

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW
Meeting date: 6 March 2020
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

PROPOSED HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020-21

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *Members of the Local Committee are asked to approve the proposed devolved highways capital and revenue programme 2020/21 including prioritised lists of schemes, which will form the basis of the Local Committee's devolved highways capital and Revenue programme for 2020/21 and provide a core programme for future years subject to annual review. The devolved capital allocation for 2020/21 is £1,411,402. The devolved Revenue allocation for 2020/21 is £782,608.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *This report supports the aims and objectives aims of the Council Plan, Corporate Strategy and Highways Strategy through the efficient planning and delivery of the Highways and Transport Programme in the Barrow area.*

2.2 *The Programme complies with the Strategic Equality Assessments for the Highways and Transport Service. Individual schemes will be assessed against equality criteria as appropriate.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *That Local Committee approve the proposed devolved highways capital and revenue programmes for 2020/21 set out in the Appendices to this report.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report makes recommendations for the Local Committee's devolved highways capital and revenue programme 2020/21, this report includes prioritised lists of schemes, which will form the basis of the Local Committee's devolved highways capital and revenue programme for 2020/21 and provide a core programme for the next three years, subject to a review. The total allocation for the devolved capital budget 2020/21 is £1,411,403. For revenue the devolved budget is £782,608.
- 4.2 This Local Committee's original anticipated devolved highways capital allocation for the Non Principal Road Network 2020/21 was £1,177,000. This has now increased to £1,323,034 an increase of £146,034. This difference is to be placed in holding budget code and will be subject of a future report to come before the local committee. For 2020/21 the £88,368 Pot Hole Fund Allocation for Barrow has also been devolved to Local Committee. The total devolved capital allocation 2020/21 is £1,411,402 comprising £1,323,034 for the Non Principal Road Network and £88,368 from the Pothole Fund.
- 4.3 The Local Committee's devolved revenue allocation for 2020/21 is £782,608 this is an increase of £28,388 on last year. The proposed devolved highways revenue budget is set out in Appendix 1
- 4.4 Within this allocation scope has again been made to undertake a weed spraying programme in the Summer of 2020/21 as there is no additional funding for this within the budget allocation. Lines have adjusted to make funding available as members see this as a valuable service across the Borough .
- 4.5 The summary of the recommended devolved capital budget for 2020/21 is shown at Appendix 2.
- 4.6 This programme is intended to maintain and improve the condition of the Non-Principal Road Network (NPRN), including:
- (a) Carriageway, drainage and surface treatment schemes;
 - (b) Footway and cycleway schemes,
 - (c) Minor structural maintenance works to support the work of the Better Highways Teams comprising programmed works for permanent repairs that enhance the life of the highway asset.
 - (d) Road lighting column replacement works.
- 4.7 As in previous programmes of NPRN work, it is intended to continue with extensive carriageway patching and surfacing treatment work as a priority, to invest in a greater proportion of the network utilising the available funding and seal previously patched carriageways against deterioration due to weathering and the ingress of surface water. Where appropriate, microasphalt will be used for surface treatment in urban areas. The full list of proposed allocations for 2021/22 is shown in Appendix 3. Defective areas of carriageway on these sites will be prepared during 2020/21 from the Pre Surface Dressing patching budget. This preparatory work includes hand patching, machine inlay and overlays and essential drainage work.

- 4.8 The proposed list of carriageway and footway structural maintenance schemes set out in Appendix 3 has been developed from local knowledge, condition surveys and Member and customer reports and has been prioritised in accordance with the Priority Assessed Schemes scoring system.
- 4.9 The road lighting column replacement budget will be targeted at columns and underground cable networks in poor condition requiring replacement, but we will also continue to look at replacing the most “energy inefficient” lanterns with more efficient LED lanterns which are not only more energy efficient but which need much fewer routine maintenance visits.

Annual Package of Measures Programme (APM)

- 4.10 This programme is for small highway improvement schemes (estimated cost less than £50,000), that will assist delivery of the County Council’s wider transport objectives set out in the Cumbria Local Transport Plan.
- 4.11 Such schemes can be broadly classified as follows, though many schemes will target more than one of the various classifications, i.e.:
- (a) Public transport infrastructure schemes e.g. bus stop improvements; bus shelter grants to Parish and District Councils or bus priority measures.
 - (b) Local safety schemes i.e. schemes that will contribute to the County Councils objectives of improving road safety and reducing injuries caused by road traffic collisions.
 - (c) Walking and cycling schemes i.e. safer road crossings; new footways or cycle facilities, footway widening schemes, dropped kerbs to improve accessibility, removal of barriers to walking and cycling etc.
 - (d) Traffic management and traffic calming schemes, including traffic regulation orders, road widening, provision of passing spaces, etc.
- 4.12 The prioritised list of schemes shown at Appendix 3 has been developed from requests and discussions and comprises schemes for delivery and schemes for preparatory design to confirm deliverability and cost prior to consideration for implementation in future years.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members may approve the Proposed Highways Devolved Capital and Revenue Programme of Works for 2020/21 or
- 5.2 Members may suggest changes to the proposed programmes, however, it should be noted the overall budgets cannot be changed.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 At its meeting on 13 February 2020 Council agreed non principal road highways budgets for 2019/20 devolved to Barrow Local Committee.
- 6.2 Revenue £782,608 including an inflationary increase of £28,388.
- 6.3 Capital £1,411,402 comprising £1,323,034 for the Non Principal Road Network and £88,368 from the Pothole Fund.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

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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 SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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