

REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING MANAGER

TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD & REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

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 2021/22

1. £3,035

Allocation for 2022/23

2. £78,270

Effective Total Allocation for 2022/23

3. £81,305 (i.e. £78,270 + £3,035)

Commitments

4. £246,591

Uncommitted funds

5. £0

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

6. Committee Members are reminded that, as outlined in the Capital Programme and Strategy 2018/21 report to the Council on Thursday 22nd February 2018, only items of a capital nature can be funded from the area committee budgets. As such all bids must be reviewed by Financial Services prior to their inclusion on the agenda for each meeting so as to determine whether the bids are capital or revenue. If not reviewed beforehand, bids will need to be ratified as capital expenditure at a later date and agreement to allocate funds will need to be made at the following meeting.
7. Bids for funding should be submitted on the May 2018 revised forms (Form A for internal bids, Form B for external bids and Form C for Ward Initiatives) so that they can be evaluated on a consistent basis. Please refer to the financial implications section of this report.

New/Deferred Bids

8. None.
9. 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

10. 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 2022/23

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee Commitments 2022/23

Appendix 1

(Shaded schemes are completed)

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2022/23	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 (PERS)	£44,169	£0	£44,169	£0	£44,169	Breakdown of grants available on request from M Williams/ D McCarthy.
5	29/03/21 - £67,000 – Budget split. See schemes 5(a) & 5(b) Nelson Town Council – Highway Improvements in Nelson 5(a) - 02/08/21 - £15,000 Back Street Improvements in Whitefield and Walverden 5(b) 28/02/22 - £5,000 Tarmac footpath rear of 41-49 Hibson Rd. and resurface Back Lime/Swaine St.	S Whalley (HHES)	£58,711	£0	£58,711	£0	£58,711	£87 from scheme 2 (Cllr Mahmood's Ward Initiative) £8,376 spent – Back Maurice and Victoria St.
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.
11	13/06/17 - £500 Blocked and Missing gully grates	S Whalley (HHES)	£500	£0	£500	£0	£500	
14	09/05/22 - £12,989 Capital Projects – Bradley		£0	£12,989	£12,989	£0	£12,989	

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15	07/06/21 - £13,950 09/05/22 - £16,261 Capital Projects - Brierfield East and Cloverhill 15(a) - 28/02/22 - £8,000 New tarmac surface to various back streets in Brierfield and Reedley (as detailed in bid submission 28/02/22)	S Whalley (HHES)	£8,000	£16,261	£24,261	£0	£24,261	Brierfield Town Council to contribute towards this scheme. 28/03/22 - £5,950 deallocated
16	07/06/21 - £9,501 09/05/22 - £16,261 Capital Projects - Brierfield West and Reedley 16(a) - 06/09/21 - £630 Back Street 167-185 Halifax Rd. Removal of trees and shrubs 16(b) - 28/02/22 - £8,871 New tarmac surface to various back streets in Brierfield and Reedley (as detailed in bid submission 28/02/22)	S Whalley (HHES)	£7,054	£16,261	£23,315	£0	£23,315	Brierfield Town Council to contribute towards this scheme. £630 spent – scheme 16(a) – completed £1,817 spent – Sackville St footpath
17	07/06/21 - £13,950 09/05/22 - £16,261 Capital Projects - Marsden and Southfield 17(a) - 31/01/22 - £3,000 Improvements to Southfield Street Steps		£3,000	£16,261	£19,261	£0	£19,261	04/10/21 - £1,000 to scheme 19 28/03/22 - £9,950 deallocated

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18	07/06/21 - £13,950 09/05/22 - £16,068 06/06/22 - £1,127 Capital Projects - Whitefield and Walverden 18(a) - 02/08/21 - £590 Lighting Column rear of Lowther St		£11,370	£17,195	£28,565	£0	£28,565	04/10/21 - £2,000 to scheme 19 £580 spent – Lighting Column rear of Lowther St. 18(a) – Completed
19	04/10/21 - £4,000 (from schemes 14, 17 & 18) Refurbishment of Street Furniture at Nelson Town Centre	S Whalley (HHES)	£4,000	£0	£4,000	£0	£4,000	
20	28/03/22 - £24,000 Nelson Town Council - for Highway safety		£24,000	£0	£24,000	£0	£24,000	
21	28/03/22 - £6,000 Pendle District Cricket League	J Mousdale (HHES)	£6,000	£0	£6,000	£6,000	£0	Completed.
22	28/03/22 - £1,998 Walverden environmental improvements		£1,998	-£1,248	£750	£750	£0	Scheme Completed. £1,248 deallocated on 06/06/22 (£1,127 to scheme 18 and £121 to scheme 25)
23	09/05/22 - £3,272 Reinstatement of back 75-77 Every St and back 7-8 Chatham St	S Whalley (HHES)		£3,272	£3,272	£0	£3,272	
24	09/05/22 - £193 New litter bin at Beaufort St/Bradshaw St	J Lord (ES)		£193	£193	£0	£193	

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25	06/06/22 - £121 New dog bin at King Street Terrace, Brierfield	J Lord (ES)		£121	£121	£0	£121	
	Subtotal		£172,036	£81,305	£253,341	£6,750	£246,591	
	Un-allocated Funds		£3,035	-£3,035	£0	-	£0	
	Total Funds Available 2022/23		£175,071	£78,270	£253,341	£6,750	£246,591	