

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
MANAGER**

TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD & REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/23

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update members on the Committee's budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That members note all of the budget is committed.
- (2) That members note the approved schemes listed in Appendix 1.
- (3) That members consider the bid detailed in paragraph 6 in accordance with money already committed for such schemes.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable the budget 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. £223,553

Uncommitted funds

5. £0

New/Deferred Bids

6. PBC bid of £4,000 – Building of retaining wall, Brierfield (appendix 2).
Note: all of the committee's budget has been allocated. This can only be funded via an existing scheme whereby the budget hasn't already been committed i.e. there will need to be enough money available for this.

Existing Bids

Underspend – Deallocate Funding

7. None.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The budget is required to be allocated and managed in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures.

Financial: At the Council meeting on 29 September 2022, councillors resolved to move the area committee capital programme budgets to revenue.

- The budget allocations for each committee remain the same.
- Previous allocations do not need to be revisited. There is no implication for these schemes.
- Applications no longer require sign off by Financial Services in order to proceed.
- Awards can be made for schemes which are either revenue or capital in nature so capital schemes can still be funded.
- Capital schemes may incur additional charges for internal services, e.g. Engineers' costs in delivering the scheme.
- Wherever possible, all payments should be made in the year of the budget award by 31 March.
- The cap on budget slippage still applies and any slippage will need to be agreed by the Council in line with Financial Regulations.
- No more than one year's worth of budget can be rolled forward into future years.

A list of good practice has been proposed by the Chief Finance Officer in order to assist members when considering the allocation of the budget. 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 proper management of the budget is intended to minimise any exposure to unnecessary risk associated with the budget and the individual schemes within it.

Health and Safety: The implementation of the budget 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 approved schemes have implications in terms of community safety. Wherever possible, the projects are managed in a way that enhances community safety.

Equality and Diversity: The budget 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

Appendix 2: PBC Bid - £4,000

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	£5,153	£39,016	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 last year's scheme 2 (Cllr Mahmood's Ward Initiative) £8,376 spent in 2021/22 – 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	£500	£0	Completed.

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14	09/05/22 - £12,989 Capital Projects – Bradley 14(a) - 01/08/22 - £1,073 05/09/22 - £1,760 Moving street light at Cliffe Street, Nelson		£0	£12,989	£12,989	£2,733	£10,256	£2,733 spent - scheme 14(a) - moving light at Cliffe St.
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) 15(b) - 01/08/22 - £3,250 Pendle Way surface improvements at Walverden Reservoir 15(c) – 05/09/22 - £8,000 Resurfacing of Back Streets	S Whalley (HHES)	£8,000	£15,761	£23,761	£9,050	£14,711	Brierfield Town Council to contribute towards this scheme. 28/03/22 - £5,950 deallocated. 05/09/22 - £500 to scheme 26. £3,250 spent - scheme 15(b) - Pendle Way surface Improvements at Walverden Reservoir.

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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) 16(c) - 05/09/22 - £6,565 Resurfacing of Back Streets	S Whalley (HHES)	£7,054	£15,761	£22,815	£967	£21,848	Brierfield Town Council to contribute towards this scheme. £630 spent – scheme 16(a) – completed £1,817 spent – Sackville St footpath 05/09/22 - £500 to scheme 26
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 18(b) - 01/08/22 - £121 Dog bin for Walverden School 18(c) - 01/08/22 - £2,500 Improvements to footpath 229 Hibson Rd, Nelson 18(d) – 17/10/22 - £202 Litter Bin for Lomeshaye Rd.		£11,370	£17,195	£28,565	£49	£28,516	04/10/21 - £2,000 to scheme 19 £580 spent – Lighting Column rear of Lowther St. 18(a) – Completed £49 spent – to top up/complete scheme 23
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)

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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	£3,272	£0	Completed. £3,321 spent. £49 overspend taken from scheme 18.
24	09/05/22 - £193 New litter bin at Beaufort St/Bradshaw St	J Lord (ES)		£193	£193	£193	£0	Completed.
25	06/06/22 - £121 New dog bin at King Street Terrace, Brierfield	J Lord (ES)		£121	£121	£121	£0	Completed.
26	05/09/22 - £1,000 Brierfield Allotments	J Mousdale (ES)		£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£0	Completed.
	Subtotal		£172,036	£81,305	£253,341	£29,788	£223,553	
	Un-allocated Funds		£3,035	-£3,035	£0	-	£0	
	Total Funds Available 2022/23		£175,071	£78,270	£253,341	£29,788	£223,553	

**BID FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEE
PRO FORMA**

A. Short project title: Building of retaining wall, Brierfield.....

B. Bid submitted by: Jason Kelly.....

C. On behalf of (please include contact details): Cllr Naeem Ashraf

D. Amount requested: £4000 matching funding from Brierfield TC

E. Brief details of project: Construction of a retaining wall near Tunstill square car park.....

F. Main outcomes to be achieved: Retaining wall to be constructed and existing wall to be made safe.

G. When will project be implemented? Scheme will be progressed when funds are allocated from the Area Committee.....

H. Who will undertake the project works? Contractor to be appointed through tendering process.

I. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere? No

J. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?
No