

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Meeting date: 27 July 2022

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

2021/22 HIGHWAYS BUDGET/PROGRAMME OUTTURN REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report presents the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget outturn information, as detailed in the attached appendices.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *This Committee's devolved 2021/22 Cash Limited Budget was determined by the County Council in February 2021. The Local Committee was able to vire funding between budget lines during the financial year, subject to Corporate Policy and Service Standards. The Committee was not able to vire funding from capital budgets into revenue budgets.*

The original Devolved Highways Revenue budget was £784,937 (An overspend of £53,417 in 2020/21 left a revised budget of £731,520 for 2021/22)

The original Devolved Highways Capital budget was £2,924,000 (revised to £1,921,684 following the application of top slicing costs)

Additional Pothole Fund was £2,147,000 (revised to £1,942,418 following the application of top slicing costs)

The original Non-Devolved Capital PRN budget was £1,480,947 (revised to £1,408,127 following the application of top slicing costs)

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Local Committee note the report.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The budget allocation for the surface dressing programme for 2021/22 was £699,164, roads dressed and actual spend of £689,620 are outlined in Appendix 1.

4.2 The Highways Revenue budget allocation for 2021/22 was £784,937. An overspend of £53,417 in 20-21 left a revised budget of £731,520 which was supplemented with a £16,000 allocation to address storm damage within Eden, giving total revised budget of £747,520. Actual spend and comments are shown in Appendix 2.

Works were ordered against the revenue budget and delivered through a combination of the in-house workforce for highways delivery, street lighting and external contractors for some drainage cleansing, verge maintenance, storm damage clear up, road markings and traffic signals maintenance.

4.3 The budget allocation for 2021/22 Priority Assessed Footway Schemes was £182,580, actual spend and comments are shown in Appendix 3.

4.4 The outturn (and comments) against the Local Area Transport Improvement Schemes for 2021/22 are shown in Appendices 4 and 5.

4.5 The budget allocation for the 2021/22 Priority Assessed Carriageway & Drainage Schemes was £966,337, actual spend and comments are shown in Appendix 6.

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

4.3 Part of the highway's capital programme used budgets not devolved to this committee. These programmes included works on the Principal Road Network, the DFT Pothole fund, Bridges and Structures, and the completion of the Challenge Fund schemes (brought forward from 2020/21) and are shown in Appendices 7, 8, 9 and 10.

4.4 The outturn and comments against the Environment Fund and Comf Funding Schemes for 2021/22 are shown in Appendix 11.

5.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Local Committee Highways budgets were approved by Council in February 2021. Local Committee allocated resources to specified programmes of work.

5.2 The revised Highways Revenue budget of £747,520 was overspent by £91,780 representing 12.3% of the annual budget.

- 5.3 The final (revised) devolved Highway Capital budget of £1,921,684 was overspent by £65,088 representing less than 3.4% of the annual budget.
- 5.4 The final (revised) non-devolved PRN budget of £1,408,127 was under spent by £380,404 representing 27% of the annual budget. (Note 2 schemes carried over on the A685 Wath to Kelleth totalling £321,344 were completed early April 2022)
- 5.5 The final (revised) non-devolved pothole fund budget of £1,942,418 was overspent by £26,495 representing 1.4% of the annual budget.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The devolved Highways Revenue budget outturn for 21/22 was overspent by £91,780 at the year end.
- 7.2 The devolved Highways Capital budget outturn for 21/22 was overspent by £65,088 at the year end.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - Surface Treatment Programme to year end.*
- Appendix 2 - Highway Revenue spend to year end.*
- Appendix 3 - Priority Assessed Footway Scheme Programme to year end.*
- Appendix 4 & 5 - Local Area Transport Improvement Scheme Programme to year end.*
- Appendix 6 – NPRN Carriageway & Drainage Scheme Programme to year end.*
- Appendix 7 - PRN Programme to year end.*
- Appendix 8 - Pothole Fund spend to year end.*
- Appendix 9 - Bridges & Structures Programme to year end.*
- Appendix 10 – Challenge Fund spend to year end*
- Appendix 11 – Environment and COMF funding schemes to year end.*

Electoral Division(s): All

Executive Decision	Yes	
Key Decision		No
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?		N/A
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?		No
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant		N/A

Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained? _____

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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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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