

STREET FURNITURE REPLACEMENT UPDATE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee with an update on the street signage and litter bin replacement programme, following the allocation of a £200,000 budget at the Council meeting of February 2021.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee notes the content of this report.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The funding for the street furniture replacement programme was made available through the Council's budget process in February 2021. This investment allowed for a substantial improvement across the Argyll and Bute Council area.

Street Signage Replacement

- 3.2 This investment has resulted in the improvement of 437 signs across the Argyll and Bute Council area, with a total spend of £214,550, with the additional £14,550 being met from the Roads Operations revenue budget and as part of routine sign maintenance and replacement. Sign replacement has been carried out on a needs basis, replacing those in the most deteriorated condition.
- 3.3 A breakdown of the 437 signs and the budget spend are as follows:

Helensburgh and Lomond	18 signs	£8,600
Bute and Cowal	93 signs	£48,900
Mid Argyll	80 signs	£35,300
Kintyre	46 signs	£21,100
Islay	70 signs	£49,350
Oban and Lorn	110 signs	£34,500
Mull	20 signs	£16,800

3.4 Appendix 1 provides a detailed breakdown of signage replacement per area.

Litter Bin Replacement

3.5 This investment has resulted in the improvement of 402 street litter bins and bin cabinets across the Argyll and Bute Council area, with a total spend of £99,154 to date.

3.6 A breakdown of the improvement programme across the district and the budget spend are as follows:

Helensburgh and Lomond	No of litter bins	60	£11,040
	No of cabinet housings	32	£10,592
Bute and Cowal	No of litter bins	0	£0
	No of cabinet housings	58	£19,198
Mid-Argyll	No of litter bins	50	£11,541
	No of cabinet housings	30	£9,930
Kintyre	No of litter bins	0	£0
	No of cabinet housings	0	£0
Islay	No of litter bins	0	£0
	No of cabinet housings	45	£14,895
Oban and Lorn	No of litter bins	0	£0
	No of cabinet housings	34	£11,254
Mull	No of litter bins	0	£0
	No of cabinet housings	24	£7,944
Concrete bases for cabinets across council area:	No of bases	69	£2,760

Note in addition to the above there are a small number of bins which have been replaced due to damage or wear and tear which have been funded through existing revenue maintenance budgets.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 This investment has resulted in a marked improvement for the travelling public and the appearance through replacement signage and an improvement in the bin infrastructure across the area.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy – None known.

- 5.2 Financial – Funding made available through the Council budget process of 2021.
- 5.3 Legal – None known.
- 5.4 HR – None known.
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: None known.
- 5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – None known.
- 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: Improving the appearance of our network and visible signage available to road users improving their experience of using our roads and improving safety on the network.
- 5.5.3 Islands – None known.
- 5.6 Climate Change – None known.
- 5.7 Risk – These work highlight other areas of need, however, an ongoing programme of improving signage when required is managed within the road operational budget.
- 5.8 Customer Service – Improve public perception of our network/assets.
- 5.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – none known.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Sign Replacement Programme