MEMBERS HIGHWAYS PRIORITY WORKS 2013/2014

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report asks Members to approve Members Highways Priority Works schemes to be funded via devolved 2013/14 highway budgets for South Lakeland.

1.2 Members are asked to note that any new schemes identified will now need to be listed for consideration of budgets in a future financial year as the works programme shows that there is not any capacity for any new schemes of works which can be delivered in 2013/14.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 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 There are no equality implications contained in this report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Local Committee approves commitments for Kendal Castle, Kendal Highgate and Upper Kent divisions and notes the current Divisional Highways Priorities Works Programme 2013/2014 as set out in Appendix 1.
4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 At its meeting on 15 March 2013, the Local Committee approved a programme of Divisional Highway Priority Works. The programme allows £6,000 for each Division which is to be spent on highway related works. This funding is expected to enable members to have a greater influence on the priority of works within their Division. Highways Working Group has also previously recommended that unspent balances from 2012/13 be carried forward.

4.2 Programme requests received to date are shown in Appendix 1.

4.3 There are several Divisions where there is shown to be funding unallocated. Traffic Management Schemes are not able to be identified.

4.4 It is requested to note that Members are encouraged to identify their highways priority works requests up to the limit of the available funding for approval as early as possible. For 2014/15 allocations it is requested that schemes are identified for approval by July Local Committee Meeting, so as to allow time for scheme delivery.

4.5 Any allocation of funding left uncommitted is required to offset overspends across the Members Highway Priorities allocations which arisen throughout the financial year due to staff time allocation and unforeseen works costs. It is requested that members consider not carrying over any under spends which can result in overinflated budgets.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 The Local Committee are asked to approve the amended list of Members Highways Priority Schemes shown in Appendix 1.

5.2 It is requested that members note requests for identification of schemes for a future year allocation as early as possible and the option that any unallocated budget is not carried forward but offset small overspends on previous year carryover.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Funding for the Divisional Highways Priority Works Programme has been allocated in the Local Committee’s devolved highways capital programme for 2013/2014.

6.2 Appendix 1 shows allocation of £112,847 to the specific member programme schemes.

6.3 An unallocated budget of £9,827 is shown.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no legal implications to this report
8.0 **CONCLUSION**

8.1 Members are requested to approve scheme commitments for Kendal Castle, Kendal Highgate and Upper Kent Divisions and note the request for early identification of future year allocations to allow prompt delivery of schemes.

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**APPENDICES**

*Appendix 1*  
Members Highways Priority Works Programme 2013/2014

**Electoral Division(s):** All South Lakeland

- **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?** No
- **Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?** Yes*  
**If so, give details below.**
- **Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?** N/A
- **Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?** N/A

*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]*

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CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

*Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.*

BACKGROUND PAPERS

*No background papers.*

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