

Report to Executive

Meeting Date: 21 March 2022
Portfolio: Communities, Health and Wellbeing
Key Decision:
Within Policy and
Budget Framework Yes
Public / Private Public

Title: RELEASE OF CITY CENTRE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
BUDGET

Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive
Report Number: CS.12/22

Purpose / Summary:

To seek approval from Executive for the release of £20,000 non-recurring revenue budget to support action to address anti-social behaviour in the city centre. Work is underway to develop actions via the Local Focus Hub, working with Cumbria Police and businesses associated with retail, catering and the night time economy.

Recommendations:

Executive is recommended to release the £20,000 non-recurring revenue budget to support action to address anti-social behaviour in the city centre, such action to be agreed with the Portfolio Holder prior to expenditure.

Tracking

Executive:	21 March 2022
Overview and Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	N/A

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Executive budget proposals for 2022/23 were approved by full Council at its meeting on 1 February 2022. As part of the discussions, Executive agreed the allocation of £20,000 non-recurring funding to support actions to address anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the city centre this year. Release of this funding is subject to approval by Executive in line with the Council's scheme of virement.

2.0 Actions to address ASB in the city centre

- 2.1 Activities designed to reduce the incidence of ASB in the city centre are being developed in discussion with partners through the Carlisle Local Focus Hub. These activities are likely to focus on complimenting the 'night safe' project being led by Cumbria Police and the University of Cumbria and also address early evening issues across the city centre. The budget will support the new hub coordination arrangements proposed to transfer to the Council as described in report A.5. Release of the budget, pending approval / implementation of the proposed changes will facilitate any urgent actions agreed to address any emerging priorities. Expenditure will be approved by the Deputy Chief Executive in this interim period following discussion with the Portfolio Holder as appropriate.

- 2.3 Pending any developments, as above, the funding will be held within Civil Enforcement (24410: Anti-Social Behaviour).

3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 The Executive's budget proposals were considered by Council on 1 February 2022 following consultation with Scrutiny Panels and the public.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 To seek approval from Executive for the release of £20,000 non-recurring revenue budget to support action to address anti-social behaviour in the city centre, such action to be agreed with the Portfolio Holder prior to expenditure.

5.0 Contribution to The Carlisle Plan Priorities

- 5.1 Activity to address anti-social behaviour will contribute to the Carlisle Plan and vision:
To enable Carlisle to grow and prosper as the capital of the Borderlands region, benefiting the health and wellbeing of the people of Carlisle. We will work in partnership so that all can enjoy the benefits of new opportunities and choices, whilst rising to the challenges of a changing climate.

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Appendices None
attached to report:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- **None**

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL - Release of this ring-fenced budget requires approval of the Executive. As officers are not in a position at the time of writing the report to identify specific projects but need to be able to respond quickly to anti-social behaviour in the City, the Executive is asked to release the funds on proviso that the agreement of the relevant Portfolio Holder is obtained prior to expenditure.

FINANCE – A non-recurring revenue budget in 2022/23 of £20,000 was approved by Council and was subject to a further report to the Executive prior to release of the earmarked funding and any expenditure being incurred. This report satisfies that requirement and requests the release of the earmarked budget.

EQUALITY - This report raises no explicit issues relating to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE – N/A

PROPERTY SERVICES – No property implications