

REPORT FROM: HEAD OF HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members on the Committee's Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Members note £33,153 is uncommitted.
- (2) That Members note the approved schemes listed in Appendix 1.
- (3) That Members note the additional costs incurred regarding scheme 5 (see paragraph 4).
- (4) That Members consider the new bid detailed in paragraph 5.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To enable the Budget to be allocated effectively.

ISSUE

Unspent 2022/23 funds carried forward

1. £197,340. This is £119,070 over the amount allowed to be carried forward. See paragraph 3.

Total funds available for 2023/24

2. £197,340.

Year-end

3. **The Budget carry forward is capped at a maximum of 1 year's Budget i.e. £78,270.** If the Committee has more than £78,270 unspent at the end of the year, it will need to use the

following year's Budget to make good the difference. See Financial Implications below.

Scheme 5

4. £15,000 Back Street improvements in Whitefield and Walverden – this was unable to go ahead due to Lancashire County Council regulations.
£5,000 Tarmac footpath 41-49 Hibson Road – this incurred additional costs due to unforeseen drainage issues. The total cost of the works is £6,143.
There is enough money set aside within Scheme 5 to cover £1,143 additional costs now that the back street improvements are not going ahead.

New bids

5. PBC bid £600 – Repair subsidence to rear of 19 Chatham Street, Nelson (Appendix 2)

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 29th September, 2022, Councillors resolved to move the Area Committee Capital Programme Budgets to revenue.

- The Budget allocations for each Committee remain the same.
- 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 31st 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. Allocate reasonable amounts to projects early to allow for effective planning and implementation.
2. Look for opportunities to maximise the effectiveness of the allocation through match funding.
3. Consider allowing some contingency for projects that may be presented during the year.
4. Try to avoid allocation of funds at the end of the financial year.
5. 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 2023/24

Appendix 2: PBC bid

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS: None.

Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee Commitments 2023/24

Appendix 1

(Shaded schemes are completed)

Sch. No.	Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2023/24	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants	D McCarthy (EG)	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000	1 application received in 2022/23. £3,000 is required for this.
5	09/05/23 - £38,711 dealloc. Nelson Town Council – Highway Improvements in Nelson:	S Whalley (EG)	58,711	-38,711	20,000	0	20,000	02/08/21 - £15,000 committed to Back Street Improvements in Whitefield and Walverden. 28/02/22 - £5,000 committed to Tarmac footpath rear of 41-49 Hibson Rd. and resurface Back Lime/Swaine St. See paragraph 4 of this report. £0 Uncommitted
14	09/05/23 - £7,742 Capital Projects – Bradley	S Whalley (EG)	10,256	7,742	17,998	0	17,998	09/05/23 - £15,770 committed to Resurfacing back streets Hilldrop Rd., Chapel St. & Perth St. £2,228 Uncommitted
15	09/05/23 - £7,742 Capital Projects - Brierfield East and Cloverhill	S Whalley (EG)	773	7,742	8,515	0	8,515	£8,515 Uncommitted
16	09/05/23 - £7,742 Capital Projects - Brierfield West and Reedley	S Whalley (EG)	12,250	7,742	19,992	0	19,992	28/02/22 - £8,871 committed to new tarmac surface to various back streets in Brierfield and Reedley (as detailed in bid submission 28/02/22). £4,871 still to be spent. £15,121 Uncommitted

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17	09/05/23 - £7,742 Capital Projects - Marsden and Southfield	S Whalley (EG)	19,059	7,742	26,801	0	26,801	31/01/22 - £3,000 committed to Improvements to Southfield Street Steps (T Partridge scheme) £23,801 Uncommitted
18	09/05/23 - £7,742 Capital Projects - Whitefield and Walverden	S Whalley (EG)	28,193	7,742	35,935	0	35,935	01/08/22 - £2,500 committed to Improvements to footpath 229 Hibson Rd, Nelson (T Partridge scheme) 02/01/23 - £22,376 committed to Nelson Back Streets £11,059 Uncommitted
19	Refurbishment of Street Furniture at Nelson Town Centre	S Whalley (EG)	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,500	
20	Nelson Town Council - for Highway safety	S Whalley (EG)	24,000	0	24,000	0	24,000	
26	03/07/23 - £1,000 Litter and Dog Waste Bins	J Lord (OS)	323	1,000	1,323	231	1,092	£121 committed - dog bin for Walverden School – Ops confirmed that this had been done. Awaiting Journal transfer. £202 committed - litter bin for New Street - Ops confirmed that this had been done. Awaiting journal transfer. £231 spent – Chapelhouse Road bin.
29	Nelson Cenotaph	S Whalley (EG)	2,500	0	2,500	0	2,500	Funding also from NTC

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30	03/07/23 - £2,623 Heyhead Park Improvements	P Riley (OS)	0	2,623	2,623	0	2,623	
	Subtotal		£160,565	£3,622	£164,187	£231	£163,956	
	Un-allocated Funds		£36,775	-£3,622	£33,153	-	£33,153	
	Total Funds Available 2023/24		£197,340	£0	£197,340	£231	£197,109	

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

- A. Project title:** Repair to subsidence to the rear of 19 Chatham Street Nelson
- B. Bid submitted by:** Jonathan Austin
- C. On behalf of (please include contact details):**
Councillor Mohammed Iqbal – Pendle Councillor for Bradley Ward
- D. Amount requested:** £600
- E. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere? Yes**
If so, please give details: £600 to be recovered from homeowner (Total cost £1,200).
- F. Brief details of project:** Excavate existing area in footpath and under outside toilet structure, repair pipe that has dropped and is causing subsidence and fully reinstate. Colin Braithwaite Excavators Ltd to carry out emergency work.
- G. Main outcomes to be achieved:**
Hole in existing footpath repaired and cause and any future damage stopped.
- H. When will project be implemented?**
Start Date: 21st August 2023 (initial excavation works carried out already to determine extent of works required)
Expected Completion Date: ASAP
- I. Who will undertake the project works?**
Colin Braithwaite Excavators Ltd
- J. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?**
No