

ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

*Hawthorn Villa,
79 Main Road, Onchan.*

ORDINARY MEETING

13th April 2022

Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend an **ORDINARY Meeting of the Authority** to be held in the Boardroom at **HAWTHORN VILLA, 79 MAIN ROAD, ONCHAN** to transact the undernoted business on:

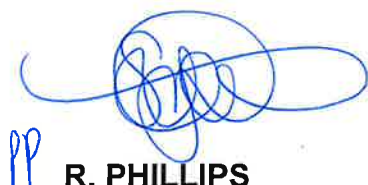
Tuesday 19th April 2022

7:00 pm - Board Meeting

which will be followed by a meeting of the Board sitting **IN COMMITTEE**. Items on this agenda marked **(P)** will be considered in private, and correspondence is circulated separately.

Please note that the minutes referred to in the agenda have yet to be confirmed by the Authority as a true and correct record of proceedings at the various meetings, and will be published after ratification.

Yours faithfully



R. PHILLIPS
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CLERK

AGENDA

The order of business at every meeting of the authority shall be in accordance with that laid down in Standing Order No. 24 unless varied by the Chairman at his discretion (with the exception of items 1, 2, 3 or 4 which cannot be varied) or by a resolution duly moved and seconded and passed on a motion which shall be moved and put without discussion.

1. To choose a person to preside if the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be absent.
2. To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business.
 - 2.1 (P) Election of Chairman-Elect for 2022/23 Municipal Year
 - 2.2 (P) Election of Vice Chair-Elect for 2022/23 Municipal Year
3. To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the:-
 - 3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 4th April 2022. (Appendix 3.1)
4. To dispose of any relevant business arising from such minutes if not referred to in the Minutes of any Special Committee:-

None.
5. To dispose of any relevant business adjourned from a previous meeting:-

None.
6. To deal with any business expressly required by statute to be done:-

None.
7. To consider any planning decisions/communications from the Department of Infrastructure Planning Committee:-
 - 7.1 Plans for Consideration (Appendix 7.1)

	PA Reference	Applicant/Address	Return Date
(a)	PA 22/00116	Mr & Mrs N Bass -38 Ballachrink Drive	22 nd April 2022
(b)	PA 22/00188	Mr B Haslam - 28 Victoria Avenue	14 th April 2022
(c)	PA 22/00304	Mrs A Colley - 5 Sycamore Close	15 th April 2022
(d)	PA 22/00318	Mrs A Kneen - 5 Howstrake Drive	22 nd April 2022
(e)	PA 22/00368	Mr D Stockdale - DHSOB FC, Blackberry Lane	6 th May 2022
(f)	PA 22/00398	Mr & Mrs M Horsthuis - 25 Majestic Drive	29 th April 2022
(g)	PA 22/00412	Mr L Coxon - 20 Seaview Road	29 th April 2022

8. Finance & General Purpose Matters:-

- 8.1 (P) Internal Audit Expressions of Interest (Appendix 8.1)

9. Consideration of any report from the Clerk or other Officer:-

- 9.1 (P) 2nd Onchan Scouts 60th Anniversary Tree Planting (Appendix 9.1)
 9.2 (P) Potential Purchase of The Workshop, Queens Road (Appendix 9.2)
 9.3 (P) Flat Green Bowls Club (Appendix 9.3)
 9.4 (P) Refuse Tender (Acting Chief Executive/Clerk to report)
 9.5 (P) Lease Renewal – Unit A, Willow House (Acting Chief Executive/Clerk to Report)

10. Consideration of any relevant correspondence (already circulated unless indicated):-

- 10.1 Consultation – Climate Change Duties – Reporting Requirements (Appendix 10.1)
 10.2 Climate Change Duties – Guidance for Public Bodies (Appendix 10.2)
 10.2 Department of Infrastructure – Highway Maintenance Charter (Appendix 10.3)
 10.4 Royal British Legion Onchan Branch – Falklands Remembrance Anniversary (Appendix 10.4)
 10.5 Cathedral Isle of Man – Service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Appendix 10.5)
 10.6 Friends of Chernobyl's Children – Charity News Update (Appendix 10.6)

11. To answer questions asked under Standing Order 34:

To be confirmed.

