

CARLISLE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP	
Meeting date:	8 February 2023
From:	Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

2022/23 HIGHWAYS BUDGET / PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This report presents to the Highways and Transport Working Group (the HTWG) the Highways Revenue, Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget allocations for 2022/23.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *This Committee's devolved 2022/23 Cash Limited Budget was determined by the County Council on 10 February 2022. The Local Committee can vire funding between budget lines during 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 Highways Revenue budget for 2022/23 is £1,835,320. (£1,438,010, an inflationary increase of £53,312, additional £200,000 of pothole funding, plus £143,998 underspend from 2021/22).*
- 2.3 *The Devolved Highways Capital budget for 2022/23 is £2,808,704 (£2,465,000 plus £343,704 underspend from 2021/22).*
- 2.4 *The Non-devolved Highways CAPITAL budget for 2022/23 is £1,809,000.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *That the HTWG recommend that the Local Committee note the various Highways Revenue budget allocations and headings shown in Appendix 1.*
- 3.2 *That the HTWG recommend that the Local Committee note the various Highways Capital budget allocations and headings shown in Appendix 2.*
- 3.3 *That the HTWG recommend that the Local Committee note the Highways Devolved Capital Programme information as shown in Appendix 3.*

- 3.4 ***That the HTWG recommend that the Local Committee note there are no comments in the appendices to bring to the attention of Local Members.***

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The available highways REVENUE budget for 2022/23 is £1,835,320.
- 4.2 Works ordered against the highways revenue budget are delivered through a combination of the in-house workforce for Highway Maintenance, Lighting Maintenance and Drainage Maintenance and external contractors for Traffic Signals Maintenance, Verge Maintenance and Road Marking Maintenance.
- 4.3 The available devolved highways CAPITAL budget for 2022/23 is £2,808,704.

Works ordered against the devolved highways capital budget are delivered through a combination of in-house construction teams and external framework contractors, notably for machine-laid road surfacing work and surface dressing.

- 4.4 The NON-DEVOLVED highways capital budget for 22/23 is £1,809,000.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members can recommend that Local Committee agree and keep under review the Revenue and Devolved Highways Capital Budgets as shown in Appendices 1 and 2.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Local Committee Highways budgets as indicated in Appendices 1 and 2 were approved by Council in February 2022.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The recommendations in this report do not contain any legal implications however Local Committee could take decisions that could have future legal implications.
- 7.2 When allocating and moving money between budgets, Local Committee must follow the rules set by the Council following its consideration of the “Draft Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Medium-Term Financial Plan (2022-2027) and Draft Capital Programme (2022-2027)” report (“the Report”) on 10 February 2022 and any such additional restrictions set by Cabinet and or Council regulating the use of such funds.
- 7.3 Local Committees may, pursuant to Part 2D, paragraph 5.1.2 (f), of the Constitution, agree and keep under review the implementation of the highways revenue budget and capital programme for the local committee’s area to support the Council to carry out its statutory duty to maintain the highway in a safe condition as far as reasonably practicable.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Highways Budget allocations for 2022/23 will be used to maintain the highway network in the most cost-effective way.
- 8.2 The 2022/23 Highways Revenue Budget is forecasting an overspend of £3,841 as shown in Appendix 4.
- 8.3 The 2022/23 Highways Devolved Capital Budget is forecasting an overspend of £159,461 as shown in Appendix 5.
- 8.4 The 2022/23 Highways Non-Devolved Capital Budget is forecasting an overspend of £3,198.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – 2022/23 Highways Revenue Budget Allocation
Appendix 2 – 2022/23 Highways Devolved Capital Budget Allocation
Appendix 3 – 2022/23 Highways Devolved Capital Programme
Appendix 4 – 2022/23 Highways Revenue Report
Appendix 5 – 2022/23 Highways Devolved Capital Report

Electoral Divisions: All

Executive Decision

Key Decision

If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

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

If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

Yes		
	No	
		N/A
	No	
		N/A
	No	
	No	
	No	

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

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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