

ROADS DEFECTS STATISTICS**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on the classification of Category 1 potholes. It also provides performance information in relation to response times for the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee notes this report.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 Potholes are dealt with on a priority basis. We prioritise based on two main criteria - seriousness of the defect and strategic importance of the road. Clear guidance is set out in the document '*Road Maintenance & Asset Management Plan for the Roads Network*' (RAMP) which was compiled in 2004.
- 3.2 Following work carried out by the Roads Asset Management Short Life Working Group, proposals were put forward to Council, and duly approved, to amend response times, pothole categorisation and the overall roads hierarchy; none of which have been altered since 2004.
- 3.3 The table below (taken from the RAMP) provides original response times for roads defects depending upon road 'ranking' and the overall dimensions of the defect.

Table 1 – Response Times - RAMP (2004)

Pothole Defect	2004 Category 1 Pothole Classification	Maximum Response Time
Rank 1, 2, 2a Roads	If >40mm deep and >150mm dia on carriageway	Response by completion of the next working day
	If > 100mm deep and > 150mm dia then 2 hr response	Response within 2 hours of reporting
Rank 3, 3a Roads	If > 100mm deep and > 150mm dia	Response by completion of the next working day

3.4 The table below provides the revised response times which were approved at the Council Meeting of 25 April 2013.

Table 2 – Revised Response Times – As of 1 May 2013

Pothole Defects	2013 Category 1 Pothole Proposed Classification	Maximum Response & Repair Time
Rank 1 Roads ; Speed Limit >40mph	If >40mm deep and >150mm dia on carriageway	Permanent repair within 5 working days
	If > 100mm deep and > 150mm dia	Response within 2 hours of reporting
Rank 1 Roads; Speed Limit <40mph	If >100mm deep and >150mm dia on carriageway	Permanent repair within 5 working days
Rank 2, 2a Roads; Speed Limit >40mph	If >40mm deep and >150mm dia in wheeltrack	Permanent repair within 5 working days
Rank 2, 2a Roads; Speed Limit <40mph	If > 100mm deep and > 150mm dia in wheeltrack	Permanent repair within 5 working days
Rank 3, 3a Roads	If > 150mm deep and > 150mm dia	Permanent repair within 5 working days

3.5 The Council, through its on-going strategic capital roads reconstruction programme, has developed a strategy which focusses on permanently fixing the roads rather than filling potholes. The Council's Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Strategy identifies the need to improve the quality of pothole repairs by carrying out permanent patches. These provide much longer life with better value for money than multiple temporary repairs and also give improved customer satisfaction.

3.6 In order to support the greater use of first time permanent or 'right first time' repairs, response times were revised as detailed above in table 2 and the definition of Cat 1 potholes was adjusted to better reflect the risk associated with them, and to allow up to 5 working days for the permanent repair to be carried out. It should be noted that the 'Category 1 Emergency' 2 hours response still exists for incidents which merit this heightened response.

3.7 Appendix 1a provides performance information on response times for category 1 defects in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area for the period 1st April 2013 to 30 June 2013.

3.8 Proposals for the revision of the roads hierarchy In the MAKI Area will be brought before Members at a future Area Committee.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 This report provides Members with statistics on reaction times to roads defects in the MAKI Area and advises on forthcoming changes to the roads hierarchy.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy	Works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Plan
5.2	Financial	Will obtain better outcomes for available funds.
5.3	Personnel	Roads revenue maintenance works are delivered by both Roads Operations and Amenity Operatives.
5.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None
5.5	Legal	Supports duty to maintain public network.
5.6	Risk	Deterioration of road network if budget not spent effectively.
5.7	Customer Service	Maintains service level commitment set out in Service Plan.

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1a Reaction times to Category 1 potholes.

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APPENDIX

REACTION TIMES TO CATEGORY 1 POTHOLES

MID ARGYLL			
Pothole Category	Number of Jobs	Number Overdue	Performance
Category 1	16	4	75%
Category 1 Emergency	1	0	100%
KINTYRE			
Pothole Category	Number of Jobs	Number Overdue	Performance
Category 1	49	0	100%
Category 1 Emergency	2	0	100%
ISLAY			
Pothole Category	Number of Jobs	Number Overdue	Performance
Category 1	1	0	100%
Category 1 Emergency	1	1	0%
Argyll and Bute			
Pothole Category	Number of Jobs	Number Overdue	Performance
Category 1	81	6	93%
Category 1 Emergency	13	2	85%