12. To consider Motions in the order in which notice has been received:-

(Note: See Standing Order No. 26)

- 12.1 Onchan District Commissioners – Re-establishment of Flags (Appendix 12.1)

13. Environmental & Technical Services Matters:-

None.

14. Housing Matters:-

- 14.1 Quarterly Standards of Performance Data (To follow)

15. Chairman's Announcements:-**Dates for Diary**

Date	Organisation	Event	Time
19 th April 2022	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm

3 rd May 2022	Onchan District Commissioners	Commissioners Surgery – Springfield Court – Commissions Turton and Williams attending	2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
3 rd May 2022	Onchan District Commissioners	Annual General Meeting	7:00 pm
7 th May 2022	Onchan District Commissioners	Commissioners Surgery – The Hub – Commissioners Quirk and Williams attending)	10:00 am to 12 noon
16 th May 2022	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm

16. Any other URGENT business as authorised by the Chairman for consideration:-

- 16.1 (P) Staffing Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 4th April 2022** *(Appendix 16.1)*
- 16.2 (P) Staffing Matter**

PLANS LIST

Board Meeting to be held on 19th April 2022

The Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services has viewed the applications with the District Surveyor and recommends the following:-

Planning Application	Applicant/Address	Description
PA 22/00116 Return Date 22/04/22	Mr & Mrs N. Bass 38 Ballachrink Drive	Alterations to existing dwelling including installation of front and rear dormer, and (retrospective) installation of a flue. (amended plans)
Recommendation – Approve		
PA 22/00188 Return Date 14/04/22	Mr B. Haslam 28 Victoria Avenue	Replacement garage door, installation of door to the rear, window oi the east elevation and window to western elevation of garage (retrospective). (amended plans)
For Members' consideration		
PA 22/00304 Return Date 15/04/22	Mrs A. Colley 5 Sycamore Close	Installation of rear balcony with balustrade and sliding door for access.
Recommendation - Approve (notify Nos 3 & 7 Sycamore Close)		
PA 22/00318 Return Date 22/04/22	Mrs A. Kneen 5 Howstrake Drive	Rear dormer extension.
Recommendation - Approve (notify 3 & 7 Howstrake Drive and 6 & 10 Furman Road)		
PA 22/00368 Return Date 06/05/22	Mr D. Stockdale DHOB FC, Blackberry Lane	Erection of single story flat roof extension to front of clubhouse.
Recommendation – Approve		
PA 22/00398 Return Date 29/04/22	Mr & Mrs M. Horsthuis 25 Majestic Drive	Alterations to enlarge patio doors onto rear garden and installation of a flue.
Recommendation – Approve		
PA 22/00412 Return Date 29/04/22	Mr L. Coxon 20 Seaview Road	Removal of front garden wall and formation of hardstanding for car parking facility, lower kerb for access. Erection of rear decking and replace doors and windows to detached building with associated works.
Recommendation – Approve		

Alyson Crellin

From: Admin
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Subject: FW: CONSULTATION: Climate Change Duties - Reporting Requirements

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2022 17:44
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: CONSULTATION: Climate Change Duties - Reporting Requirements

Dear All,

The Climate Change Act 2021 creates 'climate change duties' for public bodies as we navigate our journey towards net zero in 2050 (and our interim target in 2035) by decreasing our greenhouse gas emissions and increasing our carbon sinks. The Act requires that reporting requirements in relation to those duties be set, via regulations, no later than 1 June 2022.

Public bodies are listed in Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2015.

The 'Climate Change (Public Bodies Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2022', which set out the reporting requirements have been drafted and **we would be grateful if you would follow this link, review the draft and complete the online survey:** <https://consult.gov.im/cabinet-office/b83b455c/>

This consultation will close on the **28th April 2022**. Responses received after that date will not be included in the analysis.

Please circulate this information within your public body and, if appropriate, officers and teams may submit their own responses.

Once we have received your feedback and analysed it, we will provide a summary of the results and an explanation of any changes made to the regulations.

