

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND
Meeting date: 29th January 2020
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

2019/20 HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED REVENUE AND CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report presents the Highways Revenue and Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget finance reports and updates members as to current progress on these budget lines as detailed in the attached appendices.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *The County Council met in February 2019 to agree the capital and revenue budget allocations to all Local Committees for the devolved highway maintenance budget.*

2.2 *Effective and efficient maintenance of the highway network underpins all of the County Council's corporate strategies.*

2.3 *There are no equality implications arising out of this report.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *That Local Committee note the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2019/20 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to the end of December 2019 and shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 3.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The attached appendices give details of budget and expenditure to the end of December 2019.

4.2 The Highways Revenue allocation is showing, at the end of December 2019, expenditure of £965,302 against a budget of £1,128,350 for 2019/20, which

has been adjusted to take into account the overspend brought forward from 2018/19 of £23,650. Forecast outturn figures currently indicate an overspend of £57,458. As previously reported to Members, this projected overspend is partly due to verge maintenance invoices for 2017/18 and 2018/19 that have now been agreed with South Lakeland District Council for the works their contractors have undertaken on the urban highway verge maintenance and have been paid from the 2019/20 revenue allocation. The brought forward overspend from 2018/19 accounts for the majority of the remaining forecast overspend for 2019/20. Appendix 1 to this report details spend against revenue lines at the end of December 2019.

- 4.3 The Highways Devolved Capital Budget is showing, at the end of December 2019 expenditure of £3,690,691 against a budget allocation of £3,768,396 for 2019/20 which has been adjusted to take into account the brought forward accelerated from 2018/19 of £291,207. Forecast outturn figures currently indicate an accelerated spend of £322,585. This level of projected accelerated spend has only been achieved by placing some carriageway resurfacing schemes on hold as previously advised to Members. Appendix 2 to this report details spend against devolved capital budget lines at the end of December 2019.
- 4.4 The Highways Non-Devolved Capital Budget is showing, at end of December 2019 expenditure of £2,191,585 against a budget allocation of £2,524,019. Currently an underspend of £27,380 is forecast against this budget. The Non-Devolved Capital Budget is being managed centrally. Appendix 3 to this report details spend against budget lines at the end of December 2019.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 This Committee may decide to vire money between devolved Highways budget headings. The Committee is not able to vire money from capital budgets into revenue budgets.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Appendices 1 to 3 show the position as at end of December 2019 for the devolved revenue, devolved capital and non-devolved capital highways budgets.
- 6.2 It is for Local Committee to allocate resources within the devolved revenue and devolved capital budgets to specified programmes of Highways work (paragraph 5.1). Any changes in allocation that Local Committee may agree should have regard to remaining within the overall revenue and capital budgets devolved to Local Committee. (NG 16/01/20)

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Local Committee is authorised to accept the recommendations. (PS 17.1.20)

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 At this stage, the Devolved Highways Revenue budget and the Devolved Highways Capital budget are currently forecasting overspends. The service will be working to reduce these projected overspends.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Devolved Highways Revenue Budget to the end of December 2019

Appendix 2 – Devolved Highways Capital Budget to the end of December 2019

Appendix 3 – Non-Devolved Highways Capital Budget to the end of December 2019

Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

** Please remove whichever option is not applicable*

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PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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