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## SCRUTINY & PETITIONS COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2022

A MEETING of the SCRUTINY & PETITIONS COMMITTEE will be held VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2022 at 10.00 am

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council

10 October 2022

BUSINESS		
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
2.	<b>Order of Business</b>	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
4.	<b>Monitoring of the 10 year Capital/Revenue Funding of Roads Maintenance</b> (Pages 3 - 10)  Consider presentation by Acting Chief Financial Officer. (Copy attached.)	20 mins
5.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated</b>	
6.	<b>Any Other Items The Chairman Decides Are Urgent</b>	

### NOTES

1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.
2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

**Membership of Committee:-** Councillors E. Thornton-Nicol (Chair), N. Richards (Vice-Chair), J. Anderson, P. Brown, J. Cox, M. Douglas, J. PatonDay, E. Robson, S. Scott and F. Sinclair

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# Scrutiny & Petitions Committee

## Roads and Infrastructure

## Services Performance

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Agenda Item 4

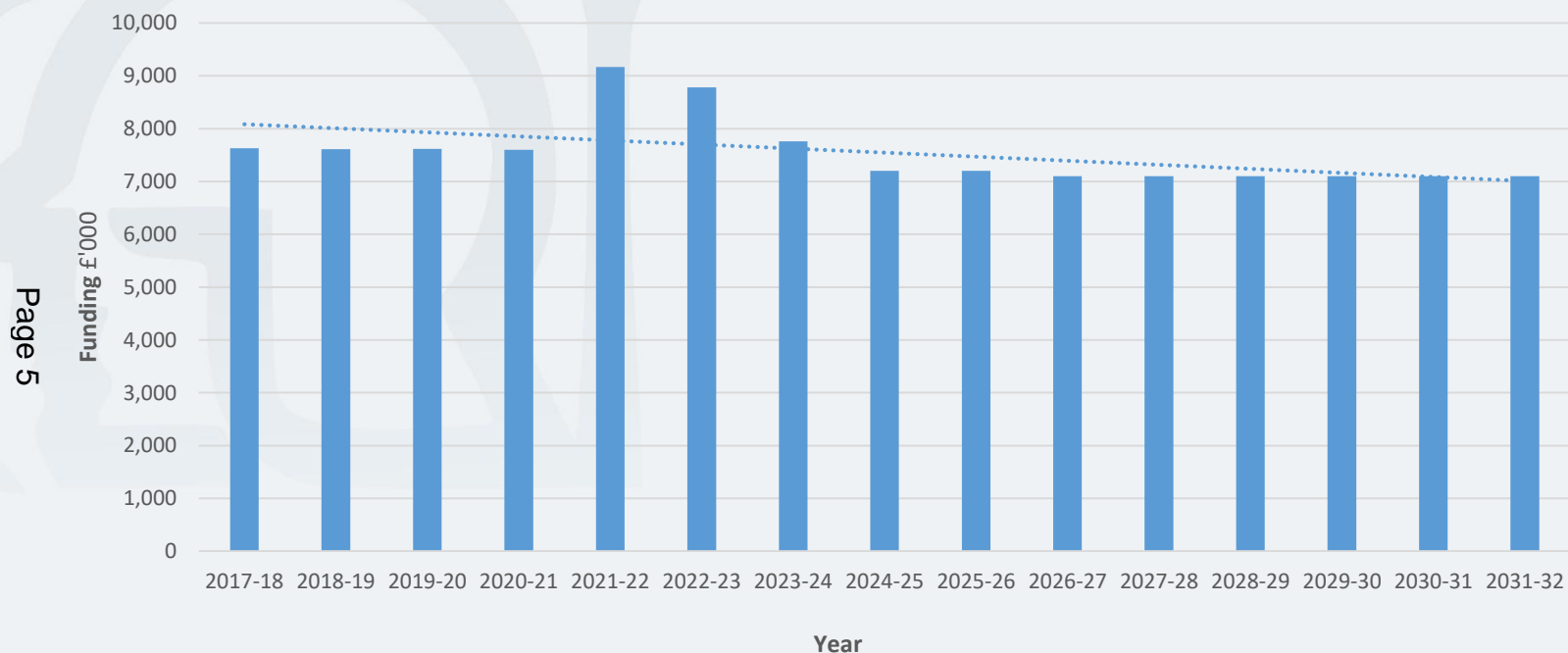


# Audit & Scrutiny Committee Request

- To provide the Committee with information showing the trend in revenue and capital investment in Roads infrastructure over a 10 year period



