

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW

Meeting date: 5 July 2022

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

DEVOLVED HIGHWAYS CAPITAL APM BUDGET 2022/2023 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TRAFFIC SCHEMES

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This report seeks approval from the Barrow Local Committee to agree the proposed Traffic Schemes presented in this report as part of the Annual Package of Measures (APM) budget for 2022/23.*

2. STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *The introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders is a devolved function of this Local Committee and helps support the County Council objective of meeting its casualty reduction targets and its delivery of Community Strategy and Cumbria Agreement outcomes and Council Plan priorities, which are:*

- *To safeguard children, and ensure that Cumbria is a great place to be a child and grow up*
- *To enable communities to live safely and shape services locally*
- *To provide safe and well maintained roads and an effective transport network*
- *To promote sustainable economic growth, and create jobs*
- *To be a modern and efficient council*

Members are advised that generally the measures contained in the proposals contribute to these commitments by continuing to ensure that the council are able to provide an effective and safe Highway Network.

- 2.2 *The prioritisation, programming and design of highway improvement schemes have the potential to generate either beneficial or adverse impacts on people with mobility or vision impairments. The Programme complies with the Strategic Equality Assessments for the Highways and Transport Service. Individual schemes will be assessed against equality criteria as appropriate.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 ***That Local Committee approve the specific schemes to be delivered as part of the Annual Package of Measures (APM) budget for 2022/23 as shown in Appendix 1 to this report.***

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report recommends specific schemes to be delivered under the allocation to Small Highway Improvement Schemes (formerly APM) for 2022/2023.
- 4.2 The Minor Improvement Schemes (formerly APM) programme is for small highway improvement schemes (estimated cost less than £50,000), that will assist delivery of the County Council's wider transport objectives set out in the Cumbria Local Transport Plan.
- 4.3 At its meeting on 15th March 2022 Barrow Local Committee approved the Devolved Highways Capital budget for 2022/2023 with APM at £111,000. The budget for 2022/2023 has an element of £30,000 as 'Traffic Scheme Design', £37,000 as Traffic Signs and Road Markings, £24,000 Annual Review of Traffic Regulation, £4000 as Speed Surveys, £8000 as Disabled Parking and £8000 as walking Route Improvement. This report details the schemes identified by Officers for consideration of these funds to be allocated, allowing the schemes to progress.
- 4.4 The list of schemes has been developed from Member's discussions and ongoing works across the Barrow Borough area in the last 12 months.
- 4.5 The schemes to be proposed to be delivered are as follows:-
- Town Centre – Crellin Street, Fell Street and Preston Street Parking Review Variation Order. 45 -
 - North Scale- Traffic Management Measure
 - Ulverston Road, Dalton, Barrow - 40 and 30mph Speed Limit
 - Speed Review in Barrow & Furness Area-
 - Askam Primary School safety measures
 - Ireleth St Peter Prim School- Ireleth Road, Barrow – School Safety Measure
 - St Paul's C of E Junior School, Hawcoat Lane School Safety Measure
 - Cliffe Lane & Quarry Brow, Barrow-in-Furness-Traffic Management Measure
 - Lindal in Furness, 20mph Speed Limit
 - Red Oak Avenue- Parking Restriction.

4.6 Town Centre – Crellin Street, Fell Street and Preston Street, Barrow - Parking Review

Estimated Cost: £5500

Concerns have been raised by Councillors regarding congestion in Barrow near McDonald's in the Town Centre caused by Uber Eats drivers parking as they wait to collect food in Crellin Street, before delivery. The issue has been discussed by Barrow's Highways Advisory Sub-Group and as a result the County Council has been requested to review the parking arrangements around the Crellin Street area, aiming to provide more on-street parking spaces to assist with the parking demand and safety within the area.

4.7 North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness – Traffic Management Measures

Estimated Cost: £5500

It has been requested that Officers look into options and considerations for North Scale to design and implement safety measures to improve traffic movements along Promenade and North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness. It is recommended to consider some measures for improvements. These could include priority traffic flow between Promenade and North Scale, installation of 20mph Repeater Signs along Promenade and North Scale to increase driver's awareness and extending "No Waiting at Any Time" (double yellow lines) to improve the accessibility and safety of traffic movements. Therefore, having costed these items the estimated cost to make these changes is £5500.

4.8 Ulverston Road, Dalton- Barrow-in-Furness - 40 and 30mph Speed Limit

Estimated Cost: £6000

It has been requested that Officers look into options and considerations for reducing the National speed limit to 40mph on Ulverston Road from Alton Roundabout to the point where the existing 40mph speed limit terminal signs are located and making the rest of length of the road 30mph up to the point where the 20mph speed limit start. The number of developments on this road is increasing and it is mostly that the movement of pedestrian will also increase. A very high standard (i.e. ex-Trunk Road) design still and allows / encourages speed. It is therefore recommended that Ulverston Road is considered for a reduction in speed limit to 40mph and 30 mph speed limit with appropriate terminal and repeater signs along its length. In addition, it is considered that repeated 'pedestrians in the road' warning signs be placed along the length of Ulverston Road between Charnley's Home/ Garden and Urswick Road.

4.9 Speed Review in Barrow & Furness Area- Traffic Management Improvement

Estimated cost: £15000

Concerns have been raised by Residents and MP in regarding vehicles speeding in roads across Barrow & Furness area. it is recommended to consider some measures for improvements. These could include minor amendments to road markings or new signs following a highlighted concern or incident such as raised through the Collision Reduction and Safer Highways (CRASH) group. Therefore, having costed these items the estimated cost to make these changes is £15000.

