

Report Title	COMMUNITY SPORTS FUNDING
Meeting	EXECUTIVE
Meeting Date	19 th March 2026
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Directorate	Place
Lead Executive Member(s)	Councillor Mohammad Hanif
Wards Affected	All
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	None

1. Executive Summary

1.1 To provide Executive Members with details on the confirmed projects which will be funded by the community sports funding.

2. Recommendations

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

2.1 Note the report.

3. Information: The Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations

3.1 The sum of £80,000 was set aside for grass roots sports by Members who attended the special budget Council meeting on 27th February 2025.

3.2 Officers have consulted with representatives of local sports clubs seeking views on how the community sports funding could be used to improve facilities and encourage involvement in grass roots sports

3.3 Proposals received were summarised to provide Members with information on the fundings use, the type of sports bidding for funding, the site selected for improvement and the cost of the proposal. In total the initial list of proposals exceeded the given fund by £30,000

3.4 Proposals were linked to Area Committee groupings to later show where funding had been awarded across the Borough.

3.5 The projects awarded community sports funding are listed below

Area Committee	Site	Sport	Item	Cost (£)
Nelson and Brierfield	John Bradley Playing Fields Brierfield	Football	Pitch Drainage	10,000
	Edge End	Cricket	Pedestrian roller to use on all cricket sites	10,000
	Swindon Cycle Hub & Pump Track	Cycling	Hand tools and battery blower	1,500
	Swindon Cycle Hub & Pump Track	Cycling	Sprint timing device	1,000
	Swindon Cycle Hub & Pump Track	Cycling	Fixed tool station	2,000
Colne	Holt House	rugby	Groundworks and lighting install	1,600
	King George v playing fields	Football	Reinstatement of junior football pitches	10,000
West Craven	Barnoldswick rugby club	rugby	Rent of Club house to BTC and annual leauge	2,485
	Barnoldswick rugby club	rugby	Balls, Crash mats, flags	2,365
	Sough Bowling Club	Bowls	Replacement green mower	4,800
	Kelbrook Phoenix FC	Football	To improve drainage on football pitch	8,000
	Kelbrook Phoenix FC	Football	To improve changing rooms	5,000
Barrowford	Barrowford Celtic football Club	Football	Training equipment, Samba nets, corner post	3,000
	Pendle Cricket League subs	Cricket	Paying fees for clubs	10,000
	6 sports sites	Football	New welcome sign/maps/noticeboard	8,250
	Total			80,000

3.6 Due to time taken to approve the final list of projects to be funded it is likely some projects will carry forward into the next financial year.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

The sum of £80,000 was set aside for grass roots sports by Members who attended the special budget Council meeting on 27th February 2025 and is therefore planned expenditure within the Council's budgets.

4.2 Legal and Governance Implications

There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report

4.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

There are no negative climate or biodiversity implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report

4.4 Human Resources Implications

There are no implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

4.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no equality and diversity issues arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

5. Consultation

Sports and community groups were consulted regarding potential projects.

6. Alternative Options Considered

Alternative proposals were submitted for consideration. These included.

Holt House. Rugby training equipment £5,600
Barrowford playing fields. Maintenance costs 2 year £20,000
Sough Bowling club. Annual supplies seed etc. £650.00
Barrowford Cricket Club. £10,000
Barrowford Celtic replacement catering equipment £4,000

7. Statutory Officer Sign off (please tick)

Section 151 Officer	x
Monitoring Officer	x

8. Background Documents

N/A

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