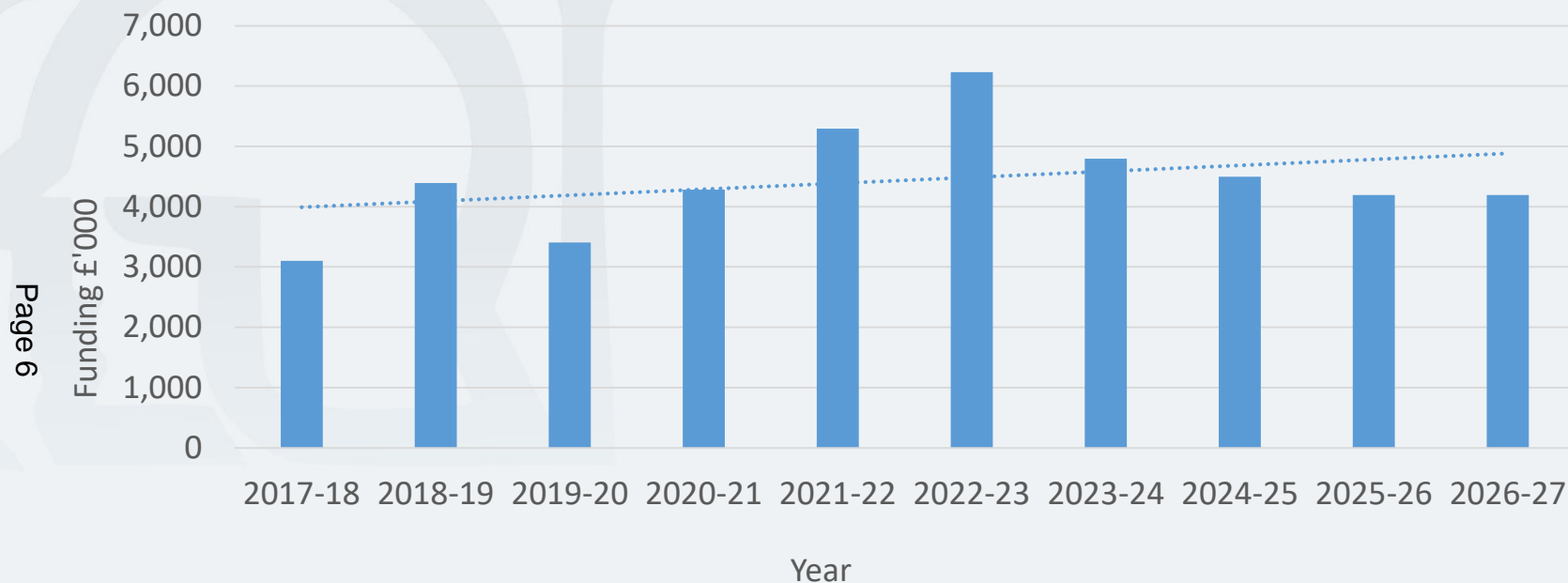
## Roads Total Capital Funding



- Actual Spend 2017-18 to 2021-22
- Approved budget 2022-23 to 2031-32
- 2023-24 onwards does not include external grants which have yet to be applied for i.e. Strategic Timber Transport Fund



## Roads Revenue Funding



- Actual Spend 2017-18 to 2021-22
- Approved budget 2022-23 to 2026-27
- 2022-23 includes a net increase of £1m to reflect Members priorities

# Capital or Revenue Expenditure?



## Capital

- Creates a new asset – through purchase or construction
- Enhances an existing asset
  - Lengthens substantially the useful life of the asset
  - Increases the level of performance (extent to which the asset can or will be used)

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### Example:

- Bridge strengthening
- Resurfacing



# Capital or Revenue Expenditure cont.?

## Revenue

- Maintains an existing asset
  - Keeps the asset in a useable condition but does not extend it's overall life

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Example:

- Pothole repairs





# Roads & Bridges Capital Budget

## What do we spend budget on?

- Surface dressing – prior patching where necessary, applying bond coat to existing surface and then small chips on top. This is preventative maintenance
- Patching – applying first time fixes to A&B class roads, these repairs will be permanent and semi-permanent, this will include cutting out defective areas, and trimming the edges of the holes before refilling
- Resurfacing/Overlays – this will include overlays on the top of the existing surface and inlays i.e. removing existing surface and replacing with new material
- Walls & Structures
- Footways
- Drainage
- Masonry Refurbishment



# Roads & Bridges Revenue Budget

## What do we spend budget on?

- Roads planned works – planned lining on the A & B Class network, works associated with safer routes to school, yellow lines, signs and disabled parking pays
- Roads reactive works - a wide range of works for example safety repairs of potholes; footways; paths; cattle grids and steps; cleaning out existing ditches; repairs drainage systems, small scale drainage works to alleviate surface water ponding on carriageways; grass cutting and verge related safety defects; replacement of defective signs and damaged bollards; safety repairs to damaged vehicle restraint systems or pedestrian guardrails; minimal sweeping of the carriageway and weed killing of kerb lines outwith the towns; cost of festivals & events including setting out signs, cones and barriers for events; dealing with surface water on the carriageway during and following periods of heavy rainfall; cyclic and reactive cleaning of gullies; out of hours emergencies
- Bridges – planned and reactive maintenance on the bridges network