

Report Title	Progress Report – For Information
Meeting	Colne and District Committee
Meeting Date	4 th December 2025
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Directorate	Resources – Legal and Democratic Services
Lead Executive Member(s)	Cllr A. Bell (Corporate and Human Resources)
Wards Affected	Boulsworth and Foulridge, Vivary Bridge, Waterside and Horsfield
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Appendices (if any)	None

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To report, for information, progress on action arising from Colne and District Committee on 6th November 2025.

1.	<u>Progress Report</u> ... It was noted that a response was still awaited from Lancashire County Council regarding the Committee's questions in relation to Favordale Care Home. Members asked that this be followed up and that County Councillor M. Atkinson be copied into the correspondence.	Correspondence followed up. Awaiting response.
2.	<u>Planning applications</u> 25/0384/FUL Full: Erection of a mixed use retail (Use Class E(a)) and industrial processes (Use Class (E(g) (iii)) commercial building with associated cycle parking and creation of a bin store to the rear at Workshop, 2 Keighley Road, Colne Deferred 25/0479/FUL Full: (Major): Formation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and hardstanding area to side of pitch, a long/triple jump facility and access footpath, siting of 1 no. storage container and erection of perimeter fencing, 6 no. floodlights, and sports hall extension at Park High School, Venables Avenue, Colne Deferred	To be considered at a future meeting. Awaiting amended plans. Elsewhere on the agenda.

	25/0556/FUL Full: Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling including fencing and associated landscaping works at Woodlyn, Barrowford Road, Colne Refused 25/0567/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 24/0314/VAR at 3 Greenfield House, Greenfield Road, Colne Lean-to granted subject to retention of the chimneys	Decision Notice issued. Decision Notice issued.
3.	<u>Enforcement/Unauthorised Uses</u> ... It was noted that the enforcement notice in relation to 61 Keighley Road, Colne had been complied with, therefore this could be removed from the list.	Removed from the list.
4.	<u>Area Committee Budget 2025/26</u> RESOLVED (1) That the underspend of £3.59 in relation to Scheme 91, Lord Street Forest School Garden be de-allocated and the funds returned to the central allocation. (2) That the allocation of match funding for a Pendle Veterans Parade Standard be supported in principle and Colne Veterans Breakfast Club be recommended to submit the funding bid via Colne Town Council.	Noted and actioned accordingly.
5.	<u>Town Boundary Signs</u> RESOLVED That, subject to the deletion of any reference to the twinned towns and the amendment of the line 'BONNIE COLNE ON TH'ILL' to 'BONNIE COLNE UPON THE HILL', the proposals be submitted to Lancashire County Council for consideration.	Proposals submitted to LCC for consideration. Awaiting response.
6.	<u>Traffic Liaison Meeting</u> ... Reference was made to the minutes of an earlier meeting in which it was reported that a consultation would be carried out regarding parking restrictions on the corner of Craven Street and Keighley Road, Colne. An update on the outcome of the consultation was requested.	LCC has advised that an informal consultation took place in July. The proposal will be included within the next lot of Traffic Regulation Orders for formal consultation. This is likely to be in the New Year.

	... It was suggested that the issues with vehicles parking on/beyond the bridge towards the reservoir at Colne Road, Barrowford as referred to at minute 4.2 could be addressed by erecting signage to the nearby car park. A funding request could be put to this Committee and/or Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee as appropriate.	Referred to Property and Engineering for consideration.
7.	<u>Play Streets in Colne</u> RESOLVED That – (1) the Committee accepts that the initiative is to be led and owned by this Committee which includes managing and coordinating, and identifying storage for the equipment; (2) the documents, as submitted, be approved; (3) Councillor S. Cockburn-Price, as the Committee lead on Play Streets, contact the residents of those streets that have shown an initial interest; (4) in line with the agreed documents, the neighbour consultations be carried out by the residents concerned, and not the Council; (5) funding of up to £500 be allocated for the purchase of an appropriate number of Play Streets Kit Bundles.	Noted.
8.	<u>Pigeons in Colne Town Centre</u> RESOLVED That Committee members consider surveying the residents of their wards, via social media, to establish if there is felt to be a problem with pigeons in the town and if so, where the problem areas are.	Noted.
9.	<u>Item for discussion</u> (a) Land at Ruskin Avenue/Birtwistle Avenue, Colne (Poets' Estate) ... The Committee was in general support of the idea and asked that the most recent correspondence be forwarded to all members of the Committee. It was also agreed that this be shared with Newground Together, a member of the Together Housing Group, that may be willing to consult with the local community on the proposal.	Information shared as requested. Together Housing Group has advised that this site may be included in upcoming plans relating to a strategy to enhance biodiversity across the region and that

		this would likely involve community engagement. Suggestions were welcome.
10.	<u>Outstanding Items</u> (a) Land to the rear of Red Lane, Colne (b) Taxi ranks and parking spaces in Stanley Street and Midgley Street car parks (c) Wheel Park, Vivary Way, Colne	To be considered at a future meeting. Elsewhere on the agenda. To be considered at a future meeting.
11.	<u>Problem Sites</u> RESOLVED (1) That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be requested to take the matter forward in relation to the building registered at file reference PLE/23/1484. (2) That the building registered at file reference PLE/24/1591 be removed from the list of problem sites.	Referred to the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services
12.	<u>Environmental Crime</u> RESOLVED That the Assistant Director, Operational Services be advised of all the Councillors and co-optees of this Committee's wish to have more Fixed Penalty Notices issued in relation to the distressing amount of littering and dog fouling offences taking place and be asked for greater enforcement.	Referred to the Assistant Director, Operational Services.
13.	<u>Empty Properties</u> It was noted that one of the sites detailed had now been demolished and could therefore be removed from the list. A request was made for a further site to be added. Members also asked that future reports include an addendum of blighted, but occupied properties, so that an area of focus could be identified.	Noted and actioned accordingly. To be considered.
14.	<u>Nuisance Vehicles</u> ... It was noted that the vehicle listed as first being reported in December 2024 was no longer a nuisance and could therefore be removed from the list.	Noted and actioned accordingly.