We are working with Government Technology Services (GTS) to deliver an online reporting portal to make reporting as straightforward as possible.

Please note that this consultation relates only to the regulations and not to the accompanying guidance. If you have any queries or feedback on the guidance, please contact the Climate Change Transformation Team under separate cover.

You have received this email on behalf of the public body which you work for or represent – if you are not the correct person to respond to this message please provide an alternative contact as soon as possible, by return email.

If you have any queries please contact the Climate Change Transformation Team on 694372 or email climatechange@gov.im

Best regards
[REDACTED]

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY MANAGER

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Attachments: ClimateChangeDutiesGuidanceforPublicBodies_31032022.pdf; Fair Change Framework_31032022.pdf

From: [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLICATION: Climate Change Duties - Guidance for Public Bodies

Dear All,

The Climate Change Act 2021 created a requirement for guidance to be provided, by 31 March 2022, to public bodies to help them fulfil their climate change duties by reducing the amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) emitted and increasing carbon sinks to meet our net zero target in 2050 and our interim target in 2035. The guidance documents are attached to this email and are available here: <https://www.netzero.im/climatechangeduties>

Public bodies are listed in Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2015.

A programme of engagement has been underway over the past months and, although we have not been able to spend time with every public body, we had a great number of very informative meetings and conversations which have fed directly into the drafting of the guidance.

To ensure that the guidance is a useful tool for public bodies we intend to keep it under review and invite feedback at any time.

In addition we have made a **commitment to review and, if necessary, update the guidance after 6 months**. To facilitate this process we –

- Encourage all public bodies to 'road test' the guidance and send us your feedback
- Are seeking volunteer public bodies to work extra closely with the Climate Change Transformation Team to inform detailed feedback and next steps for the guidance
 - If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with the CCTT at the email address below.
- Will be holding a programme of workshops – dates to be confirmed – if you would like to arrange a workshop specifically for your public body, please contact the CCTT at email address given below.

Please circulate this information within your public body.

We are also working with LEAD to develop training to further help public bodies understand the duties and implement the guidance.

If you would like to discuss the guidance please call the Climate Change Transformation Team on 694372 or email climatechange@gov.im

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Office of the Minister
and Chief Executive

Contact:
Telephone:
Email:
Date:

31st March 2022

To: All Local Authority Members and Officers

Re: Highway Maintenance Charter, March 2022

The draft Island Plan contains the following objective:

"Introduce a new Charter by March 2022 for regular road, roadside, pathway and leisure route maintenance, working in partnership with local authorities where responsibility sits with them, with clear policy and legislation to ensure accountabilities are clear."

An initial version of the Charter is attached for your consideration and comments, which I would be grateful to receive by Friday 27th May. Your comments regarding the Charter will then be reviewed and the Charter amended as appropriate, prior to submission to Tynwald later this year.

The initial Charter will also be published on the Department's website, and the media will be made aware of it via a press release.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours faithfully

Hon T Crookall MHK
Minister for Infrastructure

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DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CHARTER



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March 2022

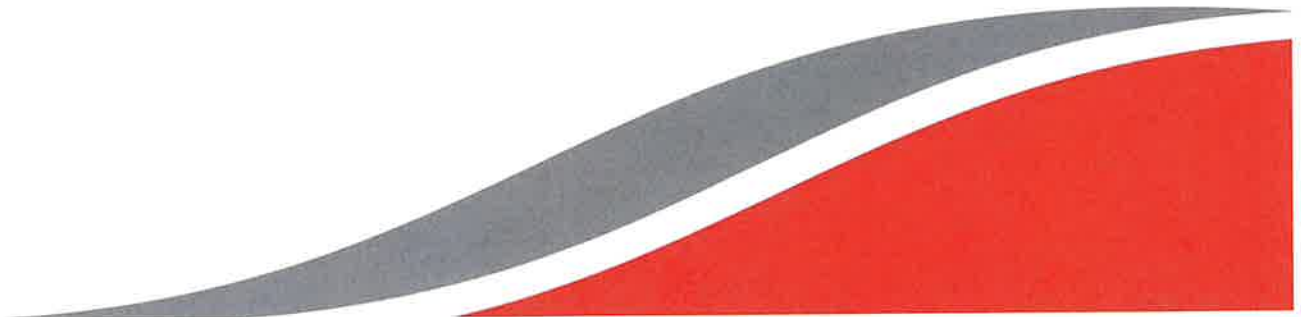


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FORWARD

As part of the 'Our Island Plan', the Council of Ministers committed to publish a Highways Maintenance Charter. This is the first time a Charter of this nature has been made public by the Department and I believe it marks a political turning point where we start to recognise and value the importance of highway maintenance.

