

Report

Report to:	Clydesdale Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 December 2019
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Roads Investment Plan - Progress Report
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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 Clydesdale 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 Clydesdale 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 50 in Clydesdale. The remaining 13 in Clydesdale are either in progress, programmed or to be programmed and 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
Clydesdale	61	50	3	7	1	82.0

Footway Schemes						
	No. of Schemes	Completed	In Progress	Programmed	To be programmed	% Complete
SLC	14	7	3	4	0	50.0
Clydesdale	2	0	1	1	0	0.0

- 6.2. The schemes in the Clydesdale 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 9th 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
- ◆ Clydesdale Area Committee – 4 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 – Clydesdale

2019/2020

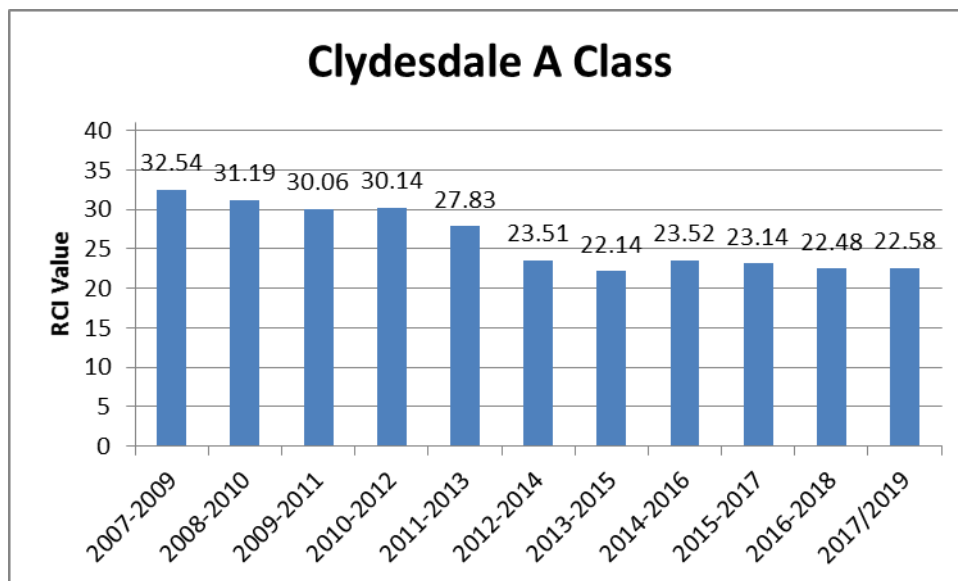
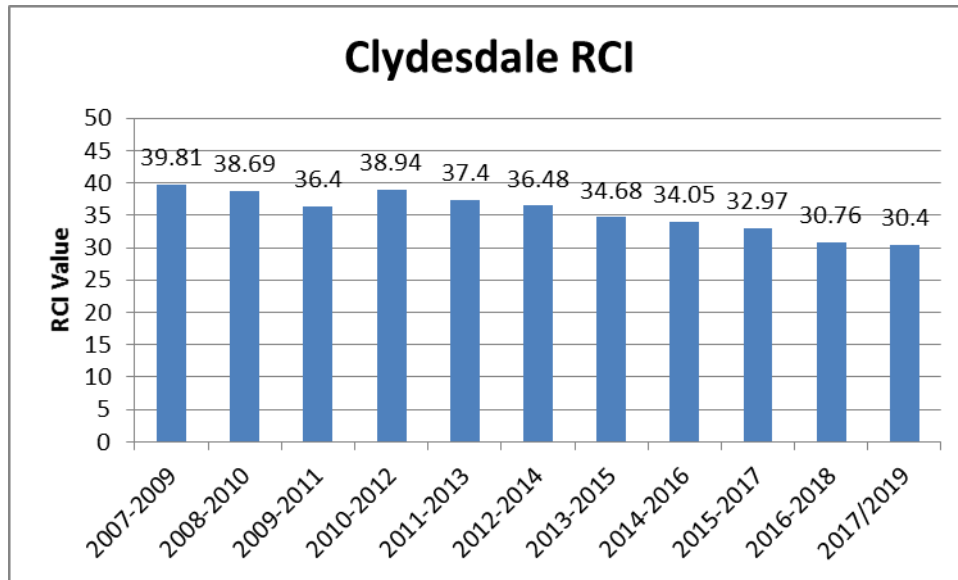
Capital Investment		
Carriageway Resurfacing Schemes	Costs	Status
Capital Surface Dressing		
Bodinglee Road	£24,336	Complete
Howgate Road, Carmichael	£12,776	Complete
C37 from B7016 Auchengray	£24,167	Complete
C24 Cormiston Farm to Shieldhill Rd	£59,150	Complete
C10 Kirkfieldbank	£57,166	Complete
C10 Sandilands	£13,703	Complete
Leelaw Road, Hawksland	£26,584	Complete
B7076 Harthope to Hectors Bridge	£42,036	Complete
Main Street, Braehead	£14,095	Complete
East Forth Road, Forth	£4,259	Complete
Bog Road, Forth	£46,644	Complete
Preparatory Patching Various Locations	£48,955	Complete
Capital Carriageway Retread		
Greenshields Roads, Biggar	£55,763	Complete
C36 Newholm	£31,285	Complete
Candybank	£19,852	Complete
Capital Strategic Carriageway		
Wilton Road, Carluke	£37,010	Complete
Kirkstyle Car Park, Biggar	£35,000	Programmed
A73 Patching	£90,000	Programmed
West Faulds Road, Lanark	£61,473.28	Complete
Carnwath Road, Carstairs Junction	£29,819.00	Complete
B7078 Cairnlodge and Poneil Roundabout	£169,271	Complete
A702 Crawford	£275,000	Complete
A702 Elvanfoot	£100,000	Programmed
B7078 Lesmahagow	£276,961	Complete
Ponfeigh Road, Rigside	£154,000	Held
A70 Rigside	£115,336.82	Complete
Hawthorn Place, Douglas	£20,312.05	Complete
Tower Road, Douglas	£38,219	Complete
Weston at C36 to Walston	£45,198	Complete
A72 Kirkfieldbank	£258,018.24	Complete
Glebe Avenue, Douglas	£61,941.53	Complete

