



**REPORT FROM:** Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager

**TO:** Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee

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## **Barrowford Town Centre Re-opening**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To report to the committee on the RHSSF (Re-opening the High Streets Safely Fund) grant funding for Re-opening of Barrowford Town Centre.
2. To seek approval for the mechanism for completing the Barrowford portion of the project.

### **Recommendations**

1. To update the committee on the spending for re-opening of Barrowford high street
2. To delegate the remaining spend on other Nelson projects to the Planning, Economic Development & Regulatory Services (PEDRS) Manager in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee

### **Reasons for recommendations**

1. In order that the Committee remains apprised of developments concerning the spending on the Re-opening of Barrowford Town Centre
2. In order to allow further spend to complete the project as there are no further Committees for two months which will not allow time for items to be brought back to Committee in time for the spend to be completed by the deadline for the scheme to end.

## Update on spending

### 1. ERDF Grant Funding

RHSSF Grant Funding Allocated to Barrowford: £6,480

Spending approved so far by Barrowford Committee is as follows:

Item	Actual Spend	Planned Spend	Total	Remainder
<b>Barrowford</b>				
Red Rose Safety Advert	£430.50			
Website	£1,949.00			
videos	£1,750.00			
Print safety leaflets		£1,200		
Red Rose Safety Advert		£144		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,129.50</b>	<b>£1,344</b>	<b>£5,473.00</b>	<b>£1,007.00</b>

### Council Funding (Non-ERDF)

<b>PBC Funding</b>	<b>£3,700</b>
<b>PBC Funding Spend</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Non Grant Funding Remaining</b>	<b>£3,700.00</b>

At the time of this report the following progress on these projects is as follows:

- The first advert appeared in January's Red Rose magazine and there are further adverts to follow
- The "hero" videos are being made and will be posted on the Barrowford website and sent out on Social Media timed for the re-opening of the highstreets on April 12th
- The website [www.cometobarrowford.com](http://www.cometobarrowford.com) is now up and running but requires some editing in order that it qualifies for the grant
- The safety leaflets are being printed and will be distributed from mid April onwards

### 2. Future Plans

The Committee should consider plans for spending of the unspent monies as follows:

- The unallocated grant funding of £963. Given the tight deadline on this money and that the Committee will not be meeting again until June, approval is sought for delegation of the spending of any remaining funds and the completion of existing approved projects to the PEDRS Manager, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee
- Provided the money is "slipped" into the new financial year the unallocated £3,700 is not related to grant spending and therefore decisions on spending this money can wait until June and July Committee meetings

## IMPLICATIONS

**Policy:** None arising directly from this report

**Financial:** Total allocation for helping Barrowford's town centre's businesses is £10,180 in total. This is made up of £6,480 which is ERDF grant funded from the RHSS fund, and £3,700

is Pendle Council/Area Committee funded. The ERDF proportion is to be claimed back once expenditure is defrayed and the grant will only be paid in respect of Eligible Expenditure.

**Legal:** None arising directly from this report

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from this report

**Health and Safety:** None arising directly from this report

**Sustainability:** None arising directly from this report

**Community Safety:** None arising directly from this report

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from this report

**APPENDICES** None

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS** None