The highway network is the single biggest asset in our built environment. It is the foundation of where we live, work and play and its importance to the health and wellbeing of our Island cannot be under estimated. It is the bedrock of our economy and heart of our community.

Going forward, I hope that this Charter will help to explain how our maintenance services are accessed, why we make the decisions that we make and increasingly drive the improvements that we all want to see.

This initial document is intended to act as a focus for discussion with local authorities before being revised later this year.



Minister for the Department of Infrastructure

1 INTRODUCTION

Highway Services provides and maintains a safe and good quality highway network. The Highway maintenance service section is delivered by a team of around 70 dedicated team members, who are focused on maintaining a safe and effective network for the people of the Island to enjoy.

Highway Services maintain over:

- ✓ 1000km of roads;
- ✓ 760km of footways; and
- ✓ 316km of footpaths and green lanes.

The allocation of funding and resources for different maintenance activities is reviewed annually. Naturally, limited resources mean that efforts have to be focused and difficult decisions taken. Highways Officers consider a wide range of factors when determining where resources are focused, including safety, place, traffic, function, environment, professional practice and the general political direction of the Department.

Since 2014, the Island's local authorities have been responsible for street cleaning, drainage gully cleaning, weeding, hedge cutting and verge maintenance in their areas. Highway Services work in partnership with the local authorities, but it is for each local authority to set its own standards of service. On a small number of roads, Highway Services have retained these duties and the standards and performance identified in this charter relate to Highway Services not local authorities. These service routes can be found at <https://www.gov.im/media/1357824/serviced-routes-july-2017.pdf>.

This document refers to maintenance of the existing highway infrastructure. Maintenance is the process of keeping an asset functional during its working life and undertaking day-to-day repairs to cost effectively realise the full life of the asset.

To maximise the use of resources, Highway Services has been adopting a risk and condition based approach to its maintenance activities and this drive is expected to continue over the coming years. Maintenance activity is working towards becoming more planned and less reactive. This is good practice aimed at delivering value for money.

Maintenance does not include the replacement of end of life assets such as traffic light replacement, road reconstruction or bridge replacement. Nor does it include improvements to the existing infrastructure such as the installation of new pedestrian crossings, traffic calming

features, and improved pedestrian access facilities. These may all be desirable and appropriate at different times but they are not maintenance of the existing asset. Clearly, however, there will be occasions where some incidental minor improvements are appropriate as part of maintenance works, for example the installation of drop kerbs when resurfacing on a section of footway.

2. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Highway Services operate a Customer Service Centre, which is a single point of contact into Highway Services. It offers services through a mobile phone app, website, email, and telephone. Contact through this service is logged and the information used to help prioritise future maintenance plans. Contact us:

- ✓ by smart phone **notifyIM**
- ✓ on the web site **reportaproblem.im**
- ✓ by email highways@gov.im
- ✓ by phone 850000

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Customer Service opening hours are Monday – Friday 07:30 – 17:30

Highway Services also provide an emergency out of hours service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

Customer Service provides up to date operational information to the public through its Facebook and Twitter pages.

- ✓ Twitter - @iominfra
- ✓ Facebook – (search for **iominfra**) Isle of Man Department of Infrastructure

The Department also publishes road works information.

