

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE
Meeting date: 9 January 2019
From: Acting Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

2018/19 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 2018/19 Cash Limited Budget was determined by the County Council on 1 February 2018. 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.

2.2 The allocated Highways Revenue budget for 2018/19 is £1,366,694. The available budget has however been reduced by £17,581 due to a £17,581 overspend in 2017/18.

The available Highways REVENUE budget for 2018/19 is therefore £1,349,113.

2.3 The allocated Devolved Highways CAPITAL (Basic) budget for 2018/19 is £3,197,900. The available budget has however been increased by £51,367 due to a £51,367 underspend in the 2017/18 (Basic) and decreased by £10,343 due to a £10,343 overspend in the 2017/18 (Additional)

The available Devolved Highways CAPITAL budget for 2018/19 is therefore £3,238,924.

2.4 The Non-devolved Highways Capital budget for 2018/19 is £2,490,184.

2.5 The Non-Devolved Additional Highway Maintenance Budget (PRN) for 2018/19 is £495,000.

2.6 The Non-Devolved Additional Highway Maintenance Budget (NPRN) for 2018/19 is £1,447,000.

3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 *That Local Committee note the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2018/19 and the commitments and expenditure recorded in Appendices 1, 2 and 3.*
- 3.2 *That Local Committee note the programme progress information shown in Appendices 1 and 2.*
- 3.3 *That Local Committee note the Highways Revenue budget has been split use against various budget headings.*
- 3.4 *That Local Committee note the additional local transport capital budget allocations for 2018/19, the commitments, expenditure and the programme progress information recorded in Appendices 4 and 5.*

4.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The available highways **Revenue** budget for 2018/19 is £1,349,113. Forecast outturn figures and comments on programme progress are shown in **Appendix 1**.

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

- 4.2 The available devolved highways **Capital** budget for 2018/19 is £3,238,924. Forecast outturn figures and comments on programme progress are shown in **Appendix 2**.

Works ordered against the devolved highways capital budget 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 The **Non-devolved** highways Capital programme for 2018/19 is £2,490,184. Forecast outturn figures and comments on programme progress are shown in **Appendix 3**.

Works ordered against the non-devolved highways capital programme includes works on the Principal Road Network, Engineering Safety Schemes, Priority Transport Improvement Schemes, Bridges and Structures, National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) and the Infrastructure Recovery Programme (IRP).

- 4.4 The **Additional Local Transport Capital** has been allocated using the highways maintenance funding formula and is for the repair of roads (including potholes), bridges and local highways infrastructure generally.
- 4.5 The funding has been allocated in consistent approach across the County and in line with our service procedures. All works have received an assessment by the County Council Technical Assurance Team.
- 4.6 The **Additional Local Transport Capital (PRN)** programme for 2018/19 is £495,000. Forecast outturn figures and comments on programme progress are shown in **Appendix 4**.

- 4.7 The **Additional Local Transport Capital (NPRN)** programme for 2018/19 is £1,447,000. Forecast outturn figures and comments on programme progress are shown in **Appendix 5**.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Committee may vire devolved funding between budget headings.
- 5.2 The Committee may not vire money from capital budgets into the 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 2018. It is for Local Committee to allocate resources to specified programmes of work.
- 6.2 The Highways Revenue budget is not forecasting any underspend or overspend during the current financial year.
- 6.3 The Devolved Highways Capital budget is forecasting an underspend of £31,001 during the current financial year.

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.
- 7.2 When allocating and moving money between budgets Local Committee must do so in accordance with the financial standing orders and follow the rules set by Council following its consideration of the “Revenue Budget 2018/19 and Medium Term Financial Plan (2018/19-2021/22) and Draft Capital Programme (2018-2023)” report (the Report) on 01 February 2018 and any such additional restrictions set by Cabinet and/or Council regulating the use of such funds. Paragraph 106 of the Report provides that Highways revenue allocations must be spent on highways activities.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The highways revenue budget is not forecasting any underspend or overspend during the current financial year.
- 8.2 The devolved highways capital budget is forecasting a £31,001 underspend during the 2018/19 financial year.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Highways Revenue Report
- Appendix 2 – Devolved Highways Capital Report
- Appendix 3 – Non-Devolved Highways Capital Report
- Appendix 4 – Non-Devolved Additional Local Transport Capital (PRN)
- Appendix 5 – Non-Devolved Additional Local Transport Capital (NPRN)

Electoral Divisions: All

Executive Decision

Key Decision

If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

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

If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

Yes		
	No	
		N/A
	No	
		N/A
	No	
	No	
	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

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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