

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

To report to the Committee on the Welcome Back Fund (WBF) grant funding for the 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 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 Committee confirms carry-over of these funds

2. Proposed Spending

Overall – the Government Grant Body has now approved Pendle’s WBF Spending Plan, which include 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 19th 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 and installed.

Remaining budget is £3,084.

3. Suggested Additional Spending

There is currently £3,084 left in Barrowford’s WBF grant allocation. Potentially this could be spent on:

Barrowford Guide

The Committee asked about the content of the guide and its timescale which is as follows:

- A) In order to meet the grant conditions which is to help Town Centres recover from the pandemic the guide could carry details of some of the retailers and signpost to www.cometobarrowford.com. However, the guide is a heritage guide produced by Pendle Heritage Centre, who have commissioned its pictures and text and are ready to proceed on that basis.
- B) PBC will assist in the design of the guide. So it should be designed and published before Christmas. It is already set to receive some money from Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee.

Environmental Bags

The Economic Development Officer has sourced some costs for these with a local company. There is high quality item which is £3.12 per bag (Option 1). There is also a more reasonably priced option which is £1.50 per item (Option 2). There is also an item which is 1.99 per bag (Option 3). All would be printed with I Love Barrowford on and are illustrated below. So

roughly sticking to the WBF budget 1,000 bags with Option 1 could be bought for £3,120. With Option 2, 2,000 bags could be bought for £3,000 and Option 3 would cost £3,084.50 for 1,550 bags. 1,000 bags would be the equivalent of 50 bags each for 20 stores. 2,000 bags would be the equivalent of 50 bags for 40 stores and 1,550 bags would mean that 31 stores could get 50 bags each. For comparison there are 61 businesses on www.cometobarrowford.com

Bags Option 1



Bags Option 2

Westford Mill Bag For Life - Contrast Handles - W101C



W101C
Westford Mill Bag For Life - Contrast Handles
100% cotton.
Contrast handles. Carry/shoulder straps (67cm long). Capacity 10 litres.
Weight: 140 gsm

ONE	Natural
ONE	Black
ONE	Natural
ONE	Classic Red
ONE	Natural
ONE	French Navy
ONE	Natural
ONE	Pinkish
ONE	Natural
ONE	Lime Green

Dimensions: 47 x 38 cm
Print area: 36 x 33 cm
Capacity: 10 litre bag

Dimensions are approximate and for guidance only.
Colour representation is only as accurate as the web design process allows.

Bags Option 3



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.