- ✓ <https://one.network/>

Performance Indicators

Indicator	UK Bench Mark Group Average	IOM Highways Target	IOM Highways Current Performance
Percentage of emergency and find and fix defects made safe within response time (24 hours)	84.84%	96%	90.90%
Percentage of faults rectified on first visit	89.24%	95%	96.53%
Percentage of enquiries/ requests for service closed off with response time	86.71%		92.42%
Total of enquiries recorded per kilometre of carriageway length	8.28		14.79

3. INSPECTIONS

Road and Footway

Due to resource limitation, inspections are limited to minimum safety inspections only.

Inspection schedule:

✓ Primary Routes	Monthly
✓ Secondary Routes	Every 3 months
✓ Local Access Roads and Rural Routes	Every 6 months
✓ Access Roads and Estates	Every 12 months

A Road Hierarchy map can be found at

<https://manngis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8382a21e92da426885e383f926d66f02>.

Highway Structures

The Highway asset register includes around 2000 structures including bridges, culverts and retaining walls. Highway Services consider the consequences of structural failure high and, as such, structural inspection is given a high priority. Structures are inspected in accordance with the approved code of practice. Highway Services has set itself a target to be in the top quartile of UK performance.

✓ General Inspections	Every 2 years
✓ Principal Inspections	Every 6 years (or risk based after assessment)
✓ Safety Inspections	As determined by asset assessments

Public Rights of Way

Resource limitations mean that there are currently no scheduled inspections of the Public Rights of Way, Green Lanes or other footpaths. Work plans are based on public reports and reports from staff.

Performance Indicators

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>UK Bench Mark Group Average</i>	<i>IOM Highways Target</i>	<i>IOM Highways Actual Performance</i>
<i>Percentage of planned kilometre of footway safety inspections completed</i>	100%	95%	100%
<i>Percentage of General Structural Inspections carried out on time</i>	61.9%	95%	100%

<i>Percentage of Principal Structural Inspections carried out on time</i>	<i>84.62%</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>100%</i>
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4. ROAD SWEEPING

Local Authorities

Road sweeping, amenity cleaning and cleansing of the roads is a service provided by the local authorities of the Isle of Man. It is a matter for each local authority to set its own standards and monitor its own performance. Highway Services do not routinely monitor its performance, but Highways Customer Services will pass on requests from the public to the relevant local authority. It does not monitor these requests once they have been passed on, that is a matter for each local authority.

Highway Services

Highway Services undertake road sweeping on the primary routes, which can be found at <https://www.gov.im/media/1357824/serviced-routes-july-2017.pdf> . It does this to maintain traffic flow and safety on these key traffic routes.

Service routes form part of the highway network, predominantly primary routes, which are not delegated to local authorities.

5. HEDGE CUTTING

Local Authorities

Roadside maintenance of hedges, verges and weeding of footways and roads is the responsibility of local authorities in the Isle of Man. It is a matter for each authority to set its own standards and monitor its own performance. Requests for hedge and verge maintenance should be directed to the local authority. Highway Services do not routinely monitor their performance. Highway Services produce a guidance document for hedge and verge maintenance with the Department of Food and Agriculture and this guidance has been issued to the local authorities. The Department will only intervene on these routes if it believes that road safety is being compromised and the local authority is not responding to requests to address the issue.

Highway Services

Highway Services undertake hedge cutting, verge maintenance and weeding of roads and pavements on the Service Routes to ensure safety and traffic flow on these key routes.

<https://www.gov.im/media/1357824/serviced-routes-july-2017.pdf>

Hedges cannot be cut during the bird-nesting season.

Highway Services undertake the following on the Service Routes.

- ✓ A full winter cut
- ✓ Summer safety cuts where required including a pre-racing safety cut on the TT and Southern 100 courses
- ✓ Verges and visibility splays are cut 4 times per year
- ✓ Weed spraying of the roads and footways are undertaken 2-4 times per year depending on growth. The chemical used requires green leaves to appear before it is effective.

Private Property Owners

Private property owners are expected to maintain their own garden hedges. They must not be allowed to extend beyond the property boundary. Where a local authority or Highway Services feels that a hedge is not being managed appropriately then it reserves the right to cut back the hedge as required and may seek to recover the costs from the property owner.

