

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND
Meeting date: 21st March 2023
From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

2022/23 HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED REVENUE AND CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report presents the Highways Devolved Revenue, 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 2022 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 2022/23 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to the end of January 2023 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 January 2023.

4.2 The Devolved Highways Revenue allocation for 2022/23 was £1,482,118. At the end of January 2023, forecast outturn figures currently indicated an overspend of £31,938. Appendix 1 to this report shows the forecast outturn figures against revenue lines at the end of January. However, since the end

of January budget manager window closed the revenue allocation has been increased by £98,000 as commuted sums received from developers have been allocated to the correct budget allocations. The service has committed £65,000 of this increased funding to securing additional contracting resources to undertake repairs to potholes that have emerged over the winter.

- 4.3 The Highways Devolved Capital allocation for 2022/23 is £4,258,820 which is an increase of £197,110 from the previously reported budget figure of £4,061,710. This is because inflation monies have now been allocated to this budget. The budget allocation also includes the additional Pothole allocation. At the end of January 2023 forecast outturn figures currently indicate an underspend of £53,902 due to the additional monies. The service is reviewing outstanding works and will provide a verbal update at local committee to ensure that this money is invested into the highway asset. Appendix 2 to this report shows the forecast outturn figures against budget lines.
- 4.4 The Highways Non-Devolved Capital allocation for 2022/23 is £3,488,001. At end of January 2023 the forecast outturn figures indicate an overspend of £104,212, which is due to an overspend in the bridges and structures area. The Non-Devolved Capital Budget is being managed centrally. Appendix 3 to this report shows the forecast outturn figures against budget lines.

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 January 2023 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 resources remaining within the overall revenue and capital budgets devolved to Local Committee. **(TC 02/03/23)**

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 *The Local Committee is asked to note the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2022/23 and the outturn forecasts at the end of January 2023 and shown in Appendixes 1, 2 and 3. (PS 01/03/23)*

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 At this stage, the Devolved Highways Revenue budget allocation, and the Devolved Capital budget allocations are expected to be fully spent by the end of the financial year. The Non-Devolved Highways Capital Budget is currently forecasting an overspend.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Devolved Highways Revenue Budget to the end of January 2023

Appendix 2 – Devolved Highways Capital Budget to the end of January 2023

Appendix 3 – Non-Devolved Highways Capital Budget to the end of January 2023

Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

** Please remove whichever option is not applicable*

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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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