



REPORT FROM: PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
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TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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NELSON AND BRIERFIELD TOWN CENTRE RE-OPENING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATION

To update the Committee on the spending from re-opening of Nelson and Brierfield high streets.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) In order that the Committee remains apprised of developments concerning the spending on the re-opening of Nelson and Brierfield Town Centres.
- (2) In order that spending from the Welcome Back Fund was progressed.

Update on spending

1. WBF Grant Funding - Current Position

An updated budget is below

Town	RHSSF	WBF	Total
Nelson	£10,100	£25,170	£35,270
Brierfield	£5,199	£12,180	£17,379
			£52,649
Budget		£35,270	£17,379
		Nelson	Brierfield
Joint Website			
Content managed website		£10,616	£1,937
Events			
Nelson Winter Festival		£0	£0
Public Realm			
Barrier baskets Nelson		£3,000	
Methodist Church planting			£477
Brierfield Town Hall planting scheme			£13,500
Existing safety measures			
Sanitiser fluid		£0	£0
Extra sanitiser units		£0	£0
Removal of Safety Message banners		£800	
Removal of hand sanitisers for Nelson/Brierfield (Estimate)		£250	
Digital Totem signs x 1			
Nelson		15300	
Total		£29,966	£15,914
Remainder		£5,304	£1,465

2. Progress on spend (Up-to-date at time of writing)

Overall

As can be seen from the budget there is a potential underspend. As this is a Pendle pot of money I have told the Chair that this would revert to other locations if the work and spend could not be achieved before the end of March 2022. In regards to this the Chair is investigating a list of possible public realm improvements that could be done in time.

1) Website for Nelson & Brierfield

Businesses are being added to the website at this time and it is hoped to have a working site to show members after Christmas, and hopefully members will have seen this before the February Committee meeting.

- 2) **Public Realm improvements in Nelson** – Barrier Baskets. The ATC for Nelson TC will need to seek three quotes from companies for these. These quotes will need to be provided to “Pendle Borough Council” as we need to be the ones ordering these under grant rules. I have been chasing this. Cllr Ahsraf has been exploring other public realm improvements for Nelson and Brierfield which can be delivered and installed before the end of March 2022.
- 3) **Digital Totem** – work will soon be starting on a digital totem for the Place de Creil, which will have a 65” monitor
- 4) **Public Realm improvements in Brierfield** – An order has been placed for the landscaping in front of Brierfield Town Hall and the contractor, Brendan Vaughan, plans to be on doing the project in February, once he has sourced the plants.
- 5) **Sustainability** – As there are on-going charges for both the website and the digital totem it is suggested that Nelson Town Council may wish to look after these for the future

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report

Financial: As detailed in this report

Legal: PBC Legal Team will need to be involved with any legal issues related to certain items, such as the totem signs

Risk Management: Items, such as the totems, will need to be reported to PBC’s insurers

Health and Safety: None arising directly from this report

Sustainability: Beyond their initial use, items such as the website (1 year) and the totem signs (2years) 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