



**REPORT FROM:** PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
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**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 the Re-opening of the High Street Safely Fund (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**

**Overall** – the Government Grant Body has now approved Pendle’s WBF Spending Plan, which includes Barrowford’s spending plan, and so all spending can now take place without the spend being “at risk” to the Council.

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

### **1. Additional Planters**

The costs for these are:

Amberol £1,830.

Plants £1,401.

**They have now been ordered.**

### **2. Additional Christmas Decorations**

The costs for these are £2,351.

**These have now been ordered.**

Remaining budget is £3,084.

## **3. Suggested Additional Spending**

There is currently £3,084 left in Barrowford’s WBF grant allocation. Currently a guide is being put together for Barrowford. This is mainly a guide to the heritage buildings of the town but could carry details of some of the retailers and signpost to [www.cometobarrowford.com](http://www.cometobarrowford.com). The Council will assist in the design of this guide. As Town Trails are one of the potential items that the WBF grant can be spent on to encourage people to walk around towns it is suggested that the production of such a guide for Barrowford is a suitable use of the remainder of the grant funding. Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee will be consulted in the initial proofs for the guide. The guide will need to be printed before the grant deadline of March 2022.

If the Committee wish for the remaining WBF Grant to be spent on this then Members should note that this is already approved on Pendle’s Spending Plan but can be amended, if required.

- a. **Recommendation** It is recommended that the Area Committee approve the additional spending as outlined above.
- b. **Reason for Recommendation** So that WBF spending is achieved for Barrowford and that a nicely designed Town Trail is there to promote the town.

## **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.