

Report Title	Area Committee Budget 2026/27
Meeting	Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee
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Directorate	Resources
Lead Executive Member(s)	Leader Portfolio
Wards Affected	Barrowford and Pendleside Fence and Higham
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1: 2025/26 Budget Table (Year-End) Appendix 2: 2026/27 Budget Table

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The budget for 2026/27 is £17,850 plus £9,897 carried forward from the previous year. Therefore, the total funds made available for 2026/27 is £27,747. This has been committed as per the budget table shown in appendix 2.
- 1.2 Fence Village Hall (appendix 2, sch.4). This scheme did not go ahead last year as planned. The committee to consider whether £1,750 remains in place for Fence Village Hall Committee to spend in 2026/27 or alternatively be deallocated and used elsewhere.
- 1.3 Notice Board, Higham PC (appendix 2, sch.10). This scheme has been completed. Request that £165 still committed to this is deallocated so that it can be used elsewhere.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, BARROWFORD & WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the budget as committed. See appendix 2.
- 2.2 Note the financial implications stipulated in paragraph 6:4.
- 2.3 Consider this allocation as per paragraph 1.2.
- 2.4 Deallocate £165 as per paragraph 1.3.

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 Barrowford and Western Parishes 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. Any slippage will need to be agreed by the Council in line with Financial Regulations.

6.4 The maximum carry-forward figure is £17,850 as it is capped at the equivalent of 1 year's budget. If the committee have more than £17,850 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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Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee – Budget Table 2025/26

Appendix 1

(Shaded schemes are completed)

Sch. No.	Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous year	Allocated 2025/26	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	Barrowford Memorial Park River Wall	I Lord Barrowford PC	3,922	0	3,922	0	3,922	
2	04/06/25 - £1,776 Deallocated 04/06/25 - £2,919 Premises Improvement Grants	D McCarthy PBC	3,000	1,143	4,143	1,224	2,919	The spend may not be up to date. Economic Growth report fully on this.
3	04/06/25 - £1,000 Litter and Dog Waste Bins	J Lord (PBC)	208	1,000	1,208	467	741	The spend may not be up to date. Operational Services report fully on this.
4	04/06/25 - £1,750 Fence Village Hall	D Hall (Fence Village Hall Cttee)	0	1,750	1,750	0	1,750	BWPC to consider whether the money remains in place or deallocated and used elsewhere.
5	04/06/25 - £80 FOVP - PL Insurance for Events	R Oliver (FOVP)	0	80	80	80	0	Completed
6	04/06/25 - £3,500 Path to rear of lake	I Lord (B'ford PC)	0	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	Completed
7	04/06/25 - £1,250 Football Posts and Nets	J Sutcliffe (Goldshaw Booth PC)	0	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	Completed
8	04/06/25 - £750 Footpath	P Rosthorn (Higham PC)	0	750	750	750	0	Completed
9	04/06/25 - £400 Bus shelter	P Rosthorn (Higham PC)	0	400	400	0	400	

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10	04/06/25 - £370 Notice Board	P Rosthorn (Higham PC)	0	370	370	205	165	Completed. Request £165 is deallocated and used elsewhere.
11	04/06/25 - £500 Playground	P Rosthorn (Higham PC)	0	500	500	500	0	Completed
12	04/06/25 - £2,770 Radar Speed Sign	J Bailey (Roughlee PC)	0	2,770	2,770	2,770	0	Completed
13	04/06/25 - £2,500 Toilet Block Improvement	D Heap (Barley PC)	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	Completed
14	04/06/25 - £700 Emmot's Track Resurfacing	K Wood (Blacko PC)	0	700	700	700	0	Completed
15	04/06/25 - £1,500 Higherford Globes Project	S Earnes (H'Ford Res. Action Group)	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	Completed
	Subtotals		7,130	18,213	25,343	15,446	9,897	
	Uncommitted Funds		363	-363	0	-	0	
	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 2025/26		7,493	17,850	25,343	15,446	9,897	

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Appendix 2

Sch. No.	Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous year	Allocated 2026/27	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	Barrowford Memorial Park River Wall	I Lord Barrowford PC	3,922	0	3,922	0	3,922	
2	Premises Improvement Grants	D McCarthy PBC	2,919	0	2,919	0	2,919	The spend may not be up to date. Economic Growth report fully on this.
3	Litter and Dog Waste Bins	J Lord (PBC)	741	0	741	0	741	The spend may not be up to date. Operational Services report fully on this.
4	Fence Village Hall	D Hall (Fence Village Hall Cttee)	1,750	0	1,750	0	1,750	BWPC to consider whether the money remains in place or deallocated and used elsewhere.
9	Bus shelter	P Rosthorn (Higham PC)	400	0	400	0	400	
10	Notice Board	P Rosthorn (Higham PC)	165	0	165	0	165	Completed. Request £165 is deallocated and used elsewhere.
	Subtotals		9,897	0	9,897	0	9,897	
	Uncommitted Funds		0	17,850	17,850	-	17,850	
	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 2026/27		9,897	17,850	27,747	0	27,747	