

REPORT FROM: HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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**PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTION ARISING FROM
 COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON 3RD JULY 2025**

1.	<u>Public Question Time</u> ... A local resident and member of Colne Town Council reported that there was an issue with rats in the Exchange Street, Patten Street, and Elm Street areas of Colne. It was stated that the rats had been seen in people's homes and had shown no fear of animals or humans. As rats were a carrier of disease, this was a major concern. It was asked what action was being taken to address the problem. It was explained that the issues were being investigated, as was the case with all reports received. However, pest control was not a statutory duty of the Council, therefore there was a charge for the treatment of rats. The Committee asked that the process be speeded up, to help put residents' minds at ease.	Referred to Housing and Environmental Health.
2.	<u>Progress Report</u> RESOLVED That it be made clear to Lancashire County Council that the restoration of the cast iron bollards in Colne Town Centre has been at the expense of this Committee, not Colne Town Council, and that the replacement of cast iron bollards with plastic is considered to be inappropriate in this conservation area.	Information passed to Lancashire County Council.

3.	<u>Community Safety Issues and Police Matters</u> RESOLVED That, following up on the social media post on the installation of Colne Cemetery gates, the Head of Policy and Commissioning be asked to organise a further post providing information on how to report any anti-social behaviour issues.	Further post made.
4.	<u>Planning applications to be determined</u> 25/0233/FUL Full: Part demolition and part rebuild to former workshop at 8 Cumberland Street, Colne Deferred for further info. Asked for urgent inspection of the building and scaffolding	Elsewhere on the agenda.
5.	<u>Area Committee Budget 2025/26</u> RESOLVED (1) That £2,000 be allocated to Colne Dramatic Society towards roof repairs to The Little Theatre, Colne. (2) That £1,323 be allocated for the additional work required on the Conservation Area Appraisal for Keighley Road and Carry Lane. (3) That a Member meeting be requested with appropriate officers from Policy and Commissioning.	Noted and actioned accordingly. Meeting to be arranged.
6.	<u>Representatives on Outside Bodies</u> RESOLVED That Councillor N. Butterworth be appointed as a representative to the Hartley Homes Trust.	The Hartley Homes Trust has been informed.
7.	<u>Wheel Park, Vivary Way, Colne</u> RESOLVED That the letter to Colne Town Council, seeking its opinion on the suggestion that the wheel park be sited at Alkincoats Park, be rescinded.	The matter is no longer being considered by Colne Town Council.
8.	<u>Items for discussion</u> Boundary Signs RESOLVED	

	That, based on the words and ideas agreed at previous meetings of this Committee, a mock-up sign(s) be made for consideration by Lancashire County Council.	Mock-up sign to be made.
9.	<u>Outstanding Items</u> The following items had been requested by the Committee. Reports/updates would be submitted to a future meeting. (a) Land to the Rear of Red Lane, Colne (b) Pigeons in Colne Town Centre (c) Colne Cemetery Chapel	Elsewhere on the agenda. Elsewhere on the agenda. To be considered at a future meeting.
10.	<u>Problem Sites</u> ...It was noted that the requested meeting with the owners of the site referenced PLE/22/0647 had not yet taken place. The Committee asked that this be arranged as soon as possible.	Discussions ongoing.