

Report Title	Area Committee Budget 2026/27
Meeting	Nelson, Brierfield & Reedley Committee
Meeting Date	6 July 2026
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Directorate	Resources
Lead Executive Member(s)	Leader Portfolio
Wards Affected	Bradley, Brierfield East and Clover Hill, Brierfield West and Reedley, Marsden and Southfield, Whitefield and Walverden
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1: Budget Table Appendix 2: Pendle United Cricket Club Bid

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The budget for 2026/27 is £78,270 but the committee was £23,370 underspent at the end of 2025/26 (see Financial Implications 6.4). As a result, the total funds available for 2026/27 is £156,540. This has been committed in accordance with the budget table set out in Appendix 1.

1.2 Budget Overcommitted:

At the Committee meeting held on 11 May, the budget was found to be overcommitted. The budget therefore needs to be reviewed and reallocated in line with the funds available.

1.3 New Bids:

Bid £1,500 - Pendle United Cricket Club (Appendix 3).

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, NELSON, BRIERFIELD & REEDLEY 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 Review the allocations agreed at the meeting held on 11 May and reallocate funds in accordance with the approved budget (see paragraphs 1.2 and Appendix 1).

2.4 Consider the new bid detailed in 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 Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley 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 amount that can be carried forward is £78,270, as this is capped at the equivalent of one year's budget. If the committee has more than £78,270 remaining unspent at the end of the year, the excess will need to be offset against the following year's budget.
- 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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Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee – Budget Table 2026/27
 (Shaded schemes are completed)

Appendix 1

Sch. No.	Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2026/27	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
3	11/05/26 - £5,500 deallocated Brunswick Street - Public Realm Improvements	S Whalley (EG)	5,500	-5,500	0	0	0	This scheme is now to be funded via LCC.
4	Litter and Dog Bins	R Reynolds (OS)	549	0	549	0	549	The spend may not be up to date. Operational Services report fully on this.
6	Premises Improvement Grants	D McCarthy (EG)	17,214	0	17,214	0	17,214	The spend may not be up to date. Economic Growth report fully on this.
8	Refurbishment of Street Furniture at Nelson Town Centre	S Whalley (EG)	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,500	
9	Gully Works to Unadopted Back Streets	S Whalley (EG)	1,238	0	1,238	0	1,238	
11	Brierfield East and Clover Hill - Ward Projects		4,737	0	4,737	0	4,737	

13	Marsden and Southfield – Ward Projects		14,030	0	14,030	0	14,030	
14	Resurfacing Back Every St., Lime St. & Swaine St	S Whalley (EG)	22,030	0	22,030	0	22,030	
18	Marsden Park Pond Restoration	P Riley (OS)	4,709	0	4,709	0	4,709	
19	Resurfacing back Bank St & Roseland Ave., Brierfield	S Whalley (EG)	29,133	0	29,133	0	29,133	
22	Community Planting Project	Bodies in Motion	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	Completed
	Subtotal		101,640	-5,500	96,140	1,000	95,140	
	Un-allocated Funds		0	60,400	60,400	-	60,400	
	Total Funds Available 2026/27		101,640	54,900	156,540	1,000	155,540	

**BID FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET
PRO FORMA**

1. **Project title:** Supporting grassroots cricket
2. **Bid submitted by:** Cllr Mohammed Iqbal MBE
3. **On behalf of (please include contact details):**

Pendle United Cricket Club
4. a) **Does your organisation have a constitution?** yes
b) **Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work?** yes
c) **Does your organisation have its own bank account?** yes
d) **How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account?** 2
5. **Is your organisation VAT-registered? *** No
6. **Amount requested:** £1500
7. **Total amount of project:** £1500
8. **Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?**
If so, please give details: No
9. **Brief details of project:** to help pay for cricket equipment for disadvantaged team members to compete in league
10. **Main outcomes to be achieved:** to provide an opportunity for local residents to benefit from sport
11. **When will project be implemented?**
Start Date: May 2026
Expected Completion Date: May 2026
12. **Who will undertake the project works?** Club members
13. **Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?**
None

****Please note that grants inclusive of VAT will only be awarded where the organisation is not VAT-registered and is unable to reclaim VAT***