

<b>Report Title</b>	Area Committee Budget
<b>Meeting</b>	West Craven Area Committee
<b>Meeting Date</b>	3 February 2026
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<b>Directorate</b>	Resources
<b>Lead Executive Member(s)</b>	Leader Portfolio
<b>Wards Affected</b>	Barnoldswick and Earby & Coates
<b>Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt</b>	Public
<b>Appendices (if any)</b>	Appendices 1 to 6 show agreed funding to date: Appendix 1: Commitments for Barnoldswick Appendix 2: Commitments for Earby Appendix 3: Commitments for Coates Appendix 4: Commitments Kelbrook & Sough Appendix 5: Commitments for Salterforth Appendix 6: Credit for litter & dog waste bins

## 1. Summary

### ***Unspent 2024/25 Funds Carried Forward***

1.1 This is £14,548 (£6,831.60 for Barnoldswick and £7,716.00 for Earby)

### ***Uncommitted Balance from 2024/25***

1.2 This is £0.00.

### ***Allocation for 2025/26***

1.3 This is £31,490 split by electorate areas. This is:

- Barnoldswick allocation – 51% = £16,059.90.
- Earby allocation – 24.5% = £7,715.05.
- Coates allocation – 13.2% = £4,156.68.
- Kelbrook & Sough allocation – 5.8% = £1,826.42.
- Salterforth allocation – 5.5% = £1,731.95.

### ***Credit for litter and dog waste bins***

1.4 This is £1,395

Due to an error with the budget at the end of the financial year there is a credit of £1,395 for new litter and dog waste bins. This has been added as a new table at appendix 6. The credit can be used in any of the 5 areas.

## ***Effective Total Allocation for 2025/26***

1.5 This is £32,885

## ***Commitments for 2025/26***

1.6 These total £9,240.48 (see Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for a detailed breakdown).

- Barnoldswick commitments: £5,500.00.
- Earby commitments: £2,890.48
- Coates commitments: £0.00.
- Kelbrook & Sough commitments: £0.00.
- Salterforth commitments: £850.00.

## ***Balance for 2025/26***

1.7 This is £23,644.52

- Barnoldswick balance: £10,559.90.
- Eaby balance: £4,824.57.
- Coates balance: £4,156.68.
- Kelbrook & Sough balance: £1,826.42.
- Salterforth balance: £881.95.
- Credit balance: Litter and Dog Waste Bins: £1,395.00.

## ***New/Deferred Bids***

1.8 None.

***Existing Allocations - any overspends (additional funding required); underspends (de-allocate funding) or virements (re-allocate funding) - to report:***

1.9 **Appendix 2, item 31, Earby Commitments Table** – Earby Memorial Retaining Wall - £5,000 was allocated in total but only £3,050.89 spent on the project. Therefore, there is £1,941.11 to be deallocated.

## ***Slippage/carry-forward to 2026/27***

1.10 At the last meeting Members agreed to carry forward 50% of the 2025/26 area committee budget to 2026/27. This is to support Pride in Place Impact Fund projects in West Craven.

The maximum amount this committee could carry forward to next year is £31,490. This is the equivalent of one year's budget (see Financial Implications paragraph 6.4 below).

Currently, our slippage is £42,333.11 (allocated but unspent = £18,688.59 and unallocated = £23,644.52). This is £10,843.11 over our one year budget limit. If Members agree to deallocate £1,941.11, as set out in para 1.9 above, this

will increase the amount the Committee needs to spend from £10,843.11 to £12,784.11.

Members are therefore asked to spend the allocated but unspent schemes, where possible, or allocate to new schemes which can be spent before the end of March 2026. This is with the aim of reducing the carry-forward figure to £31,490.

## **2. Recommendations**

**For the reasons set out in this report, WEST CRAVEN AREA COMMITTEE is recommended to:**

- 2.1 Note that only the schemes listed in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, have agreed funding to date.
- 2.2 Note that electorate area allocations are shown on separate tables underneath Appendices 1 to 5.
- 2.3 Note the credit for litter and dog waste bins at Appendix 6.
- 2.4 Note and action paragraph 1.10 before March 2026.

