

Report Title	Pride in Place Impact Fund
Meeting	Executive
Meeting Date	25 th June 2026
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Directorate	Place
Lead Executive Member(s)	Cllr Asjad Mahmood
Wards Affected	Barrowford and Pendleside, Barnoldswick, Earby & Coates, Boulsworth & Foulridge, Vivary Bridge, Waterside and Horsfield, Brierfield East and Clover Hill, Brierfield West & Reedley
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	None

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Projects were selected by the Executive for Pendle's Pride in Place Impact Fund in March 2026 on the basis that only half the programme would be committed to at that time using the first 50% of funds already received in November 2025 from government. The second half would be planned for but not committed to until remaining funds were received.
- 1.2 This report provides an update to the Executive on the progress of the first half of the programme, as well as an update in respect to the second half of funds from Government.
- 1.3 It seeks a decision on unallocated funds and updates within the programme.

2. Recommendations

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

- 2.1 Note progress of the programme
- 2.2 Approve recommendations on unallocated funds and variations within the programme set out at sections 3.9 to 3.17.

3. Information: the Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations

Update on Remaining Funding from MHCLG

- 3.1 The February 2026 monitoring return to Government for the programme was submitted on time. This asked local authorities general questions about progress of their programme to date.
- 3.2 In addition, MHCLG asked the Council to provide details of the planning and governance arrangements of its Programme and specifically the allocation of funding. These were submitted for review by the MHCLG who have since confirmed that they are satisfied with the processes the Council has used to allocate the funding. Consequently, the second tranche of £750,000 (the final 50% of funds for the programme), was received by the Council on 11th June 2026.

Update on Applications

- 3.3 The programme is a mixture of projects to be delivered directly by PBC, some of which are on behalf of Parish and Town Councils which wish to utilise our expertise, while others are to be delivered by external bodies, Town and Parish Councils and a small number of charitable organisations.
- 3.4 All project sponsors are required to complete an application form to secure their project funding. Grant offer letters are then issued upon receipt of satisfactory application forms.
- 3.5 Most applications for what were ‘Stage 1’ projects have now been received and Grant Offer Letters released to organisations. A small number of applications are still to be received.
- 3.6 Progress with ‘Stage 2’ applications is set to accelerate now that organisations know the second tranche funding is secured.
- 3.7 Breakdown of application process is detailed below;

	Projects	Value
Projects agreed through application	54	£1,186,225.00
Applications not yet received	14	£ 239,513.00

- 3.8 Earby Town Council has withdrawn three stage 1 projects from the original programme. These have not been included in the numbers above.

Programme Variations

- 3.9 Some changes to the programme have occurred since the March 2026 meeting. Please see below for details of variations.

3.10 The Executive is asked to acknowledge the projects which are now removed from the programme.

- **Seats in Earby Bus Station.** Project has been implemented with alternative funding.
- **Earby Memorial Park pitch drainage.** Project has been implemented with alternative funding.
- **Earby Town Council Stage 1 projects.**
 - Rushton Avenue playground resurfacing
 - Station Hotel toilets upgrade
 - Pavillion refurbishment, Hill Top recreation ground

Earby Town Council has resolved to withdraw these three stage 1 projects, unanimously agreeing that the requirement to match fund precluded any application at this time.

3.11 This report seeks approval of the Executive to formally update the programme in regard to the following variations:

- **Colne Heritage Lamp Posts.** To be removed from the programme due to change of priorities from Colne Area Committee.
- **Salterforth Parish War Memorial Area - Paving and Installation of a Flag Pole.**

At present there is no identified party to take on responsibility for the raising and lowering of flags. Enquiries are being undertaken to identify a volunteer organisation for this but if one cannot be found then it is proposed to remove the flagpole element rather than having an unused flagpole.

The modest level of funds needed for a flagpole would remain within the project and be put towards enhancing the remaining elements of the scheme ie paving and fencing

Project reallocation

- **Earby Memorial Park pitch drainage:** In respect to the removed requirement for pitch drainage at Earby Memorial Park (Sough Park). There is still an identified need for the creation of a pathway to enhance the area around the pitch and to enhance accessibility within the park, benefitting the original intention of the project. This still meets the objective of PIPF and complements the original project. The recommendation is that the original funds allocated to pitch drainage be allocated for the pathway.

This idea is supported within the responses from the public survey also.

Unallocated Funds

- 3.12 Project lists were approved at the March Executive 2026. The small element of unallocated funds in the Brierfield and Barrowford allocation can be absorbed into existing projects as they are not large enough to fund new projects.
- 3.13 Within Colne the unallocated funds are £24,250
- 3.14 Within Earby, there are some small variations within the programme already described. There are also projects which have been withdrawn by Earby Town Council. Once a reallocation of the £16,825 pitch drainage funds into a pathway project have been taken into account, the remaining unallocated funds in Earby will be £29,086
- 3.15 It is the recommendation of Officers to determine these unallocated funds in dialogue with Area Committees and in consultation with the MP.
- 3.16 There are options for using these unallocated funds including:
- i) increasing budgets to existing selected projects where they would benefit from this
 - ii) returning to the list of scored projects and those which could not be afforded; and/or,
 - iii) looking at the responses to the public survey for additional ideas.
- 3.17 Once these consultations have taken place, a recommendation report on how best to allocate any remaining funds will be brought back to the Executive.

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 The delivery of the Pride in Place Impact Fund will meet with the following Council Priorities:
- **Priority 2: Proud and Connected Communities and Places**
The projects will provide visual improvements across communities, helping to foster a sense of pride in towns and neighbourhoods.
 - **Priority 3: Good Growth**
Supporting regeneration and new development within communities, leading to improved assets and visual amenities, which help to encourage visitors to town centres and neighbourhoods and promote investment.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

The Council is the Accountable Body for the programme. The Council has now received the full allocation of capital funding of £1.5m. The allocation is to be committed over 2025-26 and 2026-27. Any uncommitted funding as at 31 March 2027, or funding that is committed by that date and then subsequently unspent, must be repaid to MHCLG.

5.2 Legal and Governance Implications

The programme must adhere to any legal and governance arrangements as required by government, including procurement and subsidy control.

5.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

None directly as a result of this report.

5.4 Human Resources Implications

The programme is 100% Capital without any allocation of capacity funds. Additional work commitments will arise for Officers delivering projects as a result of the programme. These will be mitigated through capitalisation of funds for project management within those teams to fund the resource required. The management of the programme itself can be managed by the Economic Growth team, though there is no additional financial resource from the programme to contribute for this.

5.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

None arising directly from this report

6. Consultation

Consultation on the programme has been extensive and undertaken in line with government guidance.

7. Alternative Options Considered

Not applicable. The fund is an allocation from central government and must be used as directed within the timescales.

8. 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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