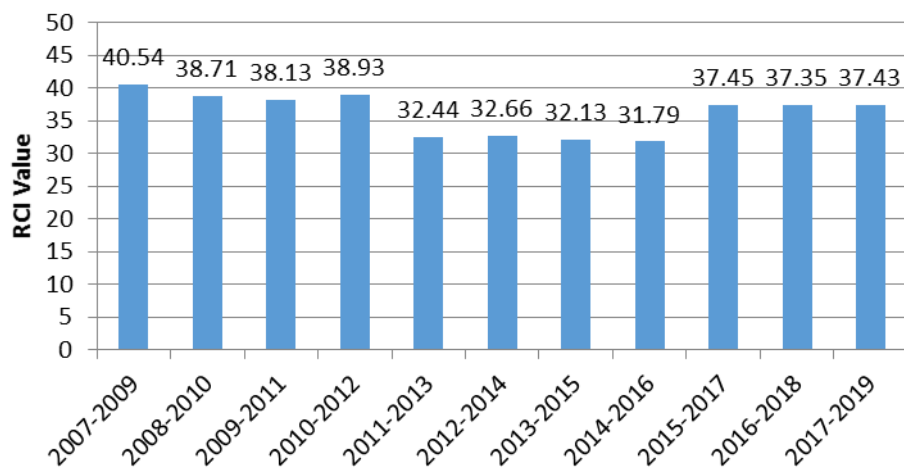
##### Road Condition Index 2009 -2019



### Hamilton B Class



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### Hamilton Unclassified

