

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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COLNE TOWN CENTRE WALKABOUT – UPDATE REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update members on progress made on issues identified on the town centre walkabout undertaken on 31 March 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That members consider allocating a sum of money to support maintenance of the town centre.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To inform members of the current position and relevant actions/progress following the Colne town centre walkabout and to provide necessary funding for a high standard of maintenance within Colne town centre.

ISSUE

1. The Colne town centre walkabout is undertaken annually to give councillors the opportunity to discuss town centre maintenance issues and identify areas that may need some improvement/attention. The walkabouts have taken place annually and have proved extremely successful in maintaining a high standard throughout Colne town centre.
2. On Thursday, 31 March 2016 councillors, along with relevant officers from Pendle Council (Neighbourhood Services), undertook a walkabout through Colne town centre. The aim of the walkabout was to identify any issues which need to be resolved. This included street furniture, buildings, and paving.
3. Appendix 1 shows the comprehensive list of identified problem sites within the town, the relevant department which needs to deal with the problem and any actions/work undertaken.

The table shows that some of the identified issues have now been resolved by the relevant departments.

4. Further town centre walkabouts will be arranged as required by members of this Committee.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: In line with the Council policy of improving the appearance of its town centres.

Financial: Some issues can be covered by the town centre maintenance budget. It is requested that the Committee considers allocating funding for enhanced maintenance.

Legal: The owners of some of the sites will need to be identified before work can be undertaken.

Risk Management: None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety: To ensure all workers are using the correct safety equipment and relevant risk assessments have taken place.

Sustainability: To ensure the works use sustainable materials where possible and are done to a good standard that will last.

Community Safety: The actions aim to improve the town centre as a whole to improve the town's image and quality.

Equality and Diversity: Undertaking the actions will result in an improved town centre that can be enjoyed by the whole community.

Location	Issue/action	Department	Progress	ESP Costs
Church Street/Market Street	Condition of footway. Concern over the condition of the stone-flagged footways. SCW is due to meet with LCC to discuss required repairs and funding	Neighbourhood Services (SCW)	SCW met with LCC. No funding available from LCC. Suggest bid to Colne capital programme	
Bollards/Street Furniture	Painting of street furniture. EAG to be engaged to undertake the necessary painting	Neighbourhood Services (SCW)	SCW liaising with EAG	
Albert Road/Church Street/Market Street	Tidy Team – Fly posters and tie wraps to be removed from all street furniture. Mainly located on street lights and sign posts	Environmental Services (Tidy Team)	Reported to Tidy Team	
Albert Road/Church Street/Market Street	CCTV column Help Point housings to be removed from all CCTV columns	Neighbourhood Services (GW)	Reported to GW	
Albert Road/Church Street/Market Street	Street clutter audit – To be carried out by Neighbourhood Services. Liaison required with LCC to remove any signs etc which are no longer required	Neighbourhood Services/LCC	Street audit not yet undertaken	
La Villa, Church Street	Premises improvement grant suggested	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	Reported to PC. PC to contact owners	
Istanbul, Church Street	Premises improvement grant suggested	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	Reported to PC. PC to contact owners	

Location	Issue/action	Department	Progress	ESP Costs
Outside Colne Opticians, Church Street	Loose sign post – needs resetting	LCC	Reported to LCC	
Outside Clifford Smith & Buchanan	Town Centres Team to visit property and advise as to pigeon netting etc	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	Reported to PC. PC to contact owners	
Dockray Street Car Park behind Betfred	Fly tipping. Contact Tidy Team to get it tidied up	Environmental Services (DW)	Reported to DW	
Outside Red Lion	Dockray Street sign needs turning around	Neighbourhood Services (SCW)	Actioned	
Co-operative Travel	Premises improvement grant suggested	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	Reported to PC	
Blockbuster	Compulsory Purchase Order suggested	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	Reported to PC	
Higgin Chamber	Property would benefit from face lifting. Is this Pendle Council-owned?	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	PC to ask Liberata	
Coat of arms on Library	Paint coat of arms	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	PC to ask Estates	
Tower Building	Premises improvement grant suggested	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	PC to contact LCC	
Pendle Cycleways	New sign to be installed	Neighbourhood Services (TW)	TW to order new sign	
Cross Skelton Street Car Park	Litter pick required on planting bed. SCF to contact Tidy Team	Neighbourhood Services	SCF to contact DW	
Outside Job Centre, Market Street	Area to be cleaned. SCW to look at rest of town centre	Neighbourhood Services (SCW)	Order placed	

Location	Issue/action	Department	Progress	ESP Costs
Street lights in precinct, Market Street	Investigate reducing height of lanterns by 1m	Neighbourhood Services (SCW)	Estimate required	
Precinct, Market Street	Stone spheres to be cleaned and LED uplighters to be checked	Neighbourhood Services (SCW)	Order issued	
Taxi Office – Toilets	Request update from PEARL and Liberata with regard to progress for this site	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	PC to contact PEARL	
Coping Stones, Precinct, Market Street	Reset next to toilets	Neighbourhood Services (SCW)	Actioned	
Market Cross, Market Street	The cost for a new plaque to be investigated	PC/Liberata	PC to request cost from Liberata	
Colne Town Hall clock	Time to be checked	Economic and Housing Regeneration (PC)	PC to contact Town Hall	