## **3. Information: The Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations**

- 3.1 To enable the committee to allocate its budget effectively and in line with financial regulations.

## **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)**

- 4.1 Providing High Quality Services and Facilities - this report shows the current budget position which enables West Craven Area Committee to make informed decisions when allocating its money to schemes.

## **5. Implications (see Items 6 – 10)**

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 Awards can be made for schemes which are either revenue or capital in nature so there could be revenue consequences of capital schemes in terms of ongoing cost.
- 6.2 Schemes may incur additional charges for internal services, e.g. Engineers' costs in delivering the scheme.
- 6.3 Schemes should be completed and payment made by 31 March as any slippage will need to be agreed by the Council in line with Financial Regulations.

6.4 The maximum carry forward figure is £31,490 as it is capped at the equivalent of 1 year's budget. If the committee have more than £31,490 unspent at the end of the year it will need to use the following year's budget to make up the difference.

## **7. Legal and Governance Implications**

7.1 There are legal implications relating to some schemes in terms of necessary permissions, agreements and possible long-term liabilities and responsibilities.

## **8. Climate and Biodiversity Implications**

8.1 There are no climate and biodiversity implications from the recommendations.

## **9. Human Resources Implications**

9.1 There are no human resources implications from the recommendations.

## **10. Equality and Diversity Implications**

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications from the recommendations.

## **11. Consultation**

11.1 N/A

## **12. Alternative Options Considered**

12.1 N/A

## **13. Statutory Officer Sign Off (please put an x in the relevant box below)**

Section 151 Officer	X
Monitoring Officer	X

## **14. Background Documents**

14.1 None

## **Contact Officers**

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Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2025/26	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
45	<b>05/07/22</b> Street nameplates	U Hannan (P&E)	£331.60	£0.00	£331.60	£48.60	£283.00	
47	<b>09/05/23 &amp; 07/05/24</b> Premises Improvement Grants	D McCarthy (EG)	£6,000.00	£0.00	£6,000.00	£0.00	£6,000.00	
49	<b>06/06/23</b> Footpath improvements to Barnoldswick Church Primary School	S Whalley (P&E)	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	
50	<b>01/07/25</b> Diversionary activities at Victory Park	Lancashire Police	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	Completed
51	<b>01/07/25</b> Gisburn St (allotments wall)	S Whalley (P&E)	£0.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	
<b>Subtotal Barnoldswick</b>			<b>£6,831.60</b>	<b>£5,500.00</b>	<b>£12,331.60</b>	<b>£548.60</b>	<b>£11,783.00</b>	
<b>Un-allocated Funds Barnoldswick</b>			<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£10,559.90</b>	<b>£10,559.90</b>		<b>£10,559.90</b>	
<b>Total Funds Available 25/26 Barnoldswick</b>			<b>£6,831.60</b>	<b>£16,059.90</b>	<b>£22,891.50</b>	<b>£548.60</b>	<b>£22,342.90</b>	

**Barnoldswick 2025/26 allocations per electorate:**

Area	Electorate	Percentage	Budget	Allocated to date	Allocation remaining
Barnoldswick	6,655	51.0%	£16,059.90	£5,500.00	£10,559.90

