

Report Title	Together an Active Future- Deepening Phase
Meeting	Executive
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Lead Executive Member(s)	Cllr Hanif
Wards Affected	All
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	

1. Executive Summary

2. The next phase of the Pennine Lancashire Together an Active Future programme (Deepening) has now commenced. Funding of £112,500 will be allocated to Pendle Borough Council for the delivery period Jan 2026- Mar 2028, to be passported to Pendle Leisure Trust, who is delivering the programme on behalf of Pendle Borough Council.

3. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, Executive is recommended to:

- 3.1 Accept the Together an Active Future grant for the local delivery pilot of £112,500, broken down £12,500 in 2025/26, £50,000 in 2026/27 and £50,000 in 2027/28.
- 3.2 Delegate authority to the Director of Resources to approve the Deed of Variation Agreement relating to the Together an Active Future Local Delivery Pilot.
- 3.3 Delegate authority to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Leader of the Council to accept any future Together an Active Future grant awards.

4. Background

- 4.1 Blackburn with Darwen Council is the accountable body for the Pennine Lancashire's Together an Active Future (TaAF), one of twelve place partners Sport England has been investing in and working closely with since 2018. It provides an opportunity to work collaboratively on innovative approaches and

drive whole system change through what has been titled 'Together an Active Future' (TaAF).

- 4.2 Together an Active Future aims to explore how system change, investing in people and creating capacity to think and do things differently could make it easier for people to be more active and reduce the high prevalence of inactivity and low levels of participation.
- 4.3 Pendle's programme, Together an Active Pendle, is delivered by Pendle Leisure Trust, with Pendle Council the accountable body for the funding.
- 4.4 In August 2025, a funding agreement was entered into by Blackburn with Darwen Council with Sport England for Deepening funding of an additional £4 million to sustain the TaAF programme from Jan 2026- March 2028.
- 4.5 PBC's allocation of the Deepening place-based funding is a total of £112,500 from 1st January 2026 through to 31st March 2028:

£12,500 in 2025/26;

£50,000 in 2026/27

£50,000 in 2027/28
- 4.6 Blackburn with Darwen have issued Pendle Borough Council with a Deed of Variation for the contract period. All Pendle's Deepening place-based funding will be passported to Pendle Leisure Trust.
- 4.7 The Council will enter into a Service Level Agreement with Pendle Leisure Trust, ensuring that the funding terms and conditions the Council accepts in the Deed of Variation are passed on to the Trust.

5. 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 and Healthy Communities- supports creating active communities and environments

6. Implications

6.1 Financial Implications

There are no direct funding implications for the Council, however it is acting as accountable body for the TaAF grant.

6.2 Legal and Governance Implications

The Council will enter into an SLA with Pendle Leisure Trust.

6.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

None arising from this report

6.4 Human Resources Implications

None arising from this report

6.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

None arising from this report

7. Consultation

7.1 Consultation has been ongoing throughout the Together an Active programme

8. Alternative Options Considered

N/A

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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