

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN
Meeting date: 17 January 2018
From: Corporate Director – Economy and Highways

2017/18 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report presents the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget finance reports, combined with the highways programme progress information, as detailed in the attached appendices.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *This Committee's devolved 2017/18 Cash Limited Budget was determined by the County Council on 16 February 2017. 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 funding from capital budgets into revenue budgets.*

The original Devolved Highways Revenue budget is £746,009.

The original Non-Devolved Capital budget is £1,981,440

The original Devolved Highways Capital budget is £4,388,000.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *That Local Committee note the report.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The original Highways Revenue budget allocation for 2017/18 is £746,009. Year to date actual spend and comments on programme progress are shown in Appendix 1.

Works ordered against the revenue budget are delivered through a combination of the in-house workforce for Better Highways, Street Lighting and Appleby Fair activities, and external contractors for drainage cleansing, verge maintenance, road markings and traffic signals maintenance.

- 4.2 The original Devolved Highways Capital budget allocation for 2017/18 is 4,388,000. Forecast outturn figures and comments on programme progress are shown in Appendix 2.

Works ordered against the devolved highways capital programme are delivered through a combination of in-house construction teams and external framework contractors, notably for machine-laid road surfacing work and surface dressing.

- 4.3 Part of the highways capital programme uses budgets which are not devolved to this committee. These programmes include works on the Principal Road Network, Engineering Safety Schemes, and Bridges and Structures, shown in Appendix 3, 4 and 5.
- 4.4 The Infrastructure Recovery Fund (IRP) programme for 2017/18 is funded from DfT and is a three year programme, currently in its second year the estimated total spend in Eden is £11 million. The programme for 2016/19 is shown in Appendix 6.
- 4.5 The Countryside Access Team are working on delivering a programme of work on footpaths and bridges to repair damage caused by Storm Desmond in 2015.

The programme involves working with landowners, communities, partner organisations and user groups to maximise funding and in-kind support. Proposed schemes within Eden are shown in Appendix 7 and are dependent on available funding.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 This Committee may decide to vire money between 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 The Local Committee Highways budgets as indicated were approved by Council in February 2017. It is for Local Committee to allocate resources to specified programmes of work.
- 6.2 The Highways Revenue budget is forecast to be overspent by £28,298 as shown in Appendix 1.
- 6.3 The Highways Devolved Capital budget is forecast to have accelerated spend of £137,919 as shown in Appendix 2.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This Report is for information purposes only so there are no direct legal implications.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The devolved Highways Revenue budget is currently forecasting an overspend position at year end, due mainly to a carried forward of expenditure from 16/17.
- 8.2 The devolved Highways Capital budget is currently forecasting an overspend due to accelerated spend carried forward from 16/17.
- 8.3 It is expected that the full programme of capital works will be delivered by the end of the financial year.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Devolved Highways Revenue Budget to end of December 2017

Appendix 2 – Devolved Highways Capital Budget to end of December 2017

Appendix 3 – PRN Programme to end of March 2018

Appendix 4 – Engineering Safety Schemes to end of March 2018

Appendix 5 – Bridges & Structures Programme to end of March 2018

Appendix 6- IRP to end of March 2019

Appendix 7(a) - Public Rights of Way; Bridge Flood Damage

Appendix 7(b) - Public Rights of Way; Footpath Flood Damage

Electoral Divisions: All

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