



**REPORT FROM: PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
REGULATORY SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE**

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

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To report to the Committee on the Welcome Back Fund - WBF grant funding for Re-opening of Barrowford Town Centre safely.

### **Recommendations**

1. To update the committee on the spending for re-opening of Barrowford high street under the WBF.
2. To approve plans for WBF spending.

### **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 that spending can be carried out in a co-ordinated manner.

### **1. Current Position**

Remaining grant funding from RHSSF for Barrowford is £547.

Any unspent monies from RHSSF can be carried over into WBF as long as they are spent and evidenced by the end of March 2022.

In addition the new WBF Allocation for Barrowford is £8,119.

**So the TOTAL Amount in grant funding for Barrowford to spend is £8,666.**

In addition there is £3,700 of Area Committee monies, provided the Area Committee confirms carry-over of these funds.

## **2. Proposed Spending**

Barrowford Parish Council at a meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August have come back to the Area Committee with the following spending suggestions:

1. Additional planters
2. Additional Christmas Decorations

These will be discussed with all relevant bodies, including PBC's Engineers Department and appropriate quotations obtained but would have to fit within the existing budgets as specified above. They also need to meet the procurement rules provided by the grant body, ie any procurement has to be co-ordinated across Pendle so that the appropriate number of quotes are obtained beyond the £2500 threshold **for the whole of Pendle**. This is especially important as other towns want to purchase similar things. Failure to comply means we will not receive the grant.

The money must be spent and evidenced by the end of March 2022, preferably earlier.

## **3. Approval of spending**

- a. **Recommendation** It is recommended that the Area Committee approve the spending as outlined above.
- b. **Reason for recommendation** So that spending is achieved for Barrowford under these schemes and is carried out in a co-ordinated manner.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

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

**Financial:** As included in this report

**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