

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR BARROW

Meeting date: 16 September 2022

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

HIGHWAYS DELIVERY PROGRAMME UPDATE 2022/23

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report updates members on the current in year highways delivery works programme and gives an overview of work completed to date and work remaining for the rest of the year.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *This Committee's devolved 2022/23 Cash Limited Budget was determined by the County Council in February 2022. The final Capital programme for 2022/23 was agreed by the Local Committee at its March meeting and over and underspends were agreed by full council at its meeting in June this year. 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 Devolved Highways Revenue budget is £1,031,587 which includes a £200,000 additional pothole funding element.*

2.3 *The Devolved Highways Capital budget is £890,446.*

2.4 *The Devolved Highways Additional Pothole Repairs Capital budget is £750,404.*

2.5 *The Non devolved PRN (Primary Route Network) Capital Budget is £373,750.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *That Local Committee note the report and the current status of the works programme for 2022/23.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The devolved works programme for the Barrow Local Committee area was agreed at its meeting on the 15th March 2022. At this time the budget splits and the named schemes were agreed, with work commencing at the start of the financial year on the 1st April.
- 4.2 Works ordered against the revenue budget are delivered through a combination of the in-house workforce for Better Highways and Street Lighting activities, and a mixture of in house teams and external contractors for drainage cleansing, verge maintenance, weed spraying, road markings and traffic signals maintenance.
- 4.3 Currently this work is progressing and as it is largely cyclical in nature will continue throughout the year. The exception to this is the weed spraying and verge maintenance. 3 of the 4 scheduled weed sprays have now been completed with the final spray scheduled for the end of September and verge maintenance will continue until the Autumn.
- 4.4 The Highways capital programme breaks down into a number of sub headings as detailed in Appendix 1. There is a devolved capital element a non devolved capital element focused on works on the Primary Route Network and the capital element of the additional pothole funding allocation.
- 4.5 Works ordered against the devolved highways capital program are delivered through a combination of in-house construction teams and external framework contractors, notably for machine-laid road surfacing work and surface dressing.
- 4.6 With regards to progress on these budget lines, the annual surface dressing programme has now been completed with 2 beds being dressed on the NPRN network and 3 beds being completed on the PRN network.
- 4.7 The surfacing programme for this year is about to commence with works to start on Hawcoat Lane, Abbotsvale, rear of Highfield rd, rear of Farm St, Greengate St and Abbey Rd. All these schemes will be completed this month (weather permitting) with further schemes on Ocean Rd and the Westfield trail to be completed in February and March next year.
- 4.8 Aswell as the day to day maintenance work our in house construction teams are currently delivering the named footway schemes for the year. These include sections of footway resurfacing on Furness Park Rd now completed, Par Avenue now completed, Duke St due to start in mid September and West Shore Rd currently ongoing.
- 4.9 In addition to this there has been ongoing work to reduce the number of potholes on the Borough's roads and the amount that are being reported through the County's HIAMS system. To help in that process we have contracted in some additional resources. Nu-phalt is a thermal patching process. It involves heating material in the pothole adding more and a binder as required and compacting. During the month of July Nu-Phalt completed 384 pothole repairs of which 225 were reported defects through the County's HIAMS system.

- 4.10 Additionally, we have also been using a velocity patching machine. This cleans out a pothole then sprays in pre coated stone into a pothole before compacting. Between the 19th June and 23rd July this system had undertaken 770 repairs in the Borough of which 67 were recorded HIAMS defects.
- 4.11 In addition to the standard budgets received there are also a number of ad hoc budget lines received in the Barrow Borough Area that the Network Management team are involved in helping to deliver. The Environment Fund is in its second year. The first tranche of £200,000 in 2021/22 was allocated by the Local Committee for the planting of highways trees this was then matched with an allocation from the Forestry Commission's Treescape fund. This work package has been tendered externally twice without a successful bidder and the network team are currently considering options and alternative contract options to deliver this works.
- 4.12 The second tranche of £200,000 allocated this financial year 2022/23 has a couple of schemes being delivered through the Network Management Team. Works on opening up the paths around Cows Tarn Lane has now been completed and the additional patching on the Westfield Trail is to be undertaken towards the end of the financial year.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 That Local Committee note this report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from the recommendation at paragraph 3.1.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications to the recommendations as this report is for noting only.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report updates members on the ongoing works programme agreed by Local Committee for 2022/23. It should be noted this report does not cover all work within the highway currently being undertaken and both the Traffic teams, Street Lighting and Structures are currently both progressing their work programmes for the year. It is anticipated that the full work will be completed by the end of the financial year.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Barrow Local Committee Capital works Programme 2022/23

Electoral Divisions: All Barrow

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

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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