

**BIDS FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEES  
CAPITAL (AND REVENUE) PRO FORMA**

**Short Project Title:** Brierfield Town Centre Premises Improvement Grants .....

**Bid submitted by:** Housing, Health and Economic Development

**On behalf of (please include contact details):** Housing, Health and Economic Development, ElliottHouse, 9 Market Square, Nelson .....

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**Amount requested:** £6,000 .....

**Brief details of Project:** Premises improvement grants are promoted, targeted and administered by Housing, Health and Economic Development staff, who support the applicant throughout the process. All retail premises within the defined town centre boundary are eligible for a 50% grant at a maximum of £3000, for improvements to their premises. The main aim of the premises improvement grants scheme is to improve the overall look of the town.

In the previous budget year, 2015/16, the area committee allocated £3000. In addition there was a slippage of was £5,275. Of the total available budget of £8, 275, £600 has been spent and £6000 is committed, with a remainder of £1675. Two further businesses have shown interest in taking up the grant. A full report outlining the outcomes will be submitted in May/June.

**Main Outcomes to be Achieved:** To improve the appearance of the town centre by assisting commercial organisations to improve premises and encourage the use of vacant properties. The grants scheme is a tool used to encourage private investment in town centre buildings; the outcome of this investment is an aesthetic improvement to the town centre which in turn increases retail and public confidence in the area. The grants can encourage the use of vacant buildings as they can reduce the overall cost of changing the exterior and interior of the building to suit the needs of the incoming business .....

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**When will Project be implemented?** From budget approval to 31 March 2018

**Who will undertake the Project works?** Private contractors appointed by individual applicant, which can be either the owner or tenant of the premises. Applicants must provide 3 quotes to demonstrate value for money before the grant is approved. ....  
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**Is the bid for capital or revenue funding?** Capital .....

**Is there match funding for the Project from elsewhere?** Yes.....

**If so, please give details:** The grants scheme are based on 50% (max £3000) funding from PBC and 50% from the private sector (Grant applicant) .....  
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**Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?**

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