

Report Title	Play Streets in Colne
Meeting	Colne and District Committee
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Directorate	Resources - Policy & Commissioning
Lead Executive Member(s)	Cllr Hanif (Health & Leisure Services)
Wards Affected	Vivary Bridge, Waterside and Horsfield, Boulsworth and Foulridge
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	None

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To consider requirements, including cost implications, for Colne Area Committee to deliver Play Streets in Colne.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, Colne Area Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Determine its position to financially support Play Steets in Colne.
- 2.2 Lead on the Play Streets initiative, should the Area Committee agree to financially support this project in Colne.

3. Information: the Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations

- 3.1 Further to a report considered by Colne Area Committee in May 2025, Pendle Borough Council is willing to support Colne Area Committee in delivering a Play Street in Colne as outlined in 3.5, subject to:
- The Committee agreeing to meet all associated costs for implementing a Play Street
 - The Committee owning the project, including dealing with any concerns/ complaints raised by residents, engaging with residents and community groups, managing volunteers, undertaking and documenting the appropriate risk assessments, supporting residents in securing the appropriate public liability insurance (given the Play Streets will not be on

Council owned land which would mean they are not covered by Pendle Borough Council public liability) etc.

- The Committee agreeing a suitable street in Colne.

3.2 It is suggested that Colne Area Committee utilise the Playing Out resources to support residents in setting up the Play Street:

<https://playingout.net/play-streets/support-for-play-streets/useful-resources/>

3.3 This report outlines the financial implications for Colne Area Committee and is based on the play street model adopted by Leeds City Council.

3.4 Typical costs for Play Streets could be:

Item	Cost
Mobile road closure signs (x6)	£240
Publicity (A5 leaflets to residents in neighbourhood/ wheelie bin stickers)	£400
Street cones (x30)	£150
Hi-vis jackets (x 2)	£60
Public Liability insurance	c£70- £100 per event

It's likely that the total cost to Colne Area Committee to set up one Play Street scheme could be in the region of £950.

3.5 Any street closure for Play Streets could be done under Town Police Clauses Act (TPCA). Once it was confirmed that residents were onboard with the scheme, the applicant would need to complete the application form for a TPCA closure and Pendle Borough Council would then liaise with LCC Highways, Police etc to ensure all parties were satisfied with the arrangements for the closure before the traffic regulation order was issued.

3.6 Pendle Borough Council does not currently charge for TPCA applications.

3.7 Should the Committee agree to the requirements for Pendle Borough Council support as per paragraph 3.1, Pendle Borough Council can offer the following:

- Liaise with LCC on the road closures, as we would with any application for a temporary road closure under TPCA.
- Consult with residents living on the agreed Play Street and the neighbouring streets to determine extent of local support and engagement. This will be in the form of a leaflet drop to all neighbouring residents, directing them to an on-line survey to gauge the level of interest and commitment to a Play Street. The survey and leaflet will be developed in conjunction with Colne Area

Committee with the survey data then passed to the Committee for them to follow up accordingly with residents.

4 Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)

Housing & Healthy Communities: Health and Wellbeing • Work with Pendle's Health and Wellbeing Partnership to deliver its priorities

Play Streets will help deliver on Pendle's Health & Wellbeing action plan, a priority theme being children and young people and physical activity.

5. Implications.

5.1 Financial Implications

All financial implications, both in setting up and maintaining the Play Street initiative would be met by Colne Area Committee.

5.2 Legal and Governance Implications

Pendle Borough Council public liability insurance only applies to events held on council owned land. Residents and organisers should thus ensure appropriate protection for all participants and organisers.

Colne Area Committee will need to be responsible for ensuring all risk assessments have been undertaken and documented.

5.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

Play Streets helps improve air quality and the street closures results in lower carbon emissions in the neighbourhood.

5.4 Human Resources Implications

None arising from this report

5.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

An Equalities Screening has been undertaken- no EIA is required.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Members of Colne Area Committee undertook informal online consultation with residents, the results of which suggested community support for such an initiative.

7. Alternative Options Considered

7.1 None considered to date

8. Statutory Officer Sign off (please put an x in the relevant box below)

Section 151 Officer	X
Monitoring Officer	X

9. Background Documents

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