

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND
Meeting date: 23rd September 2020
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

2020/21 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 2020 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 2020/21 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to the end of July 2020 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 July 2020.

4.2 The Highways Revenue allocation is showing, at the end of July 2020, expenditure of £911,950 against a budget of £1,174,350 for 2020/21, which has been adjusted to take into account the brought forward accelerated

spend from 2019/20 of £21,023. Forecast outturn figures currently indicate an overspend of £2,212. The expenditure to date figure may appear to be high. This is due to a change in the way operational staff time and vehicles are charged. These charges are now allocated and charged at the start of the financial year with a quarterly review for any material change of plan, rather than charged throughout the year. The only remaining charges therefore are for materials and contractor costs. Appendix 1 to this report details spend against revenue lines at the end of July 2020.

4.3 The Highways Devolved Capital Budget is showing, at the end of July 2020 expenditure of £1,599,037 against budget allocation of £4,061,814 for 2020/21 which has been adjusted to take into account the brought forward accelerated spend from 2019/20. Forecast outturn figures currently indicate an accelerated spend of £7,196. Appendix 2 to this report details spend against devolved capital budget lines at the end of July 2020.

4.4 The Highways Non-Devolved Capital Budget is showing, at end of July 2020 expenditure of £2,093,387 against a budget allocation of £6,048,617. Currently an overspend of £205,404 is forecast against this budget. The majority of this overspend is due to 5 projects. The 3 highways projects that have been delivered on the A591 at Rydal, the A5074 Lyth Valley Road and the A595 at Beanthwaite have incurred additional costs as a result of additional works being undertaken on site and night working enhancements. The Seathwaite Bridge project is expected to incur additional costs due to additional bridge strengthening works that have been identified during the site survey. The Broadfield retaining wall project will also include additional works as a greater length of embankment requires a retaining wall than previously identified. The Non-Devolved Capital Budget is being managed centrally. Appendix 3 to this report details spend against budget lines at the end of July 2020.

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 July 2020 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 subject to Corporate Policy and Service Standards (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 - 04 09 20)

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Local Committee is authorised to accept the recommendations. (KC – 02.09.2020)

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 At this stage, the Devolved Highways Revenue budget, the Devolved Highways Capital Budget and the Non 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 July 2020

Appendix 2 – Devolved Highways Capital Budget to the end of July 2020

Appendix 3 – Non-Devolved Highways Capital Budget to the end of July 2020

Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

** Please remove whichever option is not applicable*

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

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]*

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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