

REPORT FROM: Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager

TO: Colne and District Committee

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Colne 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 Colne Town Centre.
2. To seek approval for the mechanism for completing the Colne portion of the project.

Recommendations

1. To update the committee on the spending for re-opening of Colne high street
2. To delegate the remaining spend on other Colne 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 Colne 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 Funding

RHSSF Grant Funding Allocated to Colne: £15,410.

Suggested spending on two totem digital signs was approved by Colne Committee in March

Unfortunately an incorrect cost was given. The correct cost of these units is £10,850

At the time that this report has been put together we are seeking clarification on the cost of installation but we recommend that the Committee approve:

- a) The spending of £10,850 on the two totem digital signs
- b) The spending up to a maximum of £4,560 on the installation of the signs. We expect that the installation costs will be much lower but these maximum costs are the remainder of the grant allocation
- c) That the Planning, Economic Development & Regulatory Services (PEDRS) Manager is given operational responsibility for the completion of this project, including all appropriate planning issues

2. Council Funding (Non-ERDF)

Colne Committee allocated £10,000 of direct council funding (non-grant) to the Colne Virtual Highstreet Project. This was made up of £8,810 of the original funding to help Colne highstreet and £1,190 of Capital Funding. The project was kindly organised by Colne BID and a report from them on that project was received by the Committee in January 2021

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report

Financial: Total allocation for helping Colne's town centre's businesses is £25,410 in total. This is made up of £15,410 which is ERDF grant funded from the RHSS fund, and £10,000 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