

Questions under Procedure Rule 11.2 for Council

Q1. Question from Councillor Norman to the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement

"I am grateful for his detailed reply to my email of the 29th of June where I asked him for the costs of the Knife Angel artwork coming to Lichfield and the reason why Lichfield was chosen.

However, he did not give me any details of the public funding costs in the email so could he list those now, both from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office and from Lichfield District Council?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement

"Lichfield Community Safety Partnership were offered the opportunity, which tied in with an anti-violence campaign being run this spring and summer in local schools. It also ties in with other campaigns in the community safety partnership delivery plan to fulfil its statutory obligations including raising awareness of domestic violence, anti-social behaviour, county lines, and crime prevention. So far it has been a great vehicle to engage with schools, community groups and residents on these issues."

"The bulk of the costs are being covered by Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner utilising £20,000 of funding. This covers transportation, the cost of hiring the crane, knife bin installations, security, insurance etc. We are incurring some installation costs of around £7,000, we have also set aside £1,000 for engagement activities."

Q2. Question from Councillor Norman to the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement

"In that email reply he listed the civic award recipients which included Clive Knowles (Chairman of British Ironwork Centre), the Police Crime Commissioner, Ben Adams, and indeed himself as Cabinet Member Community Safety Partnership.

Can you tell me who decided on these "civic awards" and what the process was as I do not recall any such "civic awards" in my time on the council since 1995?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement

"The Civic Awards given out are a contractual requirement of hosting the Knife Angel."

Q3. Question from Councillor Booker to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commissioning

"I was delighted to win my Whittington & Streethy seat but have a strong impression that the Tamworth constituency area of the District has not received the focus from LDC that residents deserve. Therefore, can the cabinet member provide a ward-by-ward breakdown of the amount of capital expenditure made by this council for each of the financial years 2011/12 to 2021/22 inclusive?"

Response from the Cabinet Member for Finance and Commissioning

“Can I firstly formally congratulate Cllr Booker on her election to represent Whittington with Streethay ward, from which I have fond memories of my time as District Councillor there.

I attach to this response a breakdown of spend on a parish by parish basis, which is the best data available in the time that it has been possible to collate this information. Cllr Booker will note that the parish figures are distorted against ward figures as the major population centres of Lichfield City and Burntwood include a number of wards, but nevertheless represent a significantly greater proportion of capital spend than the more rural wards that she refers to along the border with Tamworth.

This is for a number of reasons. Firstly is that capital investment has generally been focussed on the largest population centres - Lichfield and Burntwood, where there is a greater pressure on services that we as a Council can provide. Secondly is a product of how the figures are presented, as investment in Burntwood Leisure Centre is recorded against Burntwood, investment in our own building here at the District Council House, or land acquisition in the city centre is recorded against Lichfield. Investment has generally taken place where the District Council owns assets, or where we have chosen to invest in our own property.

Finally, I would urge Cllr Booker not to disregard the greatest proportion of the spend being district-wide and not specifically allocated to wards or parishes, relating to Disabled Facilities Grants, Vehicles, Bins and ICT infrastructure, representing £17.4m over the eleven years analysed and being 46% of all spend. It is simply not possible to apportion this at a hyper local level but is probably the most direct way that this Council serves the residents that we all represent.

I can certainly reassure Cllr Booker that this does not represent any less of a focus on the Tamworth constituency area, and is more likely to simply reflect the rural nature of that area of the district combined with the District Council's greater property holdings being in the Lichfield and Burntwood areas. I am sure that with the presence of talented and engaged Tamworth constituency members on Cabinet and across the Council, it will remain prominent in everybody's thoughts as we move through the latest capital programme, and if Cllr Booker is aware of specific projects that may benefit from our intervention would encourage her to contact me to discuss them.”

