

**REPORT FROM:** Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager

**TO:** Colne and District Committee

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## **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)

### **Recommendations**

1. To update the committee on the RHSSF spending for re-opening of Colne high street

### **Reasons for recommendations**

1. In order that the Committee remains apprised of developments concerning the spending on the Re-opening of Colne Town Centre

## **1. Overall Position**

Remaining funding from last year's RHSSF for Colne was £4370 and this was added to this year's new WBF Allocation for Colne of £20,299. So the TOTAL Amount to spend was £24,669.

## **2. Budget and 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.

At the time of writing this report all of the items have been paid for. Taking account of the all these items and the £6000 required for the totem installations there is £3,780 left to spend of Colne's WBF grant allocation as indicated below. This is provided that the installation costs do not increase. (AN UPDATE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE AS SOON AS THE FINAL COST IS AVAILABLE)

Town	RHSSF	WBF	Total
Colne	£4,370.00	£20,299.00	£24,669.00
<b>Spend</b>			
Totem sign installation	<b>£6,000.00</b>		
Xmas Events Activities	£14,888.13		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,888.13</b>		
<b>Remainder</b>	<b>£3,780.87</b>		

### 3. Final Spend

It was agreed that the remaining budget be spent on items for a "light Up" style event for Colne. Colne BID has provided us with three quotes that were needed for the "Light Festival" activities to be ordered. The BID are also seeking money from ARG grants to support this event. The main thing to consider is that all items **must be delivered and paid for by the end of March 2022**, otherwise we will not be able to claim back the grant. This should take account of the time to pay after invoices arrive to us. All items that are purchased need to follow the publicity guidelines for grant-aided spending for this project, and carry the appropriate grant sponsors logos.

### 4. Sustainability

Whilst access for PBC messaging should be agreed, there are on-going costs/work to run the totems, consideration should be given by members for these to be taken over by another suitable organisation, such as Colne BID or Colne Town Council

## 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**

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS** None