



Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership

Budget Summary: AGM, September, 2016.

The Annual Report for 2015, published in December 2015, showed an estimated carry forward into 2016/17 of £20,800. The actual carry forward reported by Cumbria County Council was **£28,902**. The difference was largely accounted for as the carry forward included £4,000 held from SeeMore funding towards the Lakes Line (Burneside & Staveley) feasibility study and £6,000 from SLDC for the Kendal signage project. A DCRDF grant of £1,000 for the Kendal TIC project was also carried forward into this year's budget. The Windermere Lake Cruises contribution of £1,000 was re-allocated to the Operational Account rather than to the LLCRP budget held by Cumbria County Council.

The carry forward last year was £38,604, almost £10k more than was carried forward into the this financial year. However, financial support from Northern has more than replaced the financial support from TransPennine Express. Although funding from TransPennine Express ended with the change of franchise in April, 2016, Northern has now contributed £25,000 to the LLCRP's budget for this financial year. Northern are also introducing the new Seed Corn Fund and a bid for a feasibility study will be made. There is a small innovations fund held by TransPennine Express into which bids can be made and possibilities will be investigated.

Compared to last financial year, the costs of the LLCRP are also rising as the Community Rail Manager and Community Rail Assistant have added to both the resources and costs of the partnership. These officers are no longer paid by Cumbria County Council and their salaries during 2016/17 are being met from the Community Rail Cumbria budget. This has been apportioned to each line with 20% coming from the LLCRP budget. The Community Rail Partnership Officer has reduced his hours of work from the 1st September, 2016, and that will result in some saving of staffing costs.

There is no funding for the partnership from Cumbria County Council in 2016 but South Lakeland District Council has continued its financial support. Apart from Windermere Lake Cruises, financial support from the business sector has not been forthcoming, partly due to the current train services along the line. Sadly, the SeeMore grant funding that had been available through Cumbria Tourism has also ceased in 2016/17 but £4,000 had been secured before the end of the financial year. Funding from SLDC for the signage project also continues to be carried over with the delay in spending being due to the preparation of a Master Plan that includes some redevelopment of the area south of the station in Kendal.

The summary below is based on figures provided by Cumbria County Council and is as follows:

Actual c/f from 2015/16 **£28,902**

Income from TOCs and Stakeholders for 2016/17:

Northern Rail £25,000

Cumbria CC 0

SLDC £250

Businesses (WLC) £1,000

£26,250

Total anticipated income: **£55,152***

* This includes the c/f of DCRDF, SeeMore and SLDC project funds but does not include any SeedCorn Fund bids (£25,000) or TPE bids.

Anticipated expenditure during 2016/17:

Staffing costs - salary, NI, travel £12,521 (5 months @f/t +7 months @ p/t)

Staffing CRC apportionment £14,000 (20% of total cost)

Projects/printing £1,000 Promotional projects

Kendal CIS £1,300 (£1,000 DCRDF Grant)

Kendal signage £6,000 on-going with SLDC

Costs: (website, support) £1,500 A2A and SNAP surveys

LL Feasibility study £4,000 (plus bid to Seed-Corn Fund)

Anticipated total expenditure: **£40,321****

** This does not include any spending resulting from Seed Corn Fund or other grants.

Anticipated yearend balance: **£14,831**

There is additional "Help in Kind" from Virgin Trains and Network Rail.

The Balance of the Operational Account is £1,374.49 (1st September, 2016).

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