

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN
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Meeting date: 31st March 2022

From: Economy and Infrastructure

HIGHWAYS NON- DEVOLVED CAPITAL PROGRAMME EDEN 2022/23

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This report is for information only and advises members of the County Council's Draft Highways Non-Devolved Capital programme in Eden for 2022/23.*
- 1.2 **The County Council's overall highways capital budget for 2022/23 has not yet been confirmed by County Council but for the purposes of this report the budget has been estimated to be the same as 2021/22**

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *The Transport Capital Programme is the key mechanism for delivering the Council's Local Transport Plan policies. The programme contributes to all the Council objectives and the management and improvement of the highway network affects all Cumbria's resident and visitors every day.*
- 2.2 *Design processes and scheme details will reflect the County Council's policies for equality and diversity.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *That the Draft Highways Non-Devolved Capital programme in Eden for 2022/23 be noted as detailed in this report and in the attached Appendices 1, 2 and 3*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 *Cumbria's Transport Capital Programme is a package of highways and transport capital works that have been identified, proposed, prioritised, approved by Cabinet or Local Committee, allocated funding and timetabled for delivery in the next financial year. An annual programme is agreed to support the strategic objectives of the Local Transport Plan and the Council Plan. The Transport Capital Programme plays a vital role in delivering the outcomes of the Local Transport Plan, managing, and maintaining passenger transport services and Cumbria's £7.2bn highway infrastructure, essential for providing access to employment education, leisure, and visitor destinations. The programme is grant funded by the Department for Transport, allocated on a needs-based formula considering population, accessibility, casualty rates, deprivation, congestion and air quality.***

The programme is split into four main work areas: Bridges and Structures, Integrated Transport, Principal Road Network and Non-Principal Road Network. The Non-Principal Road Network is delivered using funding devolved to local committees and the subject of a separate report to this committee.

Bridges and Structures

- 4.2 *Bridges and Structures work includes surveys, repairs, and replacements to bridges and to structures such as cattle grids and retaining walls. It also includes geotechnical work and maintenance and renewal of the county's inventory of Road Restraint Systems.***
- 4.3 *The 2022/23 Draft Bridges and Structures programme for the Eden area is shown in Appendix 1 to this report.***

Integrated Transport

- 4.4 *Integrated Transport work delivers improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport passengers and road users, and includes schemes to reduce the number and severity of road traffic casualties.***
- 4.5 *The 2022/23 Integrated Transport funding has not been allocated to the districts at the time of this report.***

Principal Road Network

- 4.6 *The Principal Road Network (PRN) programme concentrates on maintaining the County's 'A' class roads to standards set out within the County's Asset Management Plan.***
- 4.7 *The 2022/23 Draft Principal Road Network programme for the Eden area is shown in Appendix 2 to this report.***

Transport Infrastructure Investment Fund

- 4.8 *In May 2020, the Government announced updated guidance and funding to highway authorities to ensure our local roads and other highways assets are fit for the future. The funding allocated to local highways authorities in 2022/23 is made up of existing and new funding blocks within the newly created Transport Infrastructure Investment Fund.***
- 4.9 *The increased funding has a direct benefit on the county's roads and the authority has been able to carry out maintenance on a wide range of highway assets including more extensive and long-lasting repair work on larger areas of the road surface, as we have endeavoured to do in Eden following previous additional government funding. As in 2021/22 Eden's devolved share of the Additional Pothole Fund block is to be used to carry out more 'planned' work, rather than tackling individual potholes to arrest deterioration of the highway surface before potholes develop. Works are to be delivered through a combination of in-house delivery teams and external framework contractors: notably for machine-laid road surfacing work. The proposed 2022/23 programme is shown in Appendix 3.***

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 *None***

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 *The report is for noting. The capital programme (at time of report compilation) has not yet been approved at full council. The report highlights elements of the draft programme that relate specifically to the Eden area but budgets are managed centrally and are not devolved to local committees.***

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 *There are no direct legal implications in this report as it is for information purposes only.*

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 *The highways non-devolved capital budget supports the aim of a high quality and sustainable environment, delivering priorities in the Local Transport Plan, the management of the County Council's bridges and structures assets, and the maintenance of the principal road network.*

8.2 *Members are asked to note the draft programme of works for 2022/23.*

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Draft 2022/23 Bridges and Structures Programme for Eden

Appendix 2 Draft 2022/23 Principal Road Network Programme for Eden

Appendix 3 Draft 2022/23 Transport Infrastructure Investment Fund (DFT Pothole) for Eden

Electoral Division(s): *

** Please remove whichever option is not applicable*

Executive Decision

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Key Decision

<input type="checkbox"/>	No*
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

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

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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?

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

	No*
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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

	No*	
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

	No*	
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PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

Draft Capital Programme (2017 – 2022)

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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