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| Report Title | Area Committee Budget 2026/27 |
| Meeting | Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee |
| Meeting Date 13 May | 10 June 2026 |
| Report Author | Julie Mousdale |
| 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: Budget Table (spend up to 26/05/26) |

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 1.
- 1.2 Fence Village Hall (appendix 1, 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 1, 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 1.
- 2.2 Note the financial implications stipulated in paragraph 6:4.
- 2.3 Consider the Fence Village Hall 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)

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| Section 151 Officer | X |
| Monitoring Officer | X |

14. Background Documents

14.1 None

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Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee – Budget Table 2026/27

Appendix 1

| 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. |
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| | 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 | |