

<b>COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND</b>
<b>Meeting date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>
<b>From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure</b>

## **2021/22 HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED REVENUE AND CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT**

### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 *This report presents the Highways Devolved Revenue and Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget finance reports and updates members as to current progress on these budget lines as detailed in the attached appendices.*

### **2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 2.1 *The County Council met in February 2021 to agree the devolved capital and revenue budget allocations to all Local Committees for the devolved highway maintenance budget.*
- 2.2 *Effective and efficient maintenance of the highway network underpins all of the County Council's corporate strategies.*
- 2.3 *There are no equality implications arising out of this report.*

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 *That Local Committee note the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2021/22 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to the end of August 2021 and shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 3.*

### **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The attached appendices give details of budget and expenditure to the end of August 2021.
- 4.2 The Highways Revenue allocation is showing, at the end of August 2021, expenditure of £89,669 against a latest budget of £1,193,114 for 2021/22. Forecast outturn figures currently indicate a small overspend of £10,727.

This is due to spend on weed spraying, cleansing and street lighting and traffic signs being ahead of profile. The service will review works going forward to reduce this forecast overspend. Members will note that the expenditure to date figure is low. This is because the top slicing figure for operational and technical staff time and operation plant had not been agreed for the 2021/22 financial year by the end of August. These figures should be adjusted prior to the next Local Committee meeting and financial update report. Appendix 1 to this report details spend against revenue lines at the end of August 2021.

- 4.3 The Highways Devolved Capital Budget is showing, at the end of August 2021 expenditure of £1,362,094 against a budget allocation of £6,856,000 for 2021/22. Forecast outturn figures currently indicate an underspend of £175,234 due to the surface dressing operations and the resurfacing of Green Lane, Old Town being undertaken for less than the budget estimate. Schemes at Church Walk, Flookburgh and Hampsfell Road, Grange are also now expected to be delivered below the original estimate. Again, the actual expenditure to date figure appears to be low as the top slicing figure for operational and technical staff time and operation plant had not been agreed for the 2021/22 financial year by the end of August. Once this figure is confirmed consideration can be given to accelerating schemes from future draft programmes of work. Appendix 2 to this report details spend against budget lines at the end of August 2021.
- 4.4 The Highways Non-Devolved Capital Budget is showing, at end of August 2021 an expenditure of £2,068,346 against a budget allocation of £5,502,454. Currently an overspend of £190,203 is forecast against this budget essentially due to forecast increased spend within Bridges and Structures budget. The Non-Devolved Capital Budget is being managed centrally. Appendix 3 to this report details spend against budget lines at the end of August 2021.

## 5 OPTIONS

- 5.1 This Committee may decide to vire money between devolved Highways budget headings. The Committee is not able to vire money from capital budgets into revenue budgets.

## 6 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Appendices 1 to 3 show the position as at end of August 2021 for the devolved revenue, devolved capital and non-devolved capital highways budgets.
- 6.2 It is for Local Committee to allocate resources within the devolved revenue and devolved capital budgets to specified programmes of Highways work subject to Corporate Policy and Service Standards (paragraph 5.1 and appendixes 1 and 2). Any changes in allocation that Local Committee may agree should have regard to remaining within the overall revenue and capital budgets devolved to Local Committee. **(NG)**

## 7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. ***The Local Committee is asked to note the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2021/22 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to the end of August 2021 and shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 3. (PS 3.9.21)***

## 8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 At this stage, the Devolved Highways Revenue budget and the Non Devolved Highways Capital Budget are currently forecasting overspends. The service will be working to reduce these projected overspends. The Devolved Capital Budget is currently showing an underspend and consideration can be given to accelerating schemes from the draft programme once the top slicing figures for 2021/22 have been confirmed.

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## APPENDICES

**Appendix 1 – Devolved Highways Revenue Budget to the end of August 2021**

**Appendix 2 – Devolved Highways Capital Budget to the end of August 2021**

**Appendix 3 – Non-Devolved Highways Capital Budget to the end of August 2021**

Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

*\* Please remove whichever option is not applicable*

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