LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED BUDGET 2013-2014
MONITORING REPORT – COMMUNITIES BUDGET

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents the actual expenditure and commitments recorded against the Local Committee’s Communities Budget as at 28th February 2014.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 The Local Committee’s 2013-14 proposed Cash Limited Budget was informed to County Council on 14th February 2013. 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 carry forwards of Local Committee balances from 2012-13 into 2013-14 were approved at 27th June 2013 County Council meeting.

2.3 The original Local Committee Revenue budget is £646,335. This is increased by carry forward balances of £297,566 to give a spending limit of £943,901.

2.4 The Local Committee Local Member Capital Schemes has carry forward balances from 2012-13 of £26,328 to be spent in the current financial year.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Note the budget allocations for 2013-14 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date;

3.2 Note the unallocated resources in the Communities Revenue budgets of £207,210;
3.3 Note the balanced budget projected for Local Member Capital Schemes.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The report updates Members on the Local Committee’s Communities budgets for the 2013-14 financial year which are summarised in Appendix A to the report.

4.2 Of the total Communities revenue budget allocated to Local Committee £246,007 was allocated as discretionary revenue budget, £220,328 earmarked to specific activities, and £180,000 to Local Member Schemes.

4.3 Local Committee allocated its discretionary budget as detailed at Appendix A. Appendix A provides a summary of individual budget lines and the committed and unallocated budget remaining.

4.4 Appendices B through L provides detail against individual budget lines, including original allocation, brought forward balances, commitments and expenditure to date.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 The Local Committee may decide to vire money between budget headings or decide not to, in line with Corporate Policy and Service Standards. The Local committee is not able to vire money from Capital Budgets into Revenue budgets.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Local Committee could take decisions that would commit existing budgets against future expenditure.

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 The Local Committee’s Communities Revenue Budget has an unallocated balance of £207,210 as at 28th February 2014.

8.2 The Local Committee’s Communities Capital Budget brought forward balances are expected to be fully spent at the end of the year as at 28th February 2014.
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APPENDICES

Appendices A: Summary of 2013-14 Communities Devolved Budget.
Appendices B-L: Details of 2013-14 Community Devolved Budget
Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

Executive Decision

Key Decision

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? No

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken? No

Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken? 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
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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