

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND

Meeting date: 12th May 2022

From: Executive Director – *Economy and Infrastructure*

DIVISIONAL HIGHWAY PRIORITY WORKS 2022/2023

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This report is for the Divisional Highway Priority Works schemes to be funded via the devolved 2022 /2023 highway capital budget for South Lakeland. An allocation of £108,000 is proposed for approval allowing for £6,000 per division.*
- 1.2 *The Local Committee is asked to approve Appendix 1 as the scheme of works for 2022 / 2023.*
- 1.3 *Early identification and discussion with Officers is essential to aid delivery. Members are thanked for their engagement with identifying schemes in this year at the earliest opportunity.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *The allocation of funding to Member Division allows for consideration of divisional priorities enabling funding to meet local aspirations and relates directly to supporting delivery of Community Strategy and the following Council Plan priorities ;*
 - *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 promote health and wellbeing, and tackle poverty*
 - *To protect and enhance Cumbria's world class environment*
 - *To provide safe and well maintained roads and an effective transport network*

- ***To promote sustainable economic growth, and create jobs***
- ***To support older and vulnerable people to live independent and healthy lives***
- ***To be a modern and efficient council***

2.2 The Local Committee is able to vire funding between budget lines during the course of the financial year, subject to Corporate Policy and Service Standards. The Committee is not able to vire money from capital budgets into revenue budgets.

2.3 There are no equality implications contained in this report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Local Committee approves the current Divisional Highway Priorities Works Programme 2022 / 2023 (“the Programme”) set out in Appendix 1. An entry for new schemes is shown for each division as this is the first report for this financial year. (Note: New schemes or amendments are shown for the current year, which is coloured in blue, with **Bold and italic** font with a comment in red mostly indicating ‘new request’).

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The proposed budget allowed for £6,000 for each Division to be spent on capital highway related works enabling members to have a greater influence on small highway improvement priorities within their Division.

4.2 Appendix 1 to this report shows Divisional Highway Priorities with outstanding schemes from previous years at the top and new requests for allocation for 2022 / 2023 schemes highlighted below for each division. All outstanding schemes are being progressed to completion as quickly as possible and all enquiries should be directed to the Team Leader for Traffic Management in the first instance.

4.3 Members are asked to note that Traffic Regulation Orders generally take a minimum of 6-9 months to deliver depending on whether initial consultation is required.

4.4 There are currently 10 Traffic Regulation Order (TROs) outstanding to progress which have previously been agreed. Due to the time it takes to progress a TRO and capacity within the Traffic Team it is not possible to progress any further to conclusion in the coming financial year. It is recommended that divisions who have one of the outstanding TRO’s already agreed to be progressed, allocate funding to these schemes for the coming financial year. Any new requests for TRO’s can be considered however they may only be able to progress to the design or initial consultation stage before the end of March 2023. In these cases, it will be for consideration of the new authority and its members to decide whether these can be progressed further.

- 4.5 Members are asked to note that where a TRO forms a request for approval in Appendix 1 that there is agreement in principle of any such scheme and that there will be subsequent progression to statutory consultation and advertising of the relevant TRO. The outcome of any TRO following statutory consultation and advertising will be reported to the Local Committee for the required approval to implement the TRO in line with the County Council constitution.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Approve the recommendation in paragraphs 3.1.
- 5.2 Not approve, or approve in part the recommendation in paragraph 3.1.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 It is for Local Committee to allocate resources within the devolved Highways capital budget to specified programmes of Highways work. Any changes in allocation that Local Committee may agree should have regard to remaining within the overall Highways capital budget devolved to Local Committee.
- 6.2 It is requested to consider and allocation of the devolved Highways Capital budgets for 2022/23. The proposed allocations to be considered at the meeting include £108,000 for Divisional Highway Priority Capital Works 2022/2023. Appendix 1 gives details of new schemes up to the value of the proposed allocation of £108,000, for Local Committee to consider for inclusion in the 2022/23 programme of works, subject to the approval of the Divisional Highway Priority Capital Works 2022/23 allocation at that same meeting. (Recommendation 3.1).
- 6.3 Also shown in Appendix 1 are Divisional Highway Priority Works agreed in previous years but not yet expended as at 31 March 2022. The underspending brought forward from previous years on Divisional Highway Priority works is included within the overall net accelerated spend for devolved highways capital. (SR 3.5.2022)

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- .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. (KB – 27.4.2022)

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 Members are asked to note the requirement for early identification of scheme allocations, particularly for any future budget allocations, to allow effective programming and delivery of schemes.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Divisional Highway Priority Works 2022 / 2023

Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

None

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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