

PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
ACTION PLAN 2025 - 2026
COUNCIL PLAN 2025 - 2028



Priority 1:

Providing High Quality Services and Facilities - Key actions for 2025/26

Actions and milestones	By when
Financial Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to deliver a balanced three-year medium-term forecast whilst delivering effective services and identify required savings as part of service improvements 	28 Feb 2026
Local Government Reorganisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit final proposal with neighbouring authorities as per Council preferred options 	28 Nov 2025
Continuous Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on actions taken and impact of the enforcement review Review progress of the continuous improvement actions detailed in the transformation programme report Complete evaluation of the elections process 	30 Jun 2025 31 Mar 2026 31 Jan 2026
Liberata Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete annual review of the performance framework Review governance arrangements of the contract Consider savings options, including for exempt accommodation Agree and begin delivery of the Customer and Digital Strategy Agree and begin delivery of the ICT Strategy Deliver the Workforce Development Strategy 	30 Jun 2025 30 Dec 2025 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026
Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the actions from the Information Governance audit Implement the actions from the Value for Money review by external audit Complete review of constitution Implement the requirements of the new CIPFA / SOLACE Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework Addendum 	30 Jun 2025 31 Mar 2026 31 Jul 2025 31 Mar 2026
Citizens' Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope options for a Citizens' Hub in Nelson, considering Plan for Neighbourhoods funding for Nelson 2026/27 	31 Mar 2026
Building Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress the Building Safety Levy Implement quality assurance and risk-based processing of building regulations Ensure compliance with the Building Safety Regulator regime 	30 Mar 2026 31 Dec 2025 31 Dec 2025
Online Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete review of live streaming of meetings Implement the Customer and Digital Strategy including accessibility 	30 Jun 2025 31 Mar 2026
Staff Values and Achievements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and evaluate the staff recognition scheme following the second awards event Implement and evaluate the revised performance development review (appraisal) process 	30 Sep 2025 30 Sep 2025
Transfer of Assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the next wave of local asset transfers 	31 Mar 2026

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Waste and Recycling	
• Work with third party providers to provide waste management facilities within Pendle	31 Dec 2025
• Secure funding or further commitment of support from LCC in relation to the management of waste materials	30 Sep 2025
• Complete promotion of weekly food waste collections including the delivery arrangements for caddies, liners and communal bins to households across the Borough in preparation for the introduction of food waste collections in April 2026	31 Mar 2026
• Complete tender preparation, advertisement and evaluation of returned submissions for new fleet and its maintenance.	31 Mar 2026

Priority 2:

Proud and Connected Communities and Places - Key actions for 2025/26

Actions and milestones	By when
Confident Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop the Pendle Partnership and support related actions 	31 Mar 2026
Connectivity and Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the canal corridor and active travel by bike and on foot Work with partners to promote the reopening of the Skipton to Colne railway 	31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026
Climate Change and Biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Climate Change Strategy and begin delivering the plan Complete the feasibility study for Earby phase 3 flood defence and agree next steps Continue to identify a range of carbon reduction measures to reduce the Council's carbon footprint associated with its building stock Continue to explore alternative powered vehicles and equipment for the logo'd fleet Refresh the Management Plan for Alkincoats Local Nature Reserve (LNR) Work with Gib Hill Guardians to enhance existing Gib Hill LNR Management Plan to maximise biodiversity within the site Formally extend Alkincoats LNR with Natural England Develop the economic case for including sites for biodiversity net gain delivery Implement the biodiversity action plan and prepare for and submit the statutory biodiversity return 	30 Jun 2025 30 Sep 2025 30 Sep 2025 31 Mar 2026 31 Aug 2025 31 Dec 2025 31 Dec 2025 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026
Behaviour Change Campaigns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a campaign to raise awareness of the impact of littering and chewing gum staining Deliver three cleaner neighbourhood events within the Borough: Brierfield, Nelson and Colne Deliver campaigns with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service to raise awareness of the need to remove waste containers from the highway after emptying 	31 Mar 2026 30 Sep 2025 30 Sep 2025
Community Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Pendle Community Safety Partnership to develop a Strategy for 2025-28 Work strategically with Pennine CSP and Pendle Community Safety Partnership to implement a Serious Violence Duty plan 	31 Dec 2025 31 Dec 2025
Bereavement Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure planning consent for Halifax Road cemetery Complete the tendering process for the construction of the Halifax Road cemetery Commence work on site programmed to start end of August 2025 Complete all surveys and required consultations prior to submission of planning application for Ghyll cemetery Review cemetery services to make them financially viable 	30 Sep 2025 30 Sep 2025 30 Sep 2025 31 Dec 2025 31 Mar 2026
Community Cohesion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver the new Community Cohesion Strategy and Community Engagement Strategy and action plan 	31 Mar 2026