6. DRAINAGE

Local Authorities

It is the responsibility of local authorities to inspect, keep clear and clean roadside gullies. It is also their responsibility to ensure that they are functioning correctly and report defects to Highways Customer Services. The frequency and monitoring of gully cleaning by the local authority is a matter for each local authority to determine and manage. Requests for gullies to be cleaned or cleared should be made directly to the local authority in the first instance.

Highway Services

Highway Services have retained responsibility for inspecting, clearing and clearing roadside gullies along the Services Routes only. This is to help ensure safety and traffic flow along the key routes. <https://www.gov.im/media/1357824/serviced-routes-july-2017.pdf>

Highway Services undertake the following on the Service Routes.

- ✓ All gully pots are cleaned and tested twice per year
- ✓ Gullies in flood prone areas are cleaned more often to help ensure good levels of year round function

Highway Services undertake maintenance of roadside ditches and drainage channels.

7. LINE PAINTING

Line painting is limited by resource availability. Busy routes and safety related lines are prioritised over routes with less traffic and parking enforcement lines. Line painting is undertaken to the appropriate British Standards. Each summer Highway Services undertake a programme of line painting on a split shift pattern (this has not happened for the past few years due to Covid) in order to maximise the long summer days and the capital equipment required. During other times of the year only safety critical line painting will be undertaken.

Line painting is restricted by temperature and by the need to avoid painting on the TT course and Southern 100 course for 4 weeks prior to any racing. Additionally, lines cannot be painted on roads with salt on them, so in many areas pre cleaning is required. Standard rain lines are to be trialled on most roads, but on the TT and Southern 100 Courses low-profile lines are used to minimise the impact on the racing machines. Unfortunately, this reduces their effectiveness for normal road traffic.

8. FOOTWAYS

Highway Services maintain a rolling 3-month footway maintenance programme. So far as possible, work is prioritised on a combination of condition, footfall, local users groups and place. An audit of footway conditions was undertaken in 2019 for the first time and this is used to help prioritise work, together with defects reported through safety inspections. Highway Services will undertake a new audit of the footways when resources become available, ideally condition would be monitored yearly.

Performance Indicators

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>UK Bench Mark Group Average</i>	<i>IOM Highways Target</i>	<i>IOM Highways Actual Performance</i>
<i>Percentage of footway length to be considered for maintenance</i>	<i>15.74%</i>		29.70%
<i>Percentage of footway length treated</i>	<i>0.26%</i>		0.87%

9. ROADS

Patch Repairs

Highway Services maintain a three-month rolling programme for road patch repairs. These repairs are utilised where localised areas (up to around 200 square metres) of the road are in very poor condition. This work does not extend to reconstruction, but rather replacement of the top 40 mm adding structural strength and life to the road.

Surface Treatments

Surface Dressing, which is sometimes known as spray and chip, is used to ensure that the structural and surface life of the road is maximized. It is typically used every 7 years to improve grip levels and ensure that the road remains resistant to water penetration from above. This treatment is temperature dependent, so can only be applied during the summer months, but it must also be applied 6 weeks before any road racing event, so that the chips can bed in fully. Highway Services do not have the resources to deliver this treatment in house and the work is contracted out. Unfortunately, delivery reliability and quality control have been problematic. However, this remains an effective and important maintenance treatment.

Micro Asphalt puts down a thin new surface on the road, improving grip, reducing bumps and hollows and sealing the road surface. Whilst more expensive than surface dressing, it is an important part of Highway Services' approach to maximising the asset life.

Surface Replacement

Plane and Inlay is used to replace the road surface with a new surface. Good practice is for this to take place based on condition after around 10 -16 year on a primary road. This can be an effective treatment when the roads substructure allows its use. It is not appropriate if the road does not have an appropriate construction,

Performance Indicators

Indicator	UK Bench Mark Group Average	IOM Highways Target	IOM Highways Actual Performance
Percentage of carriageway length treated	2.78%		1.75%
Condition of Principle Roads (% in poor condition)	3.88%		4.40%
Condition of none principal roads (% in poor condition)	10.61%		8.58%

10. STRUCTURES

A rolling programme of structural maintenance is undertaken on Highway structures, such as bridges, culverts and retaining walls, based on the conditions identified in routine inspections. Safety critical work is prioritised over other works.

