

Report Title	Colne Cemetery Chapel
Meeting	Colne and District Committee
Meeting Date	6 th November 2025
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Lead Executive Member(s)	Cllr David Whipp
Wards Affected	Waterside and Horsfield
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to provide an update on Colne Cemetery Chapel as requested by the committee.
- 1.2 The council proposes to address urgent weatherproofing issues ahead of winter. The works are essential to prevent further deterioration and maintain the buildings structural integrity. The estimated cost is £5,250.
- 1.3 It is estimated that the cost to fully refurbish the building is c£135,900, due to budget constraints these works are not being considered at this time.

2. Recommendations

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

- 2.1 Note the position

3. Information: the Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations

- 3.1 A recent inspection of Colne Cemetery Chapel identified multiple defects compromising the building's weather resistance and structural integrity. Immediate weatherproofing works include:
 - Replacing slipped/missing roof slates
 - Clearing blocked gutters and downpipes
 - Replacing damaged rainwater goods
 - Repointing stone copings and isolated wall areas
 - Replacing damaged glazing

These works are necessary to make the building weather-tight and prevent further damage over the winter period. Contractors will be instructed immediately, with completion targeted before year-end.

- 3.2 The estimate for full refurbishment is an additional c£135,900. Due to budget constraints the Council is not proposing to do any further works to the chapel at this time
- 4. **Link to Corporate Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Healthy Communities)**
 - 4.1 **Providing High Quality Services and Facilities:** Protects a heritage asset and ensures safe public access.
 - 4.2 **Proud and Connected Communities and Places:** Preserves local heritage and supports civic pride.
 - 4.3 **Good Growth and Healthy Communities:** Prevents deterioration and supports future community use.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

The cost of immediate works is £5,250 (exclusive of VAT). Funding to be identified from existing R&M budgets.

5.2 Legal and Governance Implications

Works will be procured in line with Council procedures.

5.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

Use of lime mortar and retention of existing materials supports low-impact conservation.

5.5 Human Resources Implications

None identified.

5.6 Equality and Diversity Implications

No adverse impact identified. An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for the works.

6. Consultation

6.1 N/A

7. Alternative Options Considered

- **Do Nothing:** Rejected due to risk of escalating damage and costs.
- **Full Refurbishment Only:** Rejected due to timing and budget constraints.
- **Recommended Option:** Proceed with works to safeguard the building ahead of winter.

8. Reasons for the Recommendations

8.1 The proposed works are essential to protect the building from further deterioration, ensure public safety, and preserve a valued heritage asset. Early intervention reduces future costs.

9. Statutory Officer Sign off (please tick)

Section 151 Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

10. Background Documents

n/a

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