

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKES

Meeting date: 4 April 2011

From: Corporate Director – Resources

LOCAL COMMITTEE DEVOLVED BUDGET 2010-2011: 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 2011.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *The Local Committee's 2010-11 proposed Cash Limited Budget was informed to County Council on 18th February 2010. 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 forward of Local Committee balances from 2009-10 into 2010-11 were presented for approval at 24th June 2010 County Council meeting. All Local Committee Highways balances were approved for carry forward.*
- 2.3 *The original Highways revenue budget, including Highways Stewards and Detrunked Roads is £3,387,250. This is increased by carry forward balances of £83,312, virements of £162,874 from General Provision to give a spending limit of £3,633,436.*
- 2.4 *The original Capital allocation is £3,090,000 for non-principal road; this has been increased by carry forward balances of £287,682 to give a spending limit of £3,377,682. The Ring-fenced Column Replacement has an original allocation of £153,000; this is reduced by carry forward balances of £4,019 to give a spending limit of £148,981.*
- 2.5 *The original budget for the Annual Package of Measures (APM) Capital is £218,000. This is increased by carry forward balances of £155,475 and a virement of £1,622 from School Crossing patrols and reduced by*

£83,000 in relation to APM grant reductions to give a spending limit of £292,097.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- 3.1 ***Note the budget allocations for 2010-11 and the expenditure recorded to date;***
- 3.2 ***Note that the Revenue budget including Highway Stewards and Members Works currently has a projected overspend of £4,467;***
- 3.3 ***Note the NPRN budget is showing a projected overspend of £10,497;***
- 3.4 ***Note the APM budget is showing a projected underspend of £58,933;***

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 showing a projected overspend of £4,467. This is due to an increase in spending on Better Highways and Minor Carriageway Repairs though these are being partially offset by a saving in energy expenditure. The Area Engineer is looking at ways to bring the budget into balance.
- 4.3 The NPRN budget is currently showing a projected overspend of £10,497. It should be noted that the Ring-Fenced Column Replacement budget is due to underspend by £119,286, which mean the rest of the NPRN budget is over spending by £129,783. The majority of this is due at the present to the Surface Dressing work. Part of this contract includes a clause allowing an increase due to the fluctuating price of bitumen. The worst case scenario is that the increase will be £118,000 though this is currently being reviewed centrally.
- 4.4 The APM budget is currently showing a projected underspend of £58,933. The main element of the increase from last month is the Staveley Footpath scheme, which was scheduled for March 2011, has been delayed and will not happen in 2010/11.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 This report is to note only.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The recommendations in this report are for noting.
- 6.2 The recommendations in this report do not contain any resource and value for money implications. 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 Highways Revenue budget is showing a projected overspend of £4,467. The Capital Budget NPRN is showing a projected overspend of £10,497. The Column replacement budget which is ring-fenced is due to underspend by £119,286, with the rest of the NPRN budget overspending by £129,783. The Capital budget APM is showing a projected underspend of £58,933, the majority of the increased underspend is due to the Staveley Footpath scheme nor being completed in 2010/11.

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23rd March 2011

APPENDICES

Appendix A(2) Summary of South Lakes Local Committee Highways Budget 2010-11

Appendices F-H Detail of Individual Highways and Capital Budgets

IMPLICATIONS

Staffing: None
Financial: As detailed in the report
Property: None
Electoral Division(s): All South Lakes
Executive Decision

Yes	
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Key Decision

	No
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

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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 the Head of Member Services has obtained the necessary approvals.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

County Council 18th February 2010: Agenda Item 19: Revenue Budget, County Precept and Council Tax

County Council 24th June 2010 Agenda Item (10) Carry Forward Balances

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