

To: COATBRIDGE LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: MAINTENANCE OF ROUNDBABOUTS AND ROADS IN THE COATBRIDGE AREA.
From: HEAD OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION		
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Local Area Partnership on maintenance of roundabouts and roads in the local partnership area, as requested by the Local Area Committee at their meeting on 22 October 2013.

2. Background

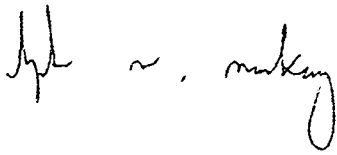
- 2.1 Land Management is responsible for the general upkeep of roundabout central islands. This includes litter picking and weed control. Land Management had a programme of landscape enhancements to roundabout central islands, but this programme was stopped as part of the council's spending review.
- 2.2 Roads and Transportation are responsible for structural maintenance of roundabouts. Roundabouts generally carry large volumes of traffic and it can be difficult to arrange access to undertake repairs without major disruption to the public. Due to this, temporary repairs are normally undertaken to make the defect safe with permanent works programmed at a later date when appropriate access can be arranged.
- 2.3 Roads maintenance budgets are allocated to each of the Local Area Partnership areas based on the length of roads in each area. Maintenance priorities are then set using information from the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey, together with information from routine safety inspections, insurance claims and complaints.
- 2.4 The Scottish Road Maintenance Survey is also used to calculate the road condition indicator used by Audit Scotland as a statutory performance indicator to report the condition of carriageways. North Lanarkshire Council is currently ranked 9th out of 32 local authorities.
- 2.5 The upgrade of the A8 Trunk Road includes works to the existing roundabouts at Bargeddie and Hagmill Road / Kirkshaws Road. During the construction period of the A8 upgrade works, these roundabouts will be maintained by the contractor responsible for the upgrade works.

3. Considerations

- 3.1 Enhancement to the fountain roundabout is included within the 2013/14 Local Development Programme and an opportunity exists within the Town Centre Framework which is being developed to consider further improvements to the town centre roundabouts.

4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the content of the report.

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