



REPORT FROM: Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager

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West Craven Town Centres Re-opening – WBF Update

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update the committee on the Welcome Back Fund (WBF) grant spending for Re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centres.

Recommendations

1. To update the committee on the spending for re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby high streets

Reasons for recommendations

1. In order that the Committee remains apprised of developments concerning the WBF spending on the Re-opening of Barnoldswick and Earby Town Centres

Update on spending

1. WBF Grant Funding for West Craven

The table below indicates the funding available to West Craven and a Spending Plan which was agreed at the last Area Committee meeting on 3rd August.

Town	RHSSF	WBF	Total
Barnoldswick	£228.67	£10,285	£10,513.67
Earby	£114.33	£5,142	£5,256.33
			£15,770.00
Possible spend (Estimates)			
Website (Joint or separate)		Barlick	Earby
Basic website (no help)	£2,000		
Basic website with staff help	£4,000	£4,000	£0
Content managed website (no help)	£10,000		
Content managed website with help	£13,000		
Apps - like Experience Blackburn App	£3,500		
Public Realm			
Planters for Barlick	£5,000	£5,000	
Planters for Earby	£4,500		£4,500
	£9,500		
Existing safety measures			
Sanitiser fluid	£1,000	£666	£333
	£1,000		
Publicity to promote both towns			
Print (Flyers etc)/ Soc Media	£1,000	£666	£333
	£1,000		
Total		£10,332	£5,166
Remainder		£181.67	£90.33

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

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

- After a site visit to Earby PBC engineers identified the planters on a plan in order to go out for quotes to re-paint them
- Quotes have been received for the re-painting of the Earby planters and the best value for money quote was from George Boococks for these at £3,995. An order is being placed at this time and a time is being scheduled in. Boococks also quoted to repaint the lighting columns at £825. A question had been asked of LCC to repaint these and we are chasing a response at this time.
- A similar site visit was made to Barnoldswick to identify the planters requested by Barnoldswick Town Council and the cost of these was found to be under £670 which is under the grant threshold so it would be ok to order them
- The procurement of the development of a website for Barnoldswick had now be completed. We have selected a company called Bucket & Spade. The company will provide websites for all of Pendle’s towns that requested it, which include Nelson and Brierfield and Barnoldswick. This company is a highly trustworthy company who have

previously done work for the Council. They had not only provided the best value for money quote but they are also know how important it is to involve local businesses in populating information for the site. We are currently developing a schematic for both websites and will continue to update the Committee on progress.

Please note: all purchases 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 may want to purchase similar things. Failure to comply means we will not receive the grant.

Non-grant Area Committee funding

After the Committee confirmed that it wished the budget for this be carried over the remaining monies are £3,251. It was agreed that this money would be used for a small stage, to benefit both Barnoldswick and Earby, and indeed events throughout West Craven.

Progress – the stage has now been purchased and although it remains the property of PBC as purchaser it will reside with BTC at the Civic Hall in Barnoldswick and will be for use of community events by events organisers such as BTC. Organisers should be reminded to take proper Health and Safety/Risk Assessment/Public Liability precautions before using it.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report

Financial: As detailed in this report

Legal: None arising directly from this report

Risk Management: None arising directly from this report

Health and Safety: The company responsible for repainting planters in Earby needs to submit the appropriate risk assessment to PBC Engineers. Other organisations (such as BTC) need to do appropriate risk assessments for each event that uses the stage and to cover themselves for public liability for its use

Sustainability: Beyond their initial use, items such as the website (1 year) need consideration given to their longer term sustainability

Community Safety: None arising directly from this report

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from this report

APPENDICES None

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS None