

**REPORT FROM: HEAD OF HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE**

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## **AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024/25**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Members on the Committee's Budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) That Members note the budget as committed (see Appendix 1).
- (2) That Members reconsider monies committed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 meeting and allocate in accordance with its Budget (see paragraph 1 and Appendix 2).
- (3) That Members note the financial requirements stipulated in paragraph 5.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To enable the Budget to be allocated effectively and in line with financial regulations.

### **ISSUE**

1. The Budget was over committed at the meeting of this Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 due to confusion regarding outstanding 2023/24 schemes. To comply with financial regulations, the schemes now require funding from the 2024/25 Budget if they are to progress. Therefore, the Budget needs to be looked at again.

### **Unspent 2023/24 funds carried forward**

2. £120,000.

### **Allocation for 2024/25**

3. £78,270.

## **Total funds available for 2024/25**

4. £198,270 (£78,270 + £120,000).

## **Year-end**

5. **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.

## **New bids**

6. 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 signing 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 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: Commitments 2024/25

Appendix 2: Schemes to be confirmed

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS:** None.

**Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee Commitments 2024/25**

Appendix 1

(Shaded schemes are completed)

Sch. No.	Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2024/25	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	05/02/24 - £120.00 <b>Resurfacing various Unadopted Back Streets: Bk Larch St, Bk Pine St, Bk Fir St, Bk Rook St, Bk Garrick St, Bk Regent St.</b>	S Whalley (EG)	120,000	0	120,000	77,329	42,671	Scheme carried forward from 2023/24 as the work had been commissioned.
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>£120,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£120,000</b>	<b>£77,329</b>	<b>£42,671</b>	
	<b>Un-allocated Funds</b>		<b>£0</b>	<b>£78,270</b>	<b>£78,270</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£78,270</b>	
	<b>Total Funds Available 2024/25</b>		<b>£120,000</b>	<b>£78,270</b>	<b>£198,270</b>	<b>£77,329</b>	<b>£120,941</b>	

**Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee - Schemes To Be Confirmed**

Appendix 2

	Details						Amount	Comments
<b>A</b>	<b>Capital Projects - Brierfield West and Reedley</b>	S Whalley (EG)					19,992	2023/24 Scheme 16 – NBRC to confirm that this is to be carried forward for funding from the 2024/25 budget
<b>B</b>	<b>Refurbishment of Street Furniture at Nelson Town Centre</b>	S Whalley (EG)					1,500	2023/24 Scheme 19 – NBRC to confirm that this is to be carried forward for funding from the 2024/25 budget
<b>C</b>	<b>Nelson Cenotaph</b>	S Whalley (EG)					2,500	2023/24 Scheme 29 – NBRC to confirm that this is to be carried forward for funding from the 2024/25 budget
<b>D</b>	<b>Brunswick Street - Public Realm Improvements</b>	S Whalley (EG)					1,606	2023/24 Scheme 33 – NBRC to confirm that this is to be carried forward for funding from the 2024/25 budget
<b>E</b>	<b>Litter and Dog Bins</b>	J Lord (OS)					1,000	Bid for £1,000 submitted to NBRC on 03/06/24.
<b>F</b>	<b>Edge End Cricket Reinstatement</b>	P Riley (OS)					6,588	Bid for £13,176 submitted to NBRC on 03/06/24. The committee resolved to allocate £6,588 towards this.
<b>G</b>	<b>Premises Improvement Grants</b>	D McCarthy (EG)					15,000	Bid for £15,000 submitted to NBRC on 03/06/24.
<b>H</b>	<b>FOVP - Public Liability Insurance for Victoria Park events</b>	R Oliver (FOVP)					75	Bid for £75 submitted to NBRC on 03/06/24.
<b>I</b>	<b>RC Lions Cricket Club – Healthy Living Through Sport</b>	RC Lions Cricket Club					500	Bid for £500 submitted to NBRC on 03/06/24.

	Details						Amount	Comments
J	Bradley - Ward Projects						11,731	See NBRC 03/06/24
K	Brierfield East and Clover Hill - Ward Projects						11,931	See NBRC 03/06/24
L	Brierfield West and Reedley – Ward Projects						7,958	See NBRC 03/06/24
M	Marsden and Southfield – Ward Projects						11,931	See NBRC 03/06/24
N	Whitefield and Walverden – Ward Projects						11,856	See NBRC 03/06/24
							<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£104,168</b>
								<b>Only £78,270 available</b>