

SC/23/3

Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee

22 June 2023

Locality Budget Annual Report 2022/2023

Joint Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value, and Head of Communities

1) Background

In line with the Council's 'Locality Budget Operating Principles' an annual statement which summarises the allocations approved by Members is submitted to this Committee for audit and monitoring purposes.

Each Member of the County Council was allocated a Locality Budget of £8,000 for 2022/23. The Locality Budget is used by elected Members to respond to local needs, within electoral divisions, by supporting projects or activities that benefit the people and communities they represent. These grants must be used in accordance with operating principles in Part 3 of Section 5 of the Constitution.

2) Locality Budget Statement of 2022/23

This statement has been prepared for audit and monitoring purposes and summarises expenditure in 2022/23 by each of the 60 Councillors.

For each Member, Appendix 1 to this report details:

- Total Locality Budget for 2022/23
- Carried forward Locality Budget from 2021/22
- Total Locality Budget payments allocated in 2022/23.

The committee may wish to note the following:

- The total Locality Budget available in 2022/23 was £578,794
- The total Locality Budget allocated in 2022/23 was £446,982
- At year end the total underspend for 2022/23 was £131,812.

As part of the Outturn report to Cabinet on 14th June, Cabinet is being asked to carry forward the underspend to 2023/24. Cabinet's decision will be reported verbally to the Committee.

Locality Budget pilot year 2023/24

Locality Budgets are currently being managed (as a one Year pilot 23/24) by the Communities Team. This is in response to the Members Services Team having increased workloads. The Communities team already have the systems in place to manage any grant stream, and so it seemed sensible for them to manage the Locality Budget.

This approach has the benefit of bringing Locality Budgets and the Growing Communities Fund under one team, enabling them to advise Members when projects would be eligible for Growing Communities Fund, so preserving their Locality Budgets. It also means that projects approaching Members that need more funds than the Member feels they have available, would be able to (so long as they are eligible) make an application through Growing Communities Fund. The Communities Team is also best placed to connect projects with other possible funding streams both within Devon County Council and with external partners.

The aim is that Members understand which projects are suited best to which fund and to guide their communities to the appropriate application. This would result in Members having access to greater funding resources.

3) Options / Alternatives

The Locality Budget forms part of the Council's Constitution and so there are no suggested options/alternatives.

4) Strategic Plan

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/strategic-plan>

Locality Budget 2022/23 records a wide variety of projects supported by Members from supporting a stroke survivors club in Exmouth to funding support for bereaved children, young people, and adults in Teignbridge. On the whole, the projects supported by Members align with the Council's Strategic Plan priorities.

5) Financial Considerations

The Locality Budget grant fund for 2023/24 has been reduced from £8,000 to £5,000 for each member following the Devon County Council spending review in 2022. 50% of the amount carried forward from 2021/22 was released as a saving to support the Financial Sustainability Programme.

6) Legal Considerations

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7) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

A range of the projects that are funded through the Locality Budget indicate that they are aligned with both community benefit and the climate emergency/environmental agenda.

8) Equality Considerations

Each of our county councillors has an annual locality budget, to be used as a fund of last resort, of **£5,000** that they can use to respond to local needs within any financial year (April to March). Councillors can, if they wish, make grants to support projects or activities that benefit the communities they represent.

Applications are accepted from constituted and not-for-private-profit voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector groups and organisations, town and parish councils, charities or businesses (who have an eligible sponsor), or a combination of such groups working together.

9) Risk Management Considerations

Locality Budget grants must be used in accordance with operating principles in Part 3 of Section 5 of the Constitution. Officers assess Locality Budget applications against the Operating Principles and advise members on eligibility, which informs member's decision-making.

10) Summary

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Angie Sinclair
Director of Finance and Public Value

Simon Kitchen
Head of Communities

Electoral Divisions: All

Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities and Equality: Councillor Roger Croad

Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers

Nil

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Appendix 1 to SC/23/3

| | Brought forward 21/22 | Budget 22/23 | Total Budget | Total Allocated | Underspend 22/23 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ian Hall | £0 | £8,000 | £8,000 | £7,909 | £91 |
| Henry Gent | £1,856 | £8,000 | £9,856 | £4,635 | £5,221 |
| Sara Randall-Johnson | £1,856 | £8,000 | £9,856 | £4,635 | £5,221 |
| Richard Scott | £2,952 | £8,000 | £10,952 | £10,952 | £0 |
| Jeffrey Trail | £2,522 | £8,000 | £10,522 | £10,522 | £0 |
| Christine Channon | £2,366 | £8,000 | £10,366 | £9,678 | £688 |
| Phillip Twiss | £2,570 | £8,000 | £10,570 | £6,379 | £4,191 |
| Jess Bailey | £1,618 | £8,000 | £9,618 | £6,427 | £3,191 |
| Marcus Hartnell | £4,725 | £8,000 | £12,725 | £6,400 | £6,325 |
| Stuart Hughes | £2,365 | £8,000 | £10,365 | £10,279 | £86 |
| Iain Chubb | £525 | £8,000 | £8,525 | £4,900 | £3,625 |
| EAST DEVON | £23,355 | £88,000 | £111,355 | £82,716 | £28,639 |
| | | | | | |
| Yvonne Atkinson | £2,800 | £8,000 | £10,800 | £10,800 | £0 |
| Percy Prowse | £1,472 | £8,000 | £9,472 | £9,150 | £322 |
| Rob Hannaford | £1,580 | £8,000 | £9,580 | £9,580 | £0 |
| Danny Barnes | £3,725 | £8,000 | £11,725 | £6,495 | £5,230 |
| Tracy Adele Adams | £0 | £8,000 | £8,000 | £7,400 | £600 |
| Carol Whitton | £2,299 | £8,000 | £10,299 | £6,730 | £3,569 |
| Su Aves | £514 | £8,000 | £8,514 | £8,503 | £11 |
| Andrew Leadbetter | £2,050 | £8,000 | £10,050 | £8,400 | £1,650 |
| Marina Asvachin | £34 | £8,000 | £8,034 | £8,034 | £0 |
| EXETER | £14,474 | £72,000 | £86,474 | £75,092 | £11,382 |
| | | | | | |
| Frank Letch | £1,312 | £8,000 | £9,312 | £7,720 | £1,592 |
| Margaret Squires | £1,315 | £8,000 | £9,315 | £7,284 | £2,031 |
| John Berry | £1,675 | £8,000 | £9,675 | £7,485 | £2,190 |
| Colin Slade | £1,788 | £8,000 | £9,788 | £9,776 | £12 |
| Richard James Chesterton | £3,056 | £8,000 | £11,056 | £7,037 | £4,019 |
| Ray Radford | £1,560 | £8,000 | £9,560 | £6,591 | £2,969 |
| MID DEVON | £10,706 | £48,000 | £58,706 | £45,893 | £12,813 |
| | | | | | |
| Ian Roome | £4,275 | £8,000 | £12,275 | £12,275 | £0 |
| Caroline Frances Leaver | £3,742 | £8,000 | £11,742 | £5,500 | £6,242 |
| Pru Maskell | £1,019 | £8,000 | £9,019 | £9,019 | £0 |
| Paul John Henderson | £1,860 | £8,000 | £9,860 | £5,596 | £4,264 |
| Andrea Davis | £1,172 | £8,000 | £9,172 | £9,172 | £0 |

| | Brought forward 21/22 | Budget 22/23 | Total Budget | Total Allocated | Underspend 22/23 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Frank Biederman | £1,177 | £8,000 | £9,177 | £8,205 | £972 |
| Paul Crabb | £374 | £8,000 | £8,374 | £1,313 | £7,061 |
| Jeremy Yabsley | £0 | £8,000 | £8,000 | £7,384 | £616 |
| NORTH DEVON | £13,619 | £64,000 | £77,619 | £58,464 | £19,155 |
| | | | | | |
| John Hart | £2,912 | £8,000 | £10,912 | £8,290 | £2,622 |
| Jonathon Hawkins | £1,350 | £8,000 | £9,350 | £7,747 | £1,603 |
| Roger Croad | £3,125 | £8,000 | £11,125 | £4,480 | £6,645 |
| Julian Brazil | £472 | £8,000 | £8,472 | £6,075 | £2,397 |
| Rufus Gilbert | £1,753 | £8,000 | £9,753 | £6,048 | £3,705 |
| David James Thomas | £871 | £8,000 | £8,871 | £8,870 | £1 |
| Jacqi Hodgson | £414 | £8,000 | £8,414 | £8,309 | £105 |
| SOUTH HAMS | £10,897 | £56,000 | £66,897 | £49,819 | £17,078 |
| | | | | | |
| Sarah Parker-Khan | £150 | £8,000 | £8,150 | £7,600 | £550 |
| George Gribble | £1,641 | £8,000 | £9,641 | £7,454 | £2,187 |
| Jerry Brook | £3,150 | £8,000 | £11,150 | £4,850 | £6,300 |
| Martin Wrigley | £1,162 | £8,000 | £9,162 | £8,662 | £500 |
| Alan Connett | £0 | £8,000 | £8,000 | £7,750 | £250 |
| Alistair Dewhirst | £290 | £8,000 | £8,290 | £8,290 | £0 |
| Ron Peart | £1,054 | £8,000 | £9,054 | £6,420 | £2,634 |
| Phil Bullivant | £1,872 | £8,000 | £9,872 | £6,290 | £3,582 |
| Janet Bradford | £1,275 | £8,000 | £9,275 | £8,350 | £925 |
| David Nicholas Cox | £515 | £8,000 | £8,515 | £8,000 | £515 |
| TEIGNBRIDGE | £11,109 | £80,000 | £91,109 | £73,666 | £17,443 |
| | | | | | |
| Linda Hellyer | £550 | £8,000 | £8,550 | £7,500 | £1,050 |
| Jeffrey Wilton-Love | £3,419 | £8,000 | £11,419 | £7,360 | £4,059 |
| James Morrish | £1,475 | £8,000 | £9,475 | £3,930 | £5,545 |
| Dermot McGeough | £3,930 | £8,000 | £11,930 | £11,875 | £55 |
| Andrew Saywell | £1,076 | £8,000 | £9,076 | £4,468 | £4,608 |
| TORRIDGE | £10,450 | £40,000 | £50,450 | £35,133 | £15,317 |
| | | | | | |
| James McInnes | £706 | £8,000 | £8,706 | £3,999 | £4,707 |
| Lois Esther Samuel | £1,575 | £8,000 | £9,575 | £7,900 | £1,675 |
| Debo Sellis | £60 | £8,000 | £8,060 | £6,950 | £1,110 |
| Philip Sanders | £1,843 | £8,000 | £9,843 | £7,350 | £2,493 |
| WEST DEVON | £4,184 | £32,000 | £36,184 | £26,199 | £9,985 |
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| TOTAL | £98,794 | £480,000 | £578,794 | £446,982 | £131,812 |

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