

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE
Meeting date: 25 May 2022
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

2022/23 HIGHWAYS BUDGET / PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget finance reports, combined with the highways programme progress information, as detailed in the attached Appendices.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 Carlisle Committee's devolved 2022/23 Cash Limited Budget was determined by the County Council on 10 February 2022. The Local Committee can vire funding between budget lines during the financial year, subject to Corporate Policy and Service Standards. The Committee is not able to vire funding from Capital budgets into Revenue budgets.

2.2 The allocated Highways Revenue budget for 2022/23 is £1,691,332 (£1,438,010 plus an inflationary increase of £53,312) added to an additional £200,000 of pothole funding.

2.3 The allocated Devolved Highways Capital budget for 2022/23 is £2,465,000.

2.4 The Non-devolved Highways CAPITAL budget for 2022/23 is £1,809,000.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Local Committee note the various Highways Revenue budget allocations and headings shown in Appendix 1.

3.2 That Local Committee note the various Highways Capital budget allocations and headings shown in Appendix 2.

3.3 That Local Committee note the Highways programme progress information shown in Appendix 3.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The available highways REVENUE budget for 2022/23 is £1,691,332.
- 4.2 Works ordered against the highways revenue budget are delivered through a combination of the in-house workforce for Highway Maintenance, Lighting Maintenance and Drainage Maintenance and external contractors for Traffic Signals Maintenance, Verge Maintenance and Road Marking Maintenance.
- 4.3 The available devolved highways CAPITAL budget for 2022/23 is £2,465,000.

Works ordered against the devolved highways capital budget are delivered through a combination of in-house construction teams and external framework contractors, notably for machine-laid road surfacing work and surface dressing.

- 4.4 The NON-DEVOLVED highways capital budget for 22/23 is £1,809,000.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That Local Committee may vire revenue funding between revenue funded budget headings.
- 5.2 The Local Committee may vire devolved capital funding between devolved capital funded budget headings.
- 5.3 The Local Committee may not vire funding between revenue, devolved capital or (additional) devolved capital budgets.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Local Committee Highways budgets as indicated in Appendices 1 and 2 were approved by Council in February 2022.

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.
- 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.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 The Highways Budget allocations for 2022/23 will be used to maintain the highway network in the most cost-effective way.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – 2022/23 Highways Revenue Budget Allocation
- Appendix 2 – 2022/23 Highways Devolved Capital Budget Allocation
- Appendix 3 – 2022/23 Highways Devolved Capital Programme

Electoral Divisions: All

Executive Decision

Key Decision

If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

Yes		
	No	
		N/A
	No	
		N/A
	No	
	No	
	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

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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