Performance Indicators

Indicator	UK Bench Mark Group Average	IOM Highways Target	IOM Highways Actual Performance
Bridge stock condition indicator- average	86.87%	90%	89%
Bridge stock Condition Indicator- critical	73.84%	83%	69%
Percentage of bridges failing European standards	3.22%	0%	0%

11. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Funding for Public Rights of Rights of Way, Green Lanes and other footpaths has been limited for many years. The Department are committed to undertake the following:

- ✓ The Raad ny Follian 3 cuts per year
- ✓ All other footpaths 1 cut per year

As with other hedge cutting activities, work during the growing season is restricted because of the requirement to protect nesting birds. In many cases Highways is restricted to safety cutting only during the growing season.

Efforts are also made to protect known areas of ecological importance and beauty.

12. SEVERE WEATHER CAPABILITY

Through its Ellerslie Control room, Highways takes the operational lead in the Island's response to severe weather coordinating the operations of its services with the police, Civil Defence, the MUA and DEFA. Highways maintain the ability to deploy a 24 hour per day, 7 days per week in response to severe weather.

Highways maintain the Island's road salt stock and holds 12,000 tonnes, enough to secure 2/3 weeks of 24 hour per day operations. It retains the following:

- ✓ 5 bulk gritting vehicles
- ✓ 2 demountable gritting vehicles
- ✓ 6 trailer gritters
- ✓ 10 snow blades
- ✓ A demountable tractor snow blower
- ✓ A quad bike with trailer gritter unit and snow blade
- ✓ Jetters (used to help clear blockages in drainage systems during floods)
- ✓ Various temporary flood boards and barriers
- ✓ Submersible pumps of various sizes

Highways fill and deploy sandbags and supply them to the public to help them protect their own property. Highways maintain a reserve of 10,000 - 15,000 filled sandbags ready to deploy at any given time.

Highways retain 20+ people trained in chainsaw operations for deployment removing trees fallen on the highway. A severe storm will bring down 100 - 300 hundred trees on to the highway. We also co-ordinate the deployment of appropriately trained staff from DEFA.

The Highways Maintenance Services maintain close contact with weather forecasters and deploy resources proactively in anticipation of weather events. Winter gritting routes have been developed and these routes are gritted as a priority when the conditions are expected to require them. The routes can be found at

<https://www.gov.im/categories/travel-traffic-and-motoring/winter-gritting-routes/>

13. ACCESS FOR ALL

Highway Services are committed to improving access to the network for all groups of users and recognises that a great deal of improvement work is required to make the network more accessible to people with visual impairments and those with reduced mobility. Whilst many of Highway Services access improvement activities are outside the scope of highway maintenance, minor improvements can be undertaken incidental to maintenance work. These

opportunities need to be sought out and used, whilst not distracting from the core purpose of maintenance. For example, drop kerbs can be installed if a footway surface is being replaced.

Accessibility can also be reduced whilst maintenance activities are taking place. To mitigate the negative impact of maintenance, team members receive equality training and strive to take reasonable steps to maintain access. On significant schemes, access will be designed into the site construction plans, and on smaller projects, the team leader makes an onsite assessment and adjustments where appropriate. These steps will vary depending on the scale and length of the disruption.

Highway Services is working hard to improve in this area and routinely consults with impacted groups for advice. Advancement is needed, but Highway Services, supported by the Department of Infrastructure is determined to help create an inclusive environment.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



ONCHAN BRANCH

ONCHAN DISTRICT
(Isle of Man)
COMMISSIONERS
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Date: 31/03/22

Chairman
Onchan District Commissioners.
Onchan.

30/03/22.

Dear Sirs,

At our March monthly meeting the Falklands Remembrance Anniversary was discussed. The Governor will be present at this event which will take place on the 15th June at the memorial. The memorial plaque is in poor condition and needs to be restored.

