

REPORT FROM: Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager

TO: Colne and District Committee

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FOR INFORMATION

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 report to the Committee on the Welcome Back Fund (WBF)

1. Current Position

Remaining funding from RHSSF for Colne is £4370

£4000 has been allocated to the installation of the totems – therefore In addition to the new WBF Allocation of £20,299, the TOTAL Amount is £20,669 for Colne to spend

2. Spending Decisions

As previously approved by the September committee it was agreed that the WBF grant be spent on events activities in the lead up to Christmas. An original list of those activities was approved by the Grant Body and is in our Grant Contract with them. The current progress on these items is indicated in APPENDIX 1.

All the items have been officially ordered from the original list.

All such items need to follow the publicity guidelines for grant-aided spending for this project, and carry the appropriate grant sponsors logos.

The purchase and install of the Christmas tree at Hartley Square is not one of those items as Colne BID are making separate arrangements for this.

Any items that are not on our original list and therefore not our Grant Contract will need approval with the Grant Body before any further purchases are made.

Any further purchases would need to be within budget and meet the Grant Body's purchasing framework.

Totem signs – The site for the second totem, as approved at the last meeting, will be at Queen St. The land is owned by PBC, but a separate electrical connection will need to be established through Electricity NW.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report

Financial: As detailed in this report

Legal: PBC Legal team are involved in the appropriate legal actions to secure the totem sign sites

Risk Management: The totem signs have been reported to our insurers

Health and Safety: None arising directly from this report

Sustainability: The totem signs are on a 2 year repair or replace policy initially

Community Safety: None arising directly from this report

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from this report

APPENDICES – APPENDIX 1 – current position of budget/activities

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS None