

<b>Report Title</b>	Area Committee Budgets 2025/26 and 2026/27
<b>Meeting</b>	Colne and District Committee
<b>Meeting Date</b>	14 May 2026
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<b>Directorate</b>	Place
<b>Lead Executive Member(s)</b>	Leader Portfolio
<b>Wards Affected</b>	Boulsworth and Foulridge; Vivary Bridge; Waterside and Horsfield
<b>Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt</b>	Public
<b>Appendices (if any)</b>	Appendix 1: Commitments for 2025/26 Appendix 2: Commitments for 2026/27

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The budget for 2025/26 is £42,390 plus an additional slippage of £1,416 plus £2,505 carried forward from 2024/25. This gives an effective balance of **£46,311**.
- 1.2 The commitments for 2025/26 total **£41,867** (see Appendix 1 for a detailed breakdown).
- 1.3 The final balance for 2025/26 was **£4,444**.
- 1.4 The budget for 2026/27 is £42,390. With £4,444 carried forward from last year, this gives an effective balance of **£46,834**.
- 1.5 The commitments for 2026/27 total **£2,160** (see Appendix 2 for a detailed breakdown).
- 1.6 The available balance for 2026/27 is **£44,674**.
- 1.7 The maximum combined sum of uncommitted and unspent funds needs to be less than one year's budget by the end of March 2027. The target figure will be £42,390.
- 1.8 ***Provision of timber handrail at Newtown Street, Colne (Scheme 135):*** £1,800 was allocated on 05/02/2026 and the works have been completed at a cost of £1,798. A request is made to de-allocate the £2 underspend and return the funds to the area committee budget.

## **2. Recommendations**

**For the reasons set out in this report, Colne and District Committee is recommended to:**

2.1 Note the budget as committed (see Appendices 1 and 2).

2.2 Note the financial implications stipulated in paragraph 6.4.

## **3. Information: the Rationale and 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 Colne and District Committee to make informed decisions when allocating its money to schemes.

## **5. Implications (see paragraphs 6–10 below)**

## **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 £42,390 as it is capped at the equivalent of one year's budget. If the Committee has more than £42,390 remaining at the end of the financial year, which is the combined sum of the uncommitted and unspent funds, the following year's budget will be reduced by 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 Not applicable.

**12. Alternative Options Considered**

12.1 Not applicable.

**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.

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**Colne and District Committee Commitments for 2025/26 (Year-End Report)**

Appendix 1

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2025/26	Reallocated	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Comments
3	<b>04/04/19 &amp; 10/06/21 &amp; 11/01/24 &amp; 27/03/24 &amp; 06/03/25</b> Premises improvement grants	M Williams (ECO)	£9,000	-£3,000		£6,000	£3,000	£3,000	New allocation of £2,000 agreed on 11/01/24 and £6,000 on 27/03/24. £3,000 de-allocated on 06/03/25
32	<b>09/05/19 &amp; 10/09/20 &amp; 10/06/21 &amp; 12/05/22</b> Councillors' capital projects	M Hunting (HEH)	£2,037	-£1,137		£900	£900	£0	£2,500 allocated to each councillor to be spent on appropriate capital projects, subject to receipt of a completed capital programme bid form. See main report for details. £1,500 vired to scheme 43 but returned on 11/01/24. The funds are fully committed. £1,117 de-allocated on 08/05/25. The £20 remaining is for bulbs for Lidgett Gateway from Cllr Sarah Cockburn Price's allocation
64	<b>11/05/23 &amp; 06/06/24 &amp; 08/08/24 &amp; 08/05/25</b> Litter and Dog Waste Bins	J Lord (OPS)	£169	£1,000		£1,169	£344	£825	£1,000 allocated on 11/05/23, £1,000 on 06/06/24 and £2,000 on 08/08/24 for the provision of litter and dog waste bins. £1,000 allocated on 08/05/25
72	<b>02/11/23</b> Improvements to Queen Street Car Park	S Whalley (ENG)	£496	-£496		£0	£0	£0	Top-up of Capital Projects allocation. £496 de-allocated on 08/05/25

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84	<b>27/03/24 &amp; 10/10/24 &amp; 06/02/25 &amp; 05/02/26</b> Repainting, repairing or replacing street signs in Colne, Trawden, Foulridge and Laneshaw Bridge	U Hannan (ENG)	£4,600	£3,000		£4,600	£6,096	£1,504	£1,500 allocated on 27/03/24, £2,000 on 10/10/24, £5,500 on 06/02/25 and £3,000 on 05/02/26
91	<b>27/03/24</b> Lord Street Forest School garden	M Hunting (HEH)	£258	£-4		£254	£254	£0	Allocation of £257.54 agreed on 27/03/24. Payment of £253.95 being processed. Underspend of £3.59 de-allocated on 06/11/25
100	<b>08/08/24</b> Painting gas light and old sign with new lamp top	M Hunting (HEH)	£400			£400	£0	£400	
101	<b>08/08/24</b> Public art project – Preparing and submitting external grant applications	M Hunting (HEH)	£4,300			£4,300	£3,225	£1,075	
103	<b>10/10/24</b> North Valley Roundabout Improvement Scheme	Colne BID	£2,000			£2,000	£0	£2,000	
106	<b>10/10/24 &amp; 03/0/25</b> Replacing missing gully gates and cleaning out blocked gullies on unadopted back streets	S Whalley (ENG)	£1,151	£2,500		£3,651	£2,042	£1,609	£2,500 allocated on 10/10/24 and £2,500 on 03/04/25. Resolved on 03/04/25 that funding of up to £2,500 be allocated for drainage maintenance works on unadopted back streets in Colne and District, subject to the Committee being advised of where the works have taken place

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110	<b>09/01/25</b> Patten Street/Shaw Street pen clearance	P Riley (OPS)	£1,000			£1,000	£1,000	£0	That initial funding of £1,000 be allocated towards the removal of all structures and debris on the site, to be increased by an additional £950 should no further funding be received from elsewhere. Confirmation that £950 will be contributed from elsewhere
113	<b>06/02/25</b> Drainage improvements at footpath 20, Trawden	S Whalley (ENG)	£1,000			£1,000	£0	£1,000	£1,000 allocated on 06/02/25
117	<b>26/03/25</b> Bollard painting on Birtwistle Avenue and Regent Street, Colne	M Hunting (HEH)	£250			£250	£250	£0	Email from David Cockburn-Price under delegated authority giving Leo Brightly permission to carry out bollard painting on Birtwistle Avenue and Regent Street, Colne
118	<b>03/04/25 &amp; 07/08/25</b> King George V access improvements	P Riley (OPS)		£4,500		£4,500	£4,500	£0	£4,750 allocated on 03/04/25. £250 de-allocated on 07/08/25
119	<b>03/04/25</b> Foulridge tree maintenance	Foulridge Parish Council		£1,000		£1,000	£1,000	£0	Completed
120	<b>08/05/25 &amp; 05/03/26</b> Painting of bollards in Colne	M Hunting (HEH)		£3,310		£3,310	£1,200	£2,110	£2,000 allocated on 08.05.2025 subject to a satisfactory bid, plus a further £1,310 on 05.03.26 for additional bollards on Albert Road, lettering on the signpost outside St Bartholomew, 3 bollards at the bottom of Essex Street, and railings on Market Place, Walton Street and outside the Duke of Lancaster
121	<b>05/06/25</b> Review of the Albert Road Conservation Area	N Watson (PEDRS)		£3,500		£3,500	£0	£3,500	Bids of up to £3,500 and £3,250 for the review of the Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents Conservation Areas be agreed in principle, subject to the receipt of satisfactory bids. Bid form received

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122	<b>05/06/25</b> Review of the Lidgett and Bents Conservation Area	N Watson (PEDRS)		£3,250		£3,250	£0	£3,250	Bids of up to £3,500 and £3,250 for the review of the Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents Conservation Areas be agreed in principle, subject to the receipt of satisfactory bids. Bid form received
123	<b>05/06/25</b> Provision of main gate, pedestrian gate and fencing at Colne Youth Hub	M Hunting (HEH)		£2,400		£2,400	£2,400	£0	£2,400 be awarded to Colne Youth Action Group for the provision of a main gate, pedestrian gate and fencing for its Youth Hub
124	<b>03/07/25</b> Colne Dramatic Society roof repairs	M Hunting (HEH)		£2,000		£2,000	£2,000	£0	That £2,000 be allocated to Colne Dramatic Society towards roof repairs to The Little Theatre, Colne
125	<b>03/07/25</b> Additional work required on the Conservation Area Appraisal for Keighley Road and Carry Lane	N Watson (PEDRS)		£1,323		£1,323	£1,323	£0	That £1,323 be allocated for the additional work required on the Conservation Area Appraisal for Keighley Road and Carry Lane
126	<b>07/08/25</b> Colne Citadel replacement gutters	M Hunting (HHE)		£1,000		£1,000	£1,000	£0	£1,000 be allocated to Colne Citadel for the supply and fix of new guttering to Colne Citadel
127	<b>07/08/25</b> Replacement numerals to the sundial outside Colne Library	S Whalley (ENG)		£1,000		£1,000	£1,000	£0	An allocation of £1,000 be made towards the replacement of the numerals on the sundial outside Colne Library
128	<b>04/09/25</b> Restoring historic street plates and replacing missing ones	U Hannan (ENG)		£1,600		£1,600	£1,600	£0	Restoring historic street plates and replacing missing ones

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129	<b>09/10/25</b> Blocking up Fountain Street/ Zion Street, Colne	P Riley (OPS)		£1,000		£1,000	£0	£1,000	The piece of land between Fountain Street and Zion Street, Colne be considered for asset transfer and Colne Town Council be approached for their interest. Should an asset transfer to Colne Town Council be agreed, funding of £1,000 be allocated to the Town Council towards securing the site. But should the land remain in Council ownership, the funding bid for blocking up the site be further considered at a future meeting of this Committee
130	<b>09/10/25</b> Road safety improvement works to Greenfield Road, Colne	T Horsley (POL)		£1,000		£1,000	£0	£1,000	That the residents be encouraged to keep a record of the road safety and antisocial behaviour issues taking place. That £1,000 be earmarked for appropriate improvement works, once agreed
131	<b>06/11/25</b> Play streets in Colne	M Hunting (HEH)		£500		£500	£0	£500	Funding of up to £500 be allocated for the purchase of an appropriate number of Play Streets Kit Bundles.
132	<b>04/12/25</b> Portable address system for St Mary's Church, Trawden	M Hunting (HEH)		£340		£340	£340	£0	That £340.39 be allocated to St Mary's Church, Trawden for the purchase of a portable public address system. Final cost was £339.81, an underspend of £0.58
133	<b>08/01/26</b> Alkincoates Woodland & Nature Reserve fencing, tree felling and seeding	M Hunting (HEH)		£2,300		£2,300	£2,300	£0	That £2,300 be allocated to Alkincoates Woodland Nature Reserve for fencing, tree felling and seeding
134	<b>05/02/26</b> Colne BID Minibloom event	Colne BID		£1,000		£1,000	£0	£1,000	£1,000 be awarded to Colne BID in support of the upcoming Minibloom event
135	<b>05/02/26</b> Provision of timber handrail at Newtown Street, Colne	S Whalley (ENG)		£1,800		£1,800	£1,798	£2	Funding of £1,800 be allocated for the provision of a timber handrail at Newtown Street, Colne to improve safety for users of the footway

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136	<b>05/03/26</b> Seeds for Tomorrow - School Gardens for Sustainable Learning	M Hunting (HEH)		£1,000		£1,000	£0	£1,000	£1,000 allocated on 05/03/26 to Seeds for Tomorrow: School Gardens for Sustainable Learning
137	<b>05/03/26</b> Colne Gateway Wildflower Scheme 2026	P Riley (OS)		£1,580		£1,580	£0	£1,580	£1,580 allocated on 05/03/26 to Colne Gateway Wildflower Scheme 2026
138	<b>05/03/26</b> Views software renewal for CYAG	M Hunting (HEH)		£3,510		£3,510	£0	£3,510	£3,510 allocated on 05/03/26 to Views software renewal for CYAG
139	<b>05/03/26</b> Raised beds at CYAG	M Hunting (HEH)		£1,091		£1,091	£0	£1,091	£1,091.16 allocated on 05/03/26 for raised beds at CYAG
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>£26,661</b>	<b>£41,867</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£68,528</b>	<b>£37,572</b>	<b>£30,956</b>	
	<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>£3,921</b>	<b>£523</b>		<b>£4,444</b>		<b>£4,444</b>	
	<b>Total Funds Available 25/26</b>		<b>£30,582</b>	<b>£42,390</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£72,972</b>	<b>£37,572</b>	<b>£35,400</b>	

**Colne and District Committee Commitments for 2026/27**

Appendix 2

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64	<b>11/05/23 &amp; 06/06/24 &amp; 08/08/24 &amp; 08/05/25</b> Litter and Dog Waste Bins	Y Ifode (OPS)	£825			£825	£0	£825	£1,000 allocated on 11/05/23, £1,000 on 06/06/24 and £2,000 on 08/08/24 for the provision of litter and dog waste bins. £1,000 allocated on 08/05/25
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100	<b>08/08/24</b> Painting gas light and old sign with new lamp top	M Hunting (HEH)	£400			£400	£0	£400	
101	<b>08/08/24</b> Public art project – Preparing and submitting external grant applications	M Hunting (HEH)	£1,075			£1,075	£0	£1,075	£4,300 allocated on 08/08/24, with £3,225 spent in 2025/26

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121	<b>05/06/25 &amp; 01/04/26</b> Review of the Albert Road Conservation Area	N Watson (PEDRS)	£3,500	£2,060		£5,560	£0	£5,560	Bids of up to £3,500 and £3,250 for the review of the Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents Conservation Areas be agreed in principle, subject to the receipt of satisfactory bids. Bid form received. Additional fund of £2,060 allocated on 01/04/26
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137	<b>05/03/26</b> Colne Gateway Wildflower Scheme 2026	P Riley (OS)	£1,580			£1,580	£0	£1,580	£1,580 allocated on 05/03/26 to Colne Gateway Wildflower Scheme 2026

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139	<b>05/03/26</b> Raised beds at CYAG	M Hunting (HEH)	£1,091			£1,091	£0	£1,091	£1,091.16 allocated on 05/03/26 for raised beds at CYAG
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>£30,956</b>	<b>£2,160</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£33,116</b>	<b>£6,720</b>	<b>£26,396</b>	
	<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>£4,444</b>	<b>£40,230</b>		<b>£44,674</b>		<b>£44,674</b>	
	<b>Total Funds Available 26/27</b>		<b>£35,400</b>	<b>£42,390</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£77,790</b>	<b>£6,720</b>	<b>£71,070</b>	