As Onchan RBL secretary I contacted our IOM HQ for funds to repair it and was told that on no account can Legion funds be used to repair war memorials. The memorial was originally presented by the Manx Variety Club (which no longer exists) to Onchan District Commissioners who at the time- in 1988- agreed to accept it but not to be responsible for it.

Onchan RBL branch as a group may be prepared personally to contribute to having it restored and we ask for permission from the Commissioners to go ahead with this and hope for your support.

Thanking you,

Doug Porter.

Secretary,

Onchan Branch RBL.



PRESENTED BY
THE MANX VARIETY CLUB
IN MEMORY OF

THOSE MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO FREE
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC
2nd APRIL 1982 TO 15th JUNE 1982

ALSO

TO COMMEMORATE THE VISIT OF
THEIR COLLEAGUES OF THE 3rd PARA REGIMENT
WHO PLACED THIS SEAT IN THE
VILLAGE OF ONCHAN 5th SEPT 1988
AND WHO TOOK PART IN THE ABOVE CAMPAIGN



The Chair of Onchan District Commissioners & Guest

The Very Reverend Nigel P Godfrey, Dean of Cathedral Isle of Man
Invites you to attend a Service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of
Her Majesty the Queen, Lord of Mann

In the presence of

**His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
Lieutenant General Sir John Lorimer KCB DSO MBE**

On Sunday 5 June 2022 at 10.30am

at Cathedral Isle of Man, Derby Road, Peel, Isle of Man

(The service will last no longer than one hour in case roads around
the TT Course need to close at 12.30pm)

RSVP by Saturday 7 May 2022 to *

** either by phoning
or by email :



**Friends of
Chernobyl's
Children** *Isle of Man*

Manx Registered Charity Number 977

CHARITY NEWS UPDATE

News from Belarus

The FOCC Governing Body recently held a meeting at which Katya from the Mogilev office attended via zoom for the first part. She stated that the current situation in the Ukraine is very worrying. Many of the families in Belarus are in great need and the team tries to keep in contact with them. She still receives phone calls from families in the villages as to whether there will be visits this year as they have little understanding of what is happening in the world. They plan to distribute Easter gifts to the children if this is possible. The Ukraine crisis was discussed & most members present had started to be involved as individuals in supporting the refugees and some groups were planning to do the same.

April 26th

It will be 36 years since the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster & its resultant effects on the populations of Belarus & Ukraine. The Russian army occupied the site on day one of the invasion of Ukraine, but it has since been liberated by the Ukrainian army. It has emerged that the area is now faced with another threat - a huge rise in radiation levels. Coming out from bunkers after nearly 5 weeks, scientists have now discovered an alarming rise in radiation following the military activity in Chernobyl., The disturbance by the military digging trenches in the contaminated soil in the "red forest" has led to soaring levels of radioactive material which is a cause of concern.

Practical help for Ukrainian children

FOCC (IOM) under its terms & conditions of its constitution are permitted to help the children of the Ukraine as well as Belarus. Our work with the Belarusian children is on hold for the time being so it was agreed by the committee that we would like to help by sending practical aid via the Slavic Gospel Association (SGA) who are working in the Ukraine among children & families who are still living in that war torn country. We have heard of one small church which is trying to look after the needs of 58 children in an orphanage. We chose to support the SGA Ukrainian appeal as Friends of Chernobyl's Children was founded in 1994 by Olwyn Keogh MBE in cooperation with an SGA funded American pastor from the Word of Life Baptist church in Mogilev Belarus.

We have also offered practical aid for the needs of any Ukrainian children who come to the island & we are liaising with Kate Lord-Brennan MHK, the IOM Cabinet Office Minister over the best way to achieve this. We hope that you will support us in this venture

Thank you

THIS MOTION NUMBERED 64.

DATED 31st March 2022

ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Proposed by: Commissioner David Quirk

To: Acting Chief Executive/Clerk

Date: 31st March 2022

MOTION: When proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next meeting of the ordinary meeting of the Authority to be held Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Under the provisions of Standing Order No 26 – Notice of Motion.

- That Onchan District Commissioners re-establish the tradition of placing Manx flags throughout the village from June to September.

This motion shall, when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Authority.

This Notice dated 31st March 2022 signed by: