

REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING MANAGER

TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update members on the Committee's capital budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That members note all of the budget is committed.
- (2) That members note the schemes listed in Appendix 1.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable the capital programme to be allocated effectively.

ISSUE

Uncommitted funds carried forward from 2020/21

1. Nelson Committee – Nil Brierfield and Reedley Committee - £28

Allocation for 2021/22

2. £78,270

Effective Total Allocation for 2021/22

3. £78,298 (i.e. £78,270 + £28)

Commitments

4. £199,824

Uncommitted funds

5. £0

Financial Advice (as reported to all area committees in May 2018)

6. Please refer to the financial implications section of this report. Bids for new funding should be submitted on the May 2018 revised forms (Form A for internal bids, Form B for external bids and Form C for Nelson Ward Initiatives) in order that the Chief Finance Officer can confirm that they qualify as capital spending and that members can evaluate them on a consistent basis.

New/Deferred Bids

7. None.
8. No late bids or funding allocations are to be made unless, with the consent of the Chairman, the bid is considered to be an urgent item. If a late/urgent bid is approved and is in the opinion of the Chief Finance Officer a revenue item then the decision will be reported to the Policy and Resources Committee for determination. No payment will be made in respect of the bid pending a resolution by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Existing Bids

Underspend – Deallocate Funding

9. None.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The capital programme is required to be allocated and managed in accordance with the Council's Corporate Capital Strategy 2018/21.

Financial: Expenditure for capital purposes is primarily expenditure on the acquisition, reclamation or enhancement of assets (eg buildings, land, plant and machinery). "Enhancement" means substantially lengthening the useful life of the asset, substantially increasing its open market value or substantially increasing the use of the asset. Other expenditure for capital purposes can include computer costs (for use over a period exceeding one year) and incidental costs involved in a capital project (eg officers' salaries and professional fees). Anything not covered by "proper practices" (Section 21(2) of the Local Government Act 2003) must be treated as revenue expenditure. Under no circumstances can the capital allocation be used to fund revenue expenditure.

A list of good practice in the allocation of funding has been proposed by the Council's Chief Finance Officer in order to assist members when considering the allocation of the capital budgets. The list is as follows:

1. The funding should assist a scheme which contributes to meeting the Council's corporate priorities.
2. Allocate reasonable amounts to projects early to allow for effective planning and implementation.
3. Look for opportunities to maximise the effectiveness of the allocation through match funding.

4. Consider allowing some contingency for projects that may be presented during the year.
5. Try to avoid allocation of funds at the end of the financial year.
6. Consider the revenue consequences of capital schemes in terms of ongoing cost.

Legal: There are legal implications for a number of the proposals listed above in terms of necessary permissions, agreements and possible long-term liabilities and responsibilities.

Risk Management: The capital programme is required to be allocated and managed in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures. The proper management of the programme is intended to minimise any exposure to unnecessary risk associated with the programme and the individual schemes within it.

Health and Safety: The implementation of the programme has associated risks in terms of health and safety. The Council is required to meet all relevant legal requirements for the effective management of health and safety risk and has policies and procedures in place to ensure health and safety standards are maintained.

Climate Change: Some of the schemes identified will encourage the reduction of carbon emissions, such as traffic calming schemes and cycle facility provision.

Community Safety: A number of the schemes listed above have implications in terms of community safety. Wherever possible, the projects are managed in a way that enhances community safety.

Equality and Diversity: The capital programme is required to be allocated and managed in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures, including those relating to equality and diversity.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee Commitments

Appendix 2: Breakdown of Ward Initiatives

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee Commitments 2021/22

Appendix 1

(Shaded schemes are completed)

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2021/22	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	Nelson c/f £34,069 B'Field & Reedley c/f £3,000 07/06/21 - £20,000 Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants	M Williams (PBCL)	£37,069	£20,000	£57,069	£0	£57,069	This budget has been committed to various things. Breakdown of grants available on request from M Williams/D McCarthy.
2	03/06/19 - £4,500 07/06/21 - £4,200 Ward initiatives	S Whalley (HHES)	£640	£3,860	£4,500	£300	£4,200	£640 carried forward. £300 of this to Marsden Community Primary School and £340 was deallocated on 07/06/21. Then £4,200 allocated i.e. £300 per councillor. See Appendix 2
3	03/06/19 - £4,000 Nelson Town centre works	S Whalley (HHES)	£3,870	-£3,870	£0	£0	£0	£3,870 deallocated on 07/06/21.
4	30/11/20 - £1,000 Nelson Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone	N Yates (HHES)	£1,000	-£1,000	£0	£0	£0	£1,000 deallocated on 07/06/21.
5	29/03/21 - £67,000 Nelson Town Council – Highway Improvements in Nelson		£67,000	£0	£67,000	£0	£67,000	
6	29/03/21 - £3,234 Street Light – Regent Place/Regent Street	T Wilson (HHES)	£3,234	£0	£3,234	£0	£3,234	Location to be agreed in consultation with Cllr M Sakib.

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2021/22	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
7	13/06/17 - £600 Litter and dog waste bins	C Taylor (ES)	£478	-£478	£0	£0	£0	£478 deallocated on 07/06/21.
8	08/07/20 - £3,000 Brierfield Town centre premises improvement grants	D McCarthy (PERS)	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	See Scheme 1.
9	11/05/10 - £2,500 Flood prevention works within the Brierfield and Reedley area	S Whalley (HHES)	£2,500	-£2,500	£0	£0	£0	£2,500 deallocated on 07/06/21.
10	01/03/16 - £3,500 Provision of a speed indicator device	J Mousdale (HHES)	£2,520	£0	£2,520	£0	£2,520	No further funding can be allocated for this. LCC have been asked to manage the device in line with the remaining budget.
11	13/06/17 - £500 Blocked and Missing gully grates	S Whalley (HHES)	£500	£0	£500	£0	£500	Ongoing.
12	06/11/19 - £2,500 Refurbishment of Brierfield Town Centre	S Whalley (HHES)	£2,500	-£2,500	£0	£0	£0	£2,500 deallocated on 07/06/21.
13	07/10/20 - £2,000 Various Brierfield highway improvements	S Whalley (HHES)	£515	-£515	£0	£0	£0	£515 deallocated on 07/06/21.
14	07/06/21 - £13,950 Capital Projects - Bradley			£13,950	£13,950	£0	£13,950	
15	07/06/21 - £13,950 Capital Projects - Brierfield East and Cloverhill			£13,950	£13,950	£0	£13,950	

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16	07/06/21 - £9,501 Capital Projects - Brierfield West and Reedley			£9,501	£9,501	£0	£9,501	
17	07/06/21 - £13,950 Capital Projects - Marsden and Southfield			£13,950	£13,950	£0	£13,950	
18	07/06/21 - £13,950 Capital Projects - Whitefield and Walverden			£13,950	£13,950	£0	£13,950	
	Subtotal		£121,826	£78,298	£200,124	£300	£199,824	
	Un-allocated Funds		£28	-£28	£0	-	£0	
	Total Funds Available 20/21		£121,854	£78,270	£200,124	£0	£199,824	

Breakdown of Ward Initiatives 2021/22 (Scheme 2)

Appendix 2

WARD	COUNCILLOR	ALLOCATION	SPEND	REMAINING	DETAILS
Bradley	Mohammad Aslam	£300	£0	£300	
Bradley	Mohammed Iqbal	£300	£0	£300	
Bradley	Mohammad Sakib	£300	£0	£300	
Brierfield East and Clover Hill	Zafar Ali	£300	£0	£300	
Brierfield East and Clover Hill	Eileen Ansar	£300	£0	£300	
Brierfield East and Clover Hill	Naeem Ashraf	£300	£0	£300	
Brierfield West and Reedley	Mohammad Hanif	£300	£0	£300	
Brierfield West and Reedley	Yasser Iqbal	£300	£0	£300	
Marsden and Southfield	Mohammed Adnan	£300	£0	£300	
Marsden and Southfield	Karen Howarth	£300	£0	£300	
Marsden and Southfield	Neil McGowan	£300	£0	£300	
Whitefield and Walverden	Faraz Ahmed	£300	£0	£300	
Whitefield and Walverden	Ruby Anwar	£300	£0	£300	
Whitefield and Walverden	Asjad Mahmood	£300	£0	£300	
TOTAL		£4,200	£0	£4,200	