

**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 £32,553 is uncommitted.
- (2) That Members note the approved schemes listed in Appendix 1.

### **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.

## **Current schemes**

4. See Appendix 1.

## **New bids**

5. 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<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**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	3,000	0	1 application received in 2022/23. Completed.
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	Back Street Improvements in Whitefield and Walverden – <i>scheme cancelled</i> . Tarmac footpath rear of 41-49 Hibson Rd. and resurface Back Lime/Swaine St. – <i>scheme cost £6,143.</i> <b>£13,857 Uncommitted</b>
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. <b>£2,228 Uncommitted</b>
15	09/05/23 - £7,742 Capital Projects - Brierfield East and Cloverhill	S Whalley (EG)	773	7,742	8,515	0	8,515	<b>£8,515 Uncommitted</b>
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. <b>£15,121 Uncommitted</b>

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17	09/05/23 - £7,742 <b>Capital Projects - Marsden and Southfield</b>	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) <b>£23,801 Uncommitted</b>
18	09/05/23 - £7,742 <b>Capital Projects - Whitefield and Walverden</b>	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 <b>£11,059 Uncommitted</b>
19	<b>Refurbishment of Street Furniture at Nelson Town Centre</b>	S Whalley (EG)	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,500	
20	<b>Nelson Town Council - for Highway safety</b>	S Whalley (EG)	24,000	0	24,000	0	24,000	
26	03/07/23 - £1,000 <b>Litter and Dog Waste Bins</b>	J Lord (OS)	323	1,000	1,323	554	769	£121 spent - dog bin Walverden School £202 spent - litter bin New Street £231 spent – litter bin Chapel-house Road
29	<b>Nelson Cenotaph</b>	S Whalley (EG)	2,500	0	2,500	0	2,500	Funding also from NTC
30	03/07/23 - £2,623 <b>Heyhead Park Improvements</b>	P Riley (OS)	0	2,623	2,623	0	2,623	
31	04/09/23 - £600 <b>Repair subsidence to rear of 19 Chatham St. Nelson</b>	J Austin (EG)	0	600	600	0	600	Resident to contribute towards this.

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
	Subtotal		£160,565	£4,222	£164,787	£3,554	£161,233	
	Un-allocated Funds		£36,775	-£4,222	£32,553	-	£32,553	
	Total Funds Available 2023/24		£197,340	£0	£197,340	£3,554	£193,786	