

**Scrutiny Minute Extract – 24 March 2016**

**7. RE-TRUNKING PARTS OF A7 AND TRUNKING OF A72**

**AGREED that the Asset Manager and Clerk to the Council liaise regarding a further report to Scrutiny Committee identifying the revenue and capital costs of works to individual roads in the roads infrastructure.**

(a) *Following on from the report to Scrutiny on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2-016, officers have reviewed the comments from Transport Scotland in relation to a proposal to re-trunk the A7 north of Galashiels and the A72 Galashiels to Skirling and a clear position has been given that trunk roads are only routes that form Strategic National Importance and the following principles:*

- *Provide the users with a coherent and continuous system of routes, which serve destinations of importance to industry, commerce, agriculture and tourism*
- *Define nationally important routes which will be developed in line with strategic national transport demands*

*Transport Scotland are clearly of the view that the existing trunk routes through the Borders already fulfil that function and the trips on the non-trunk section of A7 and the A72 are of more local importance.*

*Ministers have no plans currently to review the strategic network as a whole.*

*Officers believe that there would equally be an expectation that if ministers were to consider trunking the above routes there would be an expectation that they would be at or near trunk road standards. Transport Scotland also believes that the roads being considered are of local importance and therefore are managed locally.*

(b) *It is not possible to identify the revenue spend for individual roads in the Council's road network as that is not how the work is specified or recorded. However, the capital spend is identifiable and is listed overleaf.*

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	A7					A72					A697				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
<b>Drainage</b>	£781	£5,199				£10,258	£10,413								
<b>Embankment Repairs</b>		£9,100						£31,353							
<b>Footways</b>					£12,000	£1,921									
<b>Overlays</b>		£49,400	£23,116	£163,724	£2,034					£267,751	£80,088				£19,594
<b>Patching</b>			£17,469			£28,000	£11,620	£36,314	£18,234			£40,886	£23,397	£25,035	£43,210
<b>Surface Dressing</b>								£52,378	£84,947	£83,986		£9,166		£35,267	£24,315
<b>Wall Repairs</b>			£1,749			£134,500				£150,000					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£781</b>	<b>£63,699</b>	<b>£42,334</b>	<b>£163,724</b>	<b>£14,034</b>	<b>£174,679</b>	<b>£22,033</b>	<b>£120,045</b>	<b>£103,181</b>	<b>£501,737</b>	<b>£80,088</b>	<b>£50,052</b>	<b>£23,397</b>	<b>£60,302</b>	<b>£87,119</b>
Grand Totals	£284,572					£921,675					£300,958				