Priority 3:

Good Growth - Key actions for 2025/26

Actions and milestones	By when
An ambitious Local Plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceed with the examination and adoption of the Local Plan Establish a future work programme under the National Planning Policy framework 	31 Dec 2025 31 Mar 2026
UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the UKSPF funding agreement with Lancashire Combined County Authority Agree revised programme based on the 2025/26 funding allocation Implement the Year 4 programme 	30 Jun 2025 30 Jun 2025 31 Mar 2026
Green Growth	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support businesses to promote reductions in energy use and carbon emissions with service providers Support LCC with the Lancashire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) scheme 	31 Dec 2025 31 Mar 2026
Links with Local Businesses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a skills and employment framework Evaluate the success of shop fronts grants on the high street Deliver the Pendle Business Awards Carry out a business confidence survey Deliver Pendle Business Week Support partners to host business forum and workshops in Pendle 	30 Jun 2025 30 Jun 2025 3 Jul 2025 30 Sep 2025 30 Oct 2025 30 Oct 2025
Nelson Town Deal	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open ACE centre – advanced digital skills hub Secure vacant possession of Pendle Rise Commence demolition of Pendle Rise Complete demolition of Pendle Rise Continue delivery of Accessible Nelson programme Monitor grant investment into local business 	31 Dec 2025 31 Oct 2025 30 Nov 2025 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026
Trafalgar House	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete marketing Identify end user Secure planning permission Complete the demolition of the rear of the building 	30 May 2025 31 July 2025 30 Sep 2025 31 Mar 2026
Plan for Neighbourhoods (Nelson)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit posts to support the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme Work with the Neighbourhood Board and local community to identify projects to deliver the programme themes 	30 Jun 2025 31 Mar 2026
Barnoldswick, Colne and Earby Masterplans	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support local initiatives for each of the three town centres Identify potential resources to support the delivery of the masterplans 	30 Sep 2025 30 Sep 2025
Colne Levelling Up Programme	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open the refurbished Colne Market Hall 	30 Sep 2025
PEARL/PEARL Together	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Further Clough Head, Nelson, development Complete housing development at Spring Mill, Earby 	30 Sep 2025 31 Mar 2026
Housing/Regeneration	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop housing options and a viable scheme for the Bankhouse Road, Nelson, site Explore Lomeshaye Phase 2 development potential Explore potential development for Bunkers Hill in Colne 	30 Jun 2025 30 Sep 2025 30 Sep 2025

Priority 4:

Housing and Healthy Communities - Key actions for 2025/26

Actions and milestones	By when
Indoor Leisure Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Wavelengths extension scheme Deliver energy saving schemes 	31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026
Green Spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formally submit a planning application for the Colne skate park Deliver Marsden Park pump track as part of the Nelson Town Deal parks project schemes Deliver remaining Nelson Town Deal Healthy Town Projects - Victoria Park, Marsden Park and Walverden Park Create further volunteering opportunities for residents, schools and businesses through nature reserves and other green spaces 	30 Sep 2025 31 Mar 2025 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026
Cycleways and Footpaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate findings of Local Cycleway and Walking Infrastructure Plan with Accessible Nelson 	30 Sep 2025
Health and Wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Pendle's Health and Wellbeing Partnership to deliver its priorities Deliver programmes to support Pendle's vulnerable residents, such as Holiday, Food and Activities and Household Support Fund Work with NHS partners to better utilise public estates to enhance service integration opportunities 	31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026
Housing Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the findings of the borough's housing stock modelling survey Continue to work to reduce the number of long-term empty properties Continue to deliver LCC's affordable warmth scheme to those vulnerable to cold Continue to work with the Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) partnership to deliver the home upgrade grant funding Implement the recommendations of the Better Care Fund review Improve the provision of temporary accommodation in Pendle Deliver the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) scheme to provide additional accommodation Implement the Renters' Rights Bill Implement the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023 to protect residents that have care, support or supervision needs. Implement a licensing and property inspection scheme for supported accommodation 	30 Sep 2025 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026 31 Mar 2026
Cultural Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Arts and Culture Steering Group to enhance and embed Pendle's art and culture offer and implement its action plan 	31 Mar 2026
Taxi Licensing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop measures to improve taxi safety and bring to Council 	30 Sep 2025



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