Drumalbin Road, Carmichael	£51,545.15	Complete
A73 Lanark Road, Carluke	£185,324.00	Partial Complete/Programmed
A73 Thankerton	£119,088.15	Complete
Greenrig, Road, Hawksland	£81,047.91	Complete
Springhill Street, Douglas	£52,877.11	Complete
Milne Street, Carstairs	£20,075.86	Complete
Manse Road, Carstairs	£20,500	Complete
Eastend Terrace, Carstairs	£35,703.21	Complete
A706 Forth	£164,855.62	Complete
St Nicholas Road, Lanark	£236,176	In progress
Lochanbank Drive, Kirkmuirhill	£58,969	Complete
Bagmoors Road, Pettinain	£14,180.27	Complete
Curries Close, Douglas	£13,331.72	Complete
Caledonia Gardens, Coalburn	£16,303.00	Complete
Greenside Lane, Lanark	£6,089.54	Complete
B7086 Lanark Road, The Check	£230,000	Programmed
Melvinhall Road, Lanark	£33,427.96	Complete
B797, Leadhills	£129,339	Complete
Cairneymount Road, Carluke	£89,579	Complete
A721 Kaimend, Carnwath	£282,739.86	Complete
Crookboat Road, Sandilands	£44,800	Programmed
Vere Terrace, Kirkmuirhill	£38,173	In Progress
Castlegate, Lanark	£139,970	In Progress
Whauphill, Forth	£68,354	Complete
Biggar Mill Road, Biggar	£18,938.52	Complete
A70 West End, Carnwath	£148,156.36	Complete
Greenshields Road, Biggar	£91,589	Complete
A73 Lanark	£59,779	Complete
C36 Dunsyre	£77,431	Complete
Differick, Drive, Lesmahagow	£55,919.65	Complete
A70 Millbank Roundabout	£140,000	Programmed
Capital Carriageway Total	£4,972,594	
Capital Footway Schemes		
Heathfield, Drive, Blackwood	£31,666	In Progress
A721 Carnwath Road, Carluke	£118,000	Programmed
Capital Footway Total	£149,666	
Capital Total	£5,122,260	

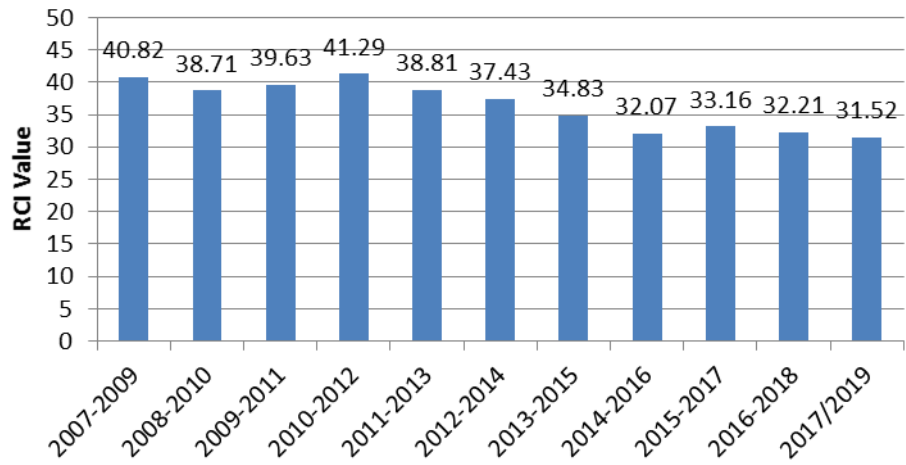
Appendix 2

Roads Investment Schemes – Clydesdale 2018/2019

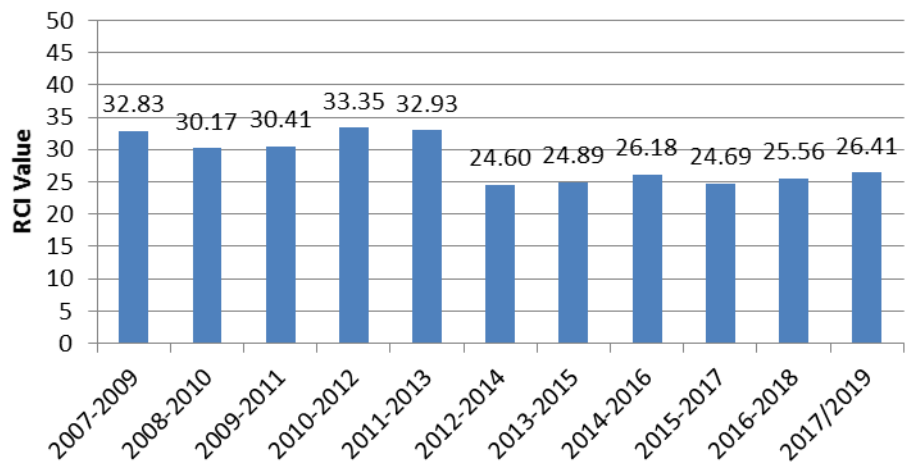
Road Condition Index 2009-2019



Clydesdale C Class



Clydesdale B Class



Clydesdale Unclassified

