

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLACE

TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND 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 deallocate the underspend detailed in paragraphs 6 and 7.
- (4) That members note the financial requirements stipulated in paragraph 8.

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. £197,820

Uncommitted funds

5. £0

Existing Bids

6. Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants (appendix 1, Scheme 1).
Only one application received this year therefore most of the money allocated for this is uncommitted. **Request £33,541 is deallocated.**
(A separate report is to be submitted regarding Premises Improvement Grants and the funding requested from 2023/24 budget once this is in place.)
7. Nelson Street Light at Regent Place/Regent Street (appendix 1, scheme 6).
This scheme has not progressed. **Request £3,234 is deallocated.**
8. **The budget carry forward will be capped at a maximum of 1 year's budget i.e. £78,270.**
Please note this means unspent NOT uncommitted. If the committee has more than 1 year's budget unspent it will need to reallocate it's spend as required or use the 2023/24 budget to make good the difference.

New Bids

9. 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

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee Commitments 2022/23

Appendix 1

(Shaded schemes are completed)

Sch. No.	Date/Amount 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	07/06/21 - £20,000 + monies c/f when the two committees merged. Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants	M Williams (PERS)	£44,169	£0	£44,169	£7,628	£36,541	1 application received this year therefore just £3,000 required for this. Request £33,541 is deallocated. Separate report to be submitted regarding Premises Improvement Grants and the funding requested from 2023/24 budget once this is in place.
5	29/03/21 - £67,000 + £87 Cllr Mahmood's W I Nelson Town Council – Highway Improvements in Nelson: <i>£8,376 spent in 2021/22 Back Maurice and Victoria St</i> 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. £38,711 Available	S Whalley (HHES)	£58,711	£0	£58,711	£0	£58,711	

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6	29/03/21 - £3,234 Street Light – Regent Place/Regent Street		£3,234	£0	£3,234	£0	£3,234	Scheme not progressed. Request £3,234 is deallocated.
11	13/06/17 - £500 Blocked and Missing gully grates	S Whalley (HHES)	£500	£0	£500	£500	£0	Completed.
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 (£100 underspend) £10,256 Available	S Whalley (HHES)	£0	£12,989	£12,989	£2,733	£10,256	
15	07/06/21 - £13,950 28/03/22 - £5,950 dealloc. 09/05/22 - £16,261 05/09/22 - £500 to sch. 26 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) - £7,828 spent.	S Whalley (HHES)	£8,000	£15,761	£23,761	£22,508	£1,253	Brierfield Town Council to contribute towards this scheme.

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	<p>15(b) - 01/08/22 - £3,250 Pendle Way surface improvements at Walverden Reservoir – <i>spent</i>.</p> <p>15(c) – 05/09/22 - £8,000 – <i>spent</i>.</p> <p>Resurfacing of Back Streets 15(d) – 31/10/22 - £4,000 Building of retaining wall, Brierfield - £3,430 <i>spent</i>.</p> <p>£511 Available</p>							
16	<p>07/06/21 - £9,501 09/05/22 - £16,261 05/09/22 - £500 to sch. 26 Capital Projects - Brierfield West and Reedley:</p> <p><i>£1,817 spent – Sackville St footpath in 21/22.</i></p> <p>16(a) - 06/09/21 - £630 Back Street 167-185 Halifax Rd. Removal of trees and shrubs – <i>spent 21/22.</i></p> <p>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) – spent £4,000</p>	S Whalley (HHES)	£7,054	£15,761	£22,815	£10,565	£12,250	Brierfield Town Council to contribute towards this scheme.

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	16(c) – 05/09/22 - £6,565 Resurfacing of Back Streets – <i>spent</i> . £7,379 Available							
17	07/06/21 - £13,950 04/10/21 - £1,000 to sch. 19 28/03/22 - £9,950 dealloc. 09/05/22 - £16,261 02/01/23 - £202 to sch. 28 Capital Projects - Marsden and Southfield: 17(a) - 31/01/22 - £3,000 Improvements to Southfield Street Steps £16,059 Available	S Whalley (HHES) T Partridge 17(a)	£3,000	£16,059	£19,059	£0	£19,059	
18	07/06/21 - £13,950 04/10/21 - £2,000 to sch.19 09/05/22 - £16,068 06/06/22 - £1,127 01/08/22 - £121 to sch.26(2) 17/10/22 - £202 to sch.27 Capital Projects - Whitefield and Walverden: 18(a) - 02/08/21 - £590 Lighting Column rear of Lowther St – £580 <i>spent in 21/22</i> . 18(b) - 01/08/22 - £2,500 Improvements to footpath	S Whalley (HHES) T Partridge 18(b)	£11,370	£16,872	£28,242	£49	£28,193	

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	229 Hibson Rd, Nelson 18(c) – 02/01/23 - £22,376 Nelson Back Streets £49 spent in 22/23 to complete overspent sch.23. £3,307 Available							
19	04/10/21 - £4,000 02/01/23 - £2,500 to sch.29 Refurbishment of Street Furniture at Nelson Town Centre	S Whalley (HHES)	£4,000	-£2,500	£1,500	£0	£1,500	
20	28/03/22 - £24,000 Nelson Town Council - for Highway safety	S Whalley (HHES)	£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	£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.

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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 (HHES)		£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£0	Completed.
26(2)	01/08/22 - £121 Dog bin for Walverden School	J Lord (ES)		£121	£121	£0	£121	
27	17/10/22 - £202 Litter Bin for Lomeshaye Rd	J Lord (ES)		£202	£202	£202	£0	Completed.
28	02/01/23 - £202 Litter bin for New Street	J Lord (ES)		£202	£202	£0	£202	
29	02/01/23 - £2,500 Nelson Cenotaph	S Whalley (HHES)		£2,500	£2,500	£0	£2,500	Funding also from NTC
	Subtotal		£172,036	£81,305	£253,341	£55,521	£197,820	
	Un-allocated Funds		£3,035	-£3,035	£0	-	£0	
	Total Funds Available 2022/23		£175,071	£78,270	£253,341	£55,521	£197,820	