LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED BUDGET 2013-2014
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 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 Highways revenue budget is £2,096,111. This is decreased by carry forward overspend balances of £37,874 to give a spending limit of £2,058,237.

2.4 The original Highways Capital Budget is £4,238,000. This is decreased by carry forwards of £21,000 to give a spending limit of £4,217,000.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

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

3.2 Note the Highways Revenue budget is currently projecting an overspend at this stage of the financial year;

3.3 Note the Highways Capital budget is currently projecting an overspend at this stage of the financial year.
4.0 **BACKGROUND**

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

4.2 The Highways Revenue budget is currently projecting an overspend of £259,271 which equates to 12.6%. A significant portion of this projected overspend is due to storm damage and additional works due to flooding.

4.3 The Highways Capital Budget is currently projecting an overspend of £139,979. This is an increase of £17.5k on the previous report’s projection. The majority of the overspend is in Minor Structural Maintenance Drainage, which has a £100k projected overspend. The Highways and Transport manager has reduced spend on some schemes to compensate for other schemes going over to bring the budget back into line.

4.4 The Highways & Transport Manager is looking at options to bring the spending in line with the allocated budget for the financial year, and any agreed actions will be incorporated into the final outturn for the financial year.

4.5 The Highways & Transport Manager will be happy to answer any questions that you may have on the details of this budget.

5.0 **OPTIONS**

5.1 The Local Committee may decide to vire money between budget headings or decide not to. Noting that 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 Revenue budget and Capital Highways budgets are currently projecting overspends as at 28th February 2014.

*Sue Hill*

*Finance Manager*

*14th March 2014*
APPENDICES

Appendix A(2), G&H Details of South Lakeland Local Committee
Highways Budget 2013-14

Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

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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 SCRUTINITY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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