COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE	Paper No
Meeting date: 30th June 2010	
From: Corporate Director – Resources	**10(2)**

LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED BUDGET 2010-2011: MONITORING REPORT – HIGHWAYS BUDGET

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 ***This report presents the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Local Committee's Highways Revenue and Capital Budgets as at 31st May 2010.***

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 ***The Local Committee's 2010-11 proposed Cash Limited Budget was informed to County Council on 18th February 2010. 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.***

2.2 ***The original Highways revenue budget, including Highways Stewards, is £3,072,500.***

2.3 ***The original Capital allocation is £2,914,000 for non-principal roads. The Ring-fenced Column Replacement has an original allocation of £205,000.***

2.4 ***The original budget for the Annual Package of Measures (APM) Capital is £176,000.***

2.5 ***The carry forward of Local Committee balances from 2009-10 into 2010-11 are being presented for approval at 24th June 2010 County Council meeting. The outcome of this decision will be advised to Local Committee as soon as possible after this date. The Appendices attached to this report assume that Local Committee balances are carried forward. The carry forward balances include any expenditure on flood related work.***

2.6 ***It has been anticipated that flood related costs will be reimbursed through the Council reserves, Bellwin Emergency payments scheme,***

and Department of Transport Emergency Capital Grant. Outstanding payments to be refunded are highlighted in the report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

3.1 ***Note the budget allocations for 2010-11 and the expenditure recorded to date;***

3.2 ***Note that the Revenue budget currently has a projected overspent balance of £167,881 which includes flood costs brought forward from 0910 of £342,099. Should flooding costs be reimbursed in full there would be an unallocated balance of £174,218;***

3.3 ***Note that the Highways Stewards Budget has a projected overspend of £5,951;***

3.4 ***Note the NPRN budget is showing a projected overspend of £159,538, which includes flood costs of £792,451. Should flooding costs be reimbursed in full there would be an unallocated balance of £632,913;***

3.5 ***Note the APM is showing a projected unallocated balance of £15,898.***

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The attached appendices give details of budget allocations by project and expenditure to date.

4.2 The Highways revenue flooding spend brought forward from 2009-10 is £342,099. Cabinet have indicated that, resources permitting, it is the intention that this balance is covered from Council reserves or the Emergency Bellwin claim received. The final decision on this will be part of the Council review of Final Accounts on 24 June 2010.

4.3 In respect of Highways NPRN capital a grant is to be claimed from the Department of Transport for Emergency Capital Highways Maintenance Flood Damage. Subject to fulfilling the specified criteria, it is anticipated that the full value of costs identified as flood related will be recovered from this grant. This grant has been agreed in principle, however as nothing is as yet claimed or received and settlement could still be affected by Government expenditure review.

4.4 The APM budget is showing a projected net underspend made up of over and underspends that have been brought forward from the last financial year. This will settle down in due course as there are some accruals which have still yet to be balanced off within the finance system. It may be necessary to adjust the programme to meet the need of the unfinished schemes from last year.

The Area Engineer will be happy to go into detail at this meeting if required.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 This report is to note only.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The recommendations in this report are for noting.

6.2 It is anticipated that any claims outstanding will be refunded within this financial year. Should any claims be disallowed Local Committee will need to consider how it can

6.3 Any adjustments suggested for the programme to meet the needs of any overspend brought forward will be brought to the committee as soon as is practically possible.

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.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 Projected overspends in both the Revenue and Capital budgets are directly related to the November 2009 flood related costs. It is anticipated that these costs will be recovered form Council reserves, Bellwin payments, or capital grants.

8.2 Any adjustments to the programme required to address these over/underspends will be brought to the Local Committee as soon as possible.

Phil Healy
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19h June 2010

APPENDICES
Appendix A(2) Summary of Allerdale Local Committee Highways Budget 2010-11
Appendices F-I Detail of Individual Highways and Capital Budgets

IMPLICATIONS

Staffing:	None
Financial:	As detailed in the report
Property:	None
Electoral Division(s):	All Allerdale

Executive Decision	**Yes**	
Key Decision		**No**

If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?			**N/A**
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?		**No**	
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?			**N/A**
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.		**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 the Head of Member Services has obtained the necessary approvals.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS
County Council 18th February 2010: Agenda Item 19: Revenue Budget, County Precept and Council Tax

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