4.10 Askam Primary School safety measures

Estimated Cost: £4000

Following the meeting on 3rd May 2022 between the Askam Primary School Governor body and the CCC a list of items were discussed for further improvement including; some improvements to signs and lines and installation of school flashing light units, which was agreed previously.

Therefore, having costed the additional items the estimated cost to make these changes is £4000. It is recommended that these be strongly considered for the improved safety of access to and from the school for pupils and parents. Further measures listed would require future funding and for the crossing points (informal) a future assessment which is not possible at this time.

4.11 Ireleth St Peter Prim School- Ireleth Road, Barrow – School Safety Measure

Estimated cost: £8,000

Following the meeting on February 2022 between the PC Gregorg Howard , Councillor Ben Shirley, Janice Cumming from Ireleth Parish Council and the Traffic Management Team Leader a list of items were discussed for further improvement including; improvements to the school flashing light and. safety schemes around schools such as speed reduction from 30mph to 20mph on the side road and accompanied with Speed indicator devise (SID) Having costed these items the estimated cost to make these changes is £8000. It is recommended that these be strongly considered for the improved safety of access to and from the school for pupils and parents. Further measures listed would require future funding and for the crossing points (informal) a future assessment which is not possible at this time.

4.12 St Paul's C of E Junior School, Hawcoat Lane School Safety Measure

Estimated cost: £4,500

Following a site visit with Councillor Worthington and the Traffic Management Team Leader several points were considered in connection with general safety around the school. A list of items were discussed for further consideration including; installation of hatch marking at centre of the carriageway accompanied with red texture, installation of red bar and marking approaching to school crossing point central hatch marking crossing outside school, improving existing road marking and upgrading school flashing lights. Having costed these items the estimated cost to make these changes is £4500. It is recommended that these be strongly considered for the improved safety of access to and from the school for pupils and parents. School crossing point to be highlighted by red texture.

4.13 Cliffe Lane & Quarry Brow, Barrow-in-Furness- Traffic Management Measure

Estimated Cost: £5000

It has been requested that Officers look into options and considerations for Cliffe Lane & Quarry Brow to design and implement safety measures to improve traffic movements along Cliffe Lane and Quarry Brow. Cumbria County Council has developed proposals to try and improve the safety of traffic flow within Cliffe Lane and Quarry Brow. it is recommended to consider some measures for improvements. These could include to introduce Priority traffic flow on Quarry Brow, in which the driver of a vehicle is required to give way to vehicles approaching from the right at the intersections point and extending “No Waiting at Any Time” (double yellow lines) restriction around the junctions of Cliffe Lane with Dalton Lane. Having costed these items, the estimated cost to make these changes is £5000. It is recommended that these be strongly considered for the safety movements and accessibility.

4.14 Lindal in Furness, 20mph Speed Limit- Traffic Management Measures

Estimated cost: £6500

It has been requested that Officers investigate options and considerations for 20mph speed limit in Lindal village. Knowing that this request has been discussed in CRASH meeting and group have agreed that the layout and the use of the road in Lindal give the clear impression that a 20mph speed limit would be the most appropriate speed limit for village. Therefore, having costed these items the estimated cost to make these changes is £6500.

4.15 Red Oak Avenue- Parking Restriction- Doubled and Single Yellow Lines

Estimated cost: £5000

It has been requested that Officers examine options and considerations for Red Oak Avenue to design and implement safety measures to promote safety for pupils and other road users along the Red Oak Avenue. it is recommended to consider some measures for improvements. These could include to introduce ‘No Waiting’ between 8:00am-9:00am & 2:00pm- 4:00pm Mon-Fri on Red Oak Avenue and “No Waiting at Any Time” (double yellow lines) restriction around the junction of Peartree Bank. Therefore, having costed these items the estimated cost to make these changes is £5000.It is recommended that these be strongly considered for the improved safety of access to and from the school for pupils and parents.

4.16 The schemes are all outlined in brief above. More information can be requested from Officers on each scheme if necessary.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 That Barrow Local Committee agree the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.

5.2 Alternatively, the Barrow Local Committee may decide to not to approve, or decide to amend the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 If the Local Committee agree the recommendation to do the measures outlined under parts 4.6–4.13 and Local Committee agree then it would commit £25,000 to those schemes to be met through the devolved highways capital budget for annual package of measures 2022/2023.
- 6.2 Local Committee are asked to note that if it is decided to pursue the recommendations and the measures were to be implemented, future maintenance costs are estimated not to exceed £1000 in any one year would need to be met from within the Highways Revenue budget devolved to Local Committee for that year.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The recommendations in this report do not contain any legal implications however Local Committee could take decisions that could have future legal implications, which will be the subject of future reports.
- 7.2 When allocating and moving money between budgets, Local Committee must follow the rules set by the Council following its consideration of the “Draft Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Medium-Term Financial Plan (2022-2027) and Draft Capital Programme (2022-2027)” report (“the Report”) on 10 February 2022 and any such additional restrictions set by Cabinet and or Council regulating the use of such funds.
- 7.3 Local Committees may, pursuant to Part 2D, paragraph 5.1.2 (f), of the Constitution, agree and keep under review the implementation of, the highways revenue budget and capital programme for the local committee’s area to support the Council to carry out its statutory duty to maintain the highway in a safe condition as far as reasonably practicable.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report details the proposed programme of devolved highways capital works, under the Annual Package of Measures heading of Traffic Scheme Design for 2022/2023 and has taken full account of this Local Committee’s priorities.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Devolved Highways Capital APM budget allocations

Electoral Divisions: All

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

Highways budget allocation 2020/2021 on 6 March 2020

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No previous papers

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