

**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 the Budget as committed and the remaining £29,103 uncommitted (see appendix 1).
- (2) That Members note the financial requirements stipulated in paragraph 3.

### **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	<b>Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants</b>	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. 05/02/24 - £13,857 dealloc. <b>Nelson Town Council – Highway Improvements in Nelson:</b>	S Whalley (EG)	58,711	-52,568	6,143	6,143	0	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> . Remaining money deallocated 05/02/24.
14	09/05/23 - £7,742 05/02/24 - £17,998 dealloc. <b>Capital Projects – Bradley</b>	S Whalley (EG)	10,256	-10,256	0	0	0	09/05/23 - £15,770 committed to Resurfacing back streets Hilddrop Rd., Chapel St. & Perth St. Remaining money deallocated 05/02/24
15	09/05/23 - £7,742 05/02/24 - £8,515 dealloc. <b>Capital Projects - Brierfield East and Cloverhill</b>	S Whalley (EG)	773	-773	0	0	0	Remaining money deallocated 05/02/24

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16	09/05/23 - £7,742 <b>Capital Projects - Brierfield West and Reedley</b>	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 (see bid submission 28/02/22) – completed - £4,000 spent. <b>£19,992 Uncommitted</b>
17	09/05/23 - £7,742 <b>05/02/23 - £23,801 dealloc. Capital Projects - Marsden and Southfield</b>	S Whalley (EG)	19,059	-16,059	3,000	0	3,000	31/01/22 - £3,000 committed to Improvements to Southfield Street Steps (T Partridge scheme)
18	09/05/23 - £7,742 <b>05/02/24 - £33,435 dealloc. Capital Projects - Whitefield and Walverden</b>	S Whalley (EG)	28,193	-25,693	2,500	0	2,500	01/08/22 - £2,500 committed to Improvements to footpath 229 Hibson Rd, Nelson (T Partridge scheme)
19	<b>Refurbishment of Street Furniture at Nelson Town Centre</b>	S Whalley (EG)	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,500	
20	<b>05/02/24 - £24,000 dealloc. Nelson Town Council - for Highway safety</b>	S Whalley (EG)	24,000	-24,000	0	0	0	Money deallocated 05/02/24.
26	03/07/23 - £1,000 <b>Litter and Dog Waste Bins</b>	J Lord (OS)	323	1,000	1,323	1,001	322	£121 spent - dog bin Walverden School £202 spent - litter bin New Street £231 spent – litter bin Chapel-house Road £291 spent – litter bin Martinfields

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29	Nelson Cenotaph	S Whalley (EG)	2,500	0	2,500	0	2,500	Funding also from NTC
30	03/07/23 - £2,623 Heyhead Park Improvements	P Riley (OS)	0	2,623	2,623	2,623	0	Completed.
31	04/09/23 - £600 Repair subsidence to rear of 19 Chatham St. Nelson	J Austin (EG)	0	600	600	600	0	Completed.
32	04/12/23 - £3,450 Heyhead Park Surfacing	P Riley (OS)	0	3,450	3,450	0	3,450	
33	05/02/24 - £1,606 Brunswick Street - Public Realm Improvements	S Whalley (EG)	0	1,606	1,606	0	1,606	NTC to be asked if they will contribute towards this scheme.
34	05/02/24 - £120.00 Resurfacing various Unadopted Back Streets: Bk Larch St, Bk Pine St, Bk Fir St, Bk Rook St, Bk Garrick St, Bk Regent St.	S Whalley (EG)	0	120,000	120,000	0	120,000	
	Subtotal		£160,565	£7,672	£168,237	£13,367	£154,870	
	Un-allocated Funds		£36,775	-£7,672	£29,103	-	£29,103	
	Total Funds Available 2023/24		£197,340	£0	£197,340	£13,367	£183,973	