Sch No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2025/26	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
2	<b>09/05/23 &amp; 07/05/24</b> Premises improvement grant scheme	D McCarthy (EG)	£4,670.83	£0.00	£4,670.83	£1,500.00	£3,170.83	
18	<b>07/05/24</b> Dog waste/litter bins	R Reynolds (ES)	£35.65	£0.00	£35.65	£0.00	£35.65	
19	<b>05/07/22</b> Street nameplates	U Hannan (P&E)	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	
22	<b>03/01/23</b> Consideration of the Government's Frequently Flooded Allowance Programme for Earby	S Whalley (P&E)	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	
31	<b>08/10/24 &amp; 01/04/25</b> Maintenance of Earby Memorial Park retaining wall	P Riley (ES)	£2,309.52	£2,690.48	£5,000.00	£3,050.89	£1,949.11	Wall repairs completed, £1,949.11 to be deallocated
32	<b>05/08/25</b> Earby Community Flood Response Event – Sep 2025	S Whalley (P&E)	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	
<b>Subtotal Earby</b>			<b>£7,716.00</b>	<b>£2,890.48</b>	<b>£10,606.48</b>	<b>£4,550.89</b>	<b>£6,055.59</b>	
<b>Un-allocated Funds Earby</b>			<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,824.57</b>	<b>£4,824.57</b>		<b>£4,824.57</b>	
<b>Total Funds Available 25/26 Earby and Coates</b>			<b>£7,716.00</b>	<b>£7,715.05</b>	<b>£15,431.05</b>	<b>£4,550.89</b>	<b>£10,880.16</b>	

**Earby 2025/26 allocations per electorate:**

Area	Electorate	Percentage	Budget	Allocated to date	Allocation remaining
Earby	3,220	24.5%	£7,715.05	£2,890.48	£4,824.57

Sch No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2025/26	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1								
	<b>Subtotal Coates</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	
	<b>Un-allocated Funds Coates</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,156.68</b>	<b>£4,156.68</b>		<b>£4,156.68</b>	
	<b>Total Funds Available 25/26 Coates</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,156.68</b>	<b>£4,156.68</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,156.68</b>	

**Coates 2025/26 allocations per electorate:**

Area	Electorate	Percentage	Budget	Allocated to date	Allocation remaining
Coates	1,741	13.2%	£4,156.68	£0.00	£4,156.68

**West Craven Committee Commitments for Kelbrook & Sough 2025/26**

**Appendix 4**

Sch No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2025/26	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1								
	<b>Subtotal Kelbrook &amp; Sough</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	
	<b>Un-allocated Funds Kelbrook &amp; Sough</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,826.42</b>	<b>£1,826.42</b>		<b>£1,826.42</b>	
	<b>Total Funds Available 25/26 Kelbrook &amp; Sough</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,826.42</b>	<b>£1,826.42</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,826.42</b>	

***Kelbrook & Sough 2025/26 allocations per electorate:***

Area	Electorate	Percentage	Budget	Allocated to date	Allocation remaining
Kelbrook & Sough	757	5.8%	£1,826.42	£0.00	£1,826.42

**West Craven Committee Commitments for Salterforth 2025/26**

**Appendix 5**

Sch No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2025/26	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	<b>06/01/26</b> Community defibrillator	Dales View Park Residents Association	£0.00	£850.00	£850.00	£0.00	£850.00	
	<b>Subtotal Salterforth</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£850.00</b>	<b>£850.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£850.00</b>	
	<b>Un-allocated Funds Salterforth</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£881.95</b>	<b>£881.95</b>		<b>£881.95</b>	
	<b>Total Funds Available 25/26 Salterforth</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,731.95</b>	<b>£1,731.95</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,731.95</b>	

**Salterforth 2025/26 allocations per electorate:**

Area	Electorate	Percentage	Budget	Allocated to date	Allocation remaining
Salterforth	718	5.5%	£1,731.95	£850.00	£881.95

**West Craven Committee Commitments - Litter and Dog Waste Bins Credit 2025/26**

**Appendix 6**

Sch No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Credited 2025/26	Total Credit	In-Year Spend	Credit Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	<b>06/06/25</b> Credit – Litter and Dog Waste Bins	R Reynolds (ES)	0.00	£1,395.00	£1,395.00	£0.00	£1,395.00	
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	
	<b>Un-allocated Funds</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,395.00</b>	<b>£1,395.00</b>		<b>£1,395.00</b>	
	<b>Total Funds Available 25/26 - Litter and Dog Waste Bins</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,395.00</b>	<b>£1,395.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,395.00</b>	