

	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	7	6
Burglary – Commercial	2	1
Vehicle Crime	15	14
Hate Crime	1	1
Assaults	20	31
Theft	28	22
Criminal Damage	12	15
All Crime	136	130
Anti-Social Behaviour	134	81

Consideration had been given to the request of the Committee to record town centre incidents and cases of domestic violence separately. Members had been advised that, under the current system this would be a very time-consuming process and would not be practical given the work and time constraints involved.

It was noted that Claire Pearson had replaced Andy Ainsworth as the Local Policing Inspector.

162. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning applications to be determined -

21/0900/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 4 Milton Road, Colne for Mr Aslam

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons –

1. The development as proposed would be an alien design incongruent to the locality and which is disproportionate in scale to the surrounding properties. The design is poor and the development would overdevelop the site leaving inadequate recreation space. The development would represent poor design contrary to paragraph 134 of the National Planning Policy Framework and policy ENV2 of the adopted Part 1 Local Plan.

21/0986/FUL Full: Erection of agricultural building (167 sq.m.) at Piked Edge Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne for Mr A Swales

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that amended plans were due to be submitted. It was therefore recommended that consideration of this application be deferred to a future meeting.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to a future meeting.

REASON

To allow for the receipt and consideration of amended plans.

(b) Planning appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on planning appeals.

The Committee was also advised that two further appeals had been submitted. One was an appeal against the refusal of Planning Permission at land adjacent Whitewalls Drive, Colne. The second was an appeal against the Enforcement Notice relating to land at 481 Burnley Road, Colne.

163. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report which gave the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

164. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's capital programme for 2021/22 was £9,130.

The following bids were submitted for consideration –

- Architectural Lighting to Colne War Memorial and Wallace Hartley Memorial - £4,000
- Colne Light Trail and Future Light Festivals - £1,000

A discussion was also held regarding the tree pits within the town centre and whether these could be enhanced. Pictures of a scheme in Keighley were circulated as an example of what could possibly be achieved.

RESOLVED

- (1) That funding of £2,000 be allocated from the Committee's central capital programme towards the provision of architectural lighting to Colne War Memorial and Wallace Hartley Memorial, together with an allocation of £500 each from the funds of Councillors Kieran McGladdery, David Albin, Ash Sutcliffe and Darren Harrison.
- (2) That funding of £1,000 be allocated from the Committee's central capital programme towards the Colne Light Trail and future light festivals.
- (3) That the funding of £489 remaining in the ledger for the provision of missing grate covers; and the uncommitted balance of £12.36 in the Vivary Bridge Environmental Improvement Fund be de-allocated and returned to the Committee's central capital programme.
- (4) That options for carrying out tree pit enhancement works in Colne town centre be investigated and the results, with costings, be reported back to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

165. TOWN CENTRE PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which provided information on the current Town Centre Improvement Grants and presented alternatives for the future of the grants. It was noted that currently, the grants were only available to town centre businesses. The Committee was asked to consider whether the boundary should be extended.

RESOLVED

That the existing boundary be extended to include those sites on important major routes into the town centre and those considered gateway sites, defined as follows –

- From the roundabout at Whitewalls Drive, through the town centre, finishing at the Byron Road/Keighley Road roundabout
- Skipton Road from the traffic lights at the Market Street/Keighley Road/Craddock Road junction to the roundabout at its junction with Windsor Street and Byron Road

REASON

To allow more businesses to benefit from the grant and improve the gateway into the town.

166. LAND TO THE WEST OF 2 TO 26 KHYBER STREET, COLNE

Further to a request from this Committee, the Environmental Services Manager reported that a quote of £144 had been received to clear a section of land to the west of 2 to 26 Khyber Street, Colne of non-hazardous or specialist waste. It was noted that the cost of clearing the site may increase if hazardous or specialist waste was found.

The Committee was advised that the land would also need to be re-instated. It was estimated that the cost of clearance plus reinstatement works would be approximately £500.

RESOLVED

That funding of up to £500 be awarded from the Horsfield Environmental Improvement Fund element of the Committee's capital programme to clear and reinstate the land to the west of 2 to 26 Khyber Street, Colne, and that a charge be put against the land.

REASON

In the interests of public safety and amenity.

167. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on environmental blight sites in the Colne and District area.

168. RE-OPENING OF COLNE TOWN CENTRE

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager provided an update on the grant spending for the re-opening of Colne Town Centre. He advised that the digital totems were now in place at both Hartley Square and Queen Street. The totem at Hartley Square was operational, however the one at Queen Street still needed to be connected to a new electricity

supply Both the Economic Development Officer and the Colne BID Officer had been trained to upload content. Future ownership of the totems was yet to be agreed.

Colne Light Trail was due to take place from 7th to 12th March, with a Whimsical Window Walk and night market.

169. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG) which included the appointment of a football coach and cricket coach. A number of generous donations had also been received.

The Group had been expected to receive the keys for the Byron Road building on the 2nd March, but unfortunately this had not been the case. They were currently re-entering negotiations.

**170. COLNE AND DISTRICT WORKING GROUP OF
THE COLNE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Draft minutes of the above Working Group held on 3rd February, 2022 were submitted for information.

171. MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of the Friends of Ball Grove held on 7th February, 2022 were submitted for information.

172. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the next items of business when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

173. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted, for information, a report which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

RESOLVED

That file reference PLE/16/0218 be removed from the list of outstanding enforcements and added to the list of problem sites.

REASON

- (1) No formal action is required.**
- (2) To ensure the site is monitored.**

174.

PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in the Colne and District area.

A lengthy discussion was held with regard to the site referenced 4 on the list.

It was noted that there had been no response to correspondence relating to the site referenced 5 on the list.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to seek advice on a proposal to begin the listing process for the building referenced 4 on the list.
- (2) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to contact the person(s) responsible for the site referenced 5 on the list a further time.

REASON

To progress these cases.

CHAIRMAN _____