

Supplement to the agenda for

Council

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Budget Amendments

Agenda item no. 10

2023/24 budget setting

Councillor Nigel Shaw Proposed Budget Amendment (1)

Councillor Bob Matthews Proposed Budget Amendment (2)

Proposed Budget Amendment (1) –

Proposer: Councillor Nigel Shaw

Secunder: Councillor TBC

Received by the monitoring officer: 9 February 2023, 12:38 p.m.

Proposed amendment:

Revenue Budget Amendment			
		£ m	£ m
Directorate (s) affected :	Economy and Environment		
Description of Amendment: to include any implications for service delivery:	Allocation of additional Rural Services Delivery Grant to Highways Infrastructure Investment Budget, to be ring-fenced for rural c and u roads, rather than being placed in reserves. Contribution to Herefordshire Athletics Track Refurbishment	611,909 70,000	
Source of funds: to confirm if source is one off, multi- year or recurring.	One off RSDG as indicated above. Additional funds allocated by HMG		681,909
Budget implications of amendment, to include any implementation costs, and confirmation if amendment creates a one off or recurring budget pressure.	Implication is that there is more money available for investment in rural roads, to support and improve the delivery of rural services through better infrastructure. To allocate the money to reserves would send the signal to civil servants and HMT that Herefordshire doesn't need the welcome additional funding. The Athletics track is a Herefordshire wide facility and the funding matches that from the City Council to promote health county-wide		
Net total impact		681,909	681,909
Balance / gap		0	0

Detail

- **Description of amendment:**

Extra Funding for Rural Roads and Herefordshire Athletics

- **Wording of amendment to be presented to Council:**

This amendment seeks to allocate the additional £611,909 Rural Services Delivery Grant to the Highways Capital Investment Budget within the capital budget. This sum to be effectively “ring –fenced” to be spent on u and c rural roads in recognition of the source of the funding. The aim will be to support the extra cost of delivering services across rural areas by improving the road infrastructure which is so necessary for service delivery.

The amendment also seeks to match the funding allocated by Hereford City Council to support the refurbishment of Herefordshire's County Athletics track, to retain a quality facility to the benefit of those living in the whole county.

Currently this funding is being allocated to the general reserve. To put this money in reserves would send the wrong message to civil servants and the HM Treasury, namely that Herefordshire doesn't need the funding.

S151 officer comments

The additional grant of £682k, is a revenue grant, and this budget amendment seeks to amend the revenue budget to spend the grant on capital items. Spending of revenue funding on capital items is allowed under the local government expenditure rules. If the amendment is agreed, it will add £682k to the capital program as a fully funded capital scheme.

Monitoring Officer comments

Budget amendment received 12:38 p.m., 9 February 2023

Proposed Budget Amendment (2) –

Proposer: Councillor Bob Matthew

Secunder: Councillor TBC

Received by the monitoring officer: 9 February 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Proposed amendment:

Revenue Budget Amendment			
		£ m	£ m
Directorate (s) affected :	Environment and Economy		
Description of Amendment: to include any implications for service delivery:	Use of the increased rural services grant for repairs to the rural public rights of way		
Source of funds: to confirm if source is one off, multi-year or recurring.	Recurring		500k
Budget implications of amendment, to include any implementation costs, and confirmation if amendment creates a one off or recurring budget pressure.	Nil as increase in rural services grant has only just been announced.	500k	
Net total impact		500k	500k
Balance / gap		0	0

Detail

- **Description of amendment:**

Use of the increase of the rural services grant for rural public rights of way (PROW)

- **Wording of amendment to be presented to Council:**

I understand that the Council has been recently granted an increase of £680k in our rural services grant. The rural public rights of way (PROW) are generally in a very poor state of repair and I move an amendment that £500k of this increased grant is spent on carrying out the necessary improvement.

S151 officer comments

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Monitoring Officer comments

Budget amendment received 5:00 p.m., 9 February 2023