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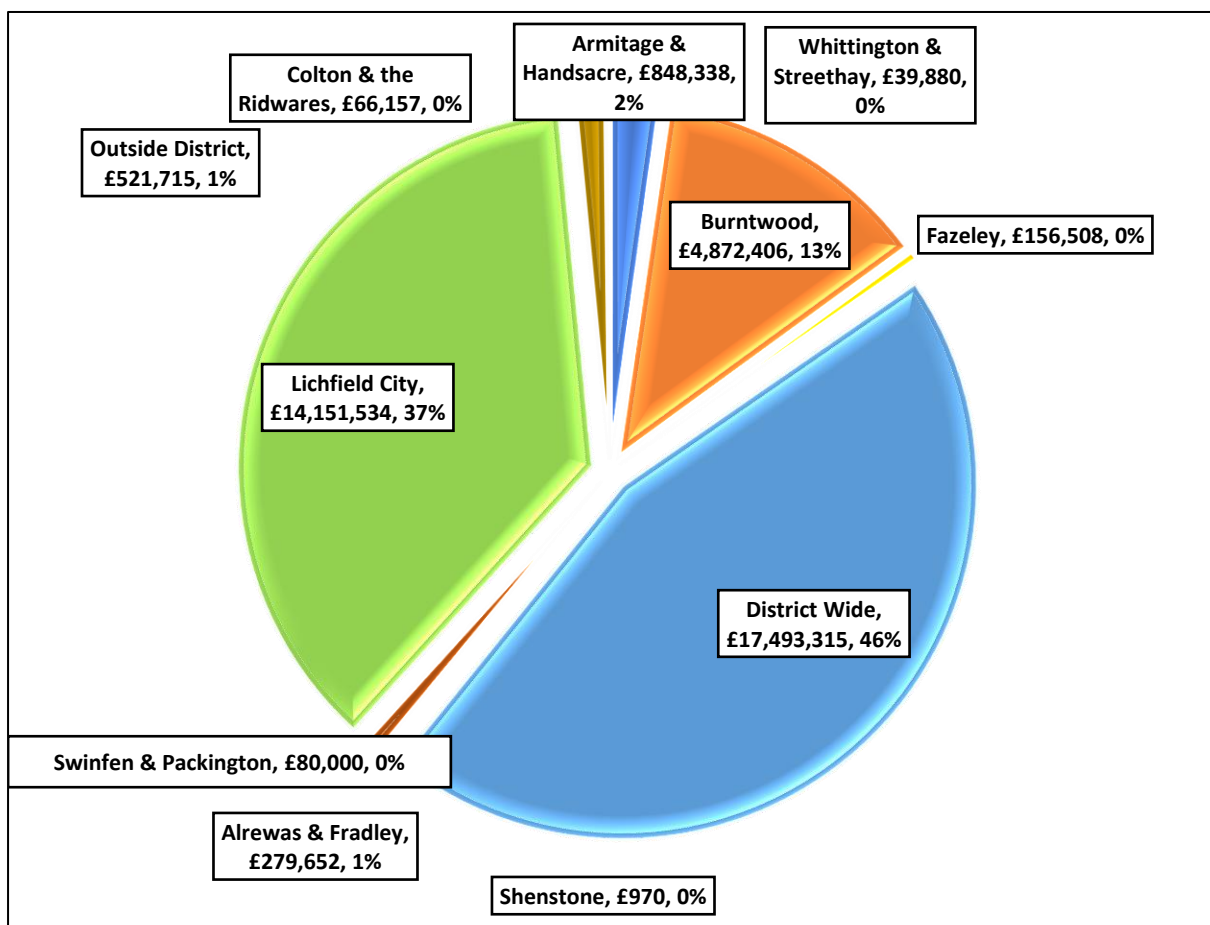
A ward-by-ward breakdown of the amount of capital expenditure made by this council for each of the financial years 2011/12 to 2021/22 inclusive.

Key facts:

- Total spend = **£38.5m**
- Number of Projects = **247**
- Number of Individual Project Spend Lines analysed = **476**

Assumptions:

- Information is analysed by Parish not on a ward-by-ward basis due to the capacity impact with limited information for some projects due to the length of elapsed time.
- Where the spend is related to a specific building, such as Burntwood Leisure Centre or the District Council House, the spend is allocated to the area the building is located.
- Best judgement or available information has been used to allocate spend to area due to the capacity impact with limited information for some projects due to the length of elapsed time.
- District wide projects include Disabled Facilities Grants (third party provider therefore no geographical spend analysis), Vehicles, Bins, ICT etc.



Area	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Grand Total	%
Armitage & Handsacre	£75,152	£30,460	£1,648	£125,133	£109,269		£320,154	£46,000	£14,822		£125,700	£848,338	2.20%
Burntwood	£634,990	£897,820	£34,794	£100,356	£60,666	£128,746	£31,770	£1,632,133	£69,937	£812,960	£468,235	£4,872,406	12.65%
District Wide	£1,061,824	£1,048,030	£1,114,362	£1,209,242	£3,267,204	£1,857,160	£1,572,229	£1,021,106	£1,424,131	£1,482,156	£2,435,871	£17,493,315	45.42%
Lichfield City	£2,028,555	£1,897,942	£3,327,972	£153,961	£500,104	£597,014	£514,496	£2,055,413	£520,980	£944,674	£1,610,425	£14,151,534	36.75%
Outside District	£20,000						£85,984	£64,736	£218,383	£31,416	£101,195	£521,715	1.35%
Fazeley	£73,840	£5,000	£73,697				£3,971					£156,508	0.41%
Shenstone				£970								£970	0.00%
Swinfen & Packington							£40,000	£40,000				£80,000	0.21%
Whittington & Streethay							£39,880					£39,880	0.10%
Alrewas & Fradley	£187,239	£32,152	£2,546	£4,756	£3,099			£10,000	£18,396	£21,464		£279,652	0.73%
Colton & the Ridwares								£41,054	£30,000	(£4,897)		£66,157	0.17%
Grand Total	£4,081,601	£3,911,403	£4,555,018	£1,594,417	£3,940,342	£2,582,920	£2,608,485	£4,910,442	£2,296,649	£3,287,773	£4,741,426	£38,510,474	100%