

Report Title	Area Committee Budget 2026/27
Meeting	Colne and District Committee
Meeting Date	6 August 2026
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Directorate	Place
Lead Executive Member(s)	Leader Portfolio
Wards Affected	Boulsworth and Foulridge; Vivary Bridge; Waterside and Horsfield
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1: Commitments for 2026/27

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The budget for 2026/27 is £42,390 plus £4,444 carried forward from 2025/26. This gives an effective balance of **£46,834**.
- 1.2 The commitments for 2026/27 total **£7,755** (see Appendix 1 for a detailed breakdown).
- 1.3 The available balance for 2026/27 is **£39,079**.
- 1.4 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.

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 Appendix 1).
- 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 2026/27
Appendix 1

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2026/27	Reallocated	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Comments
3	04/04/19 & 10/06/21 & 11/01/24 & 27/03/24 & 06/03/25 Premises improvement grants	M Williams (ECO)	£3,000			£3,000	£0	£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
64	11/05/23 & 06/06/24 & 08/08/24 & 08/05/25 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
84	27/03/24 & 10/10/24 & 06/02/25 & 05/02/26 & 09/07/26 Repainting, repairing or replacing street signs in Colne, Trawden, Foulridge and Laneshaw Bridge	U Hannan (ENG)	£1,504	£2,747		£4,251	£1,751	£2,500	£1,500 allocated on 27/03/24, £2,000 on 10/10/24, £5,500 on 06/02/25; £3,000 on 05/02/26; £2,747 on 09/07/26
100	08/08/24 Painting gas light and old sign with new lamp top	M Hunting (HEH)	£400			£400	£0	£400	
101	08/08/24 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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103	10/10/24 North Valley Roundabout Improvement Scheme	Colne BID	£2,000			£2,000	£0	£2,000	
106	10/10/24 & 03/0/25 Replacing missing gully gates and cleaning out blocked gullies on unadopted back streets	S Whalley (ENG)	£1,609			£1,609	£150	£1,459	£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
113	06/02/25 Drainage improvements at footpath 20, Trawden	S Whalley (ENG)	£1,000			£1,000	£0	£1,000	£1,000 allocated on 06/02/25
120	08/05/25 & 05/03/26 & 01/04/26 Painting of bollards in Colne	M Hunting (HEH)	£2,110	£100		£2,210	£2,210	£0	£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. Top-up of £100 on 01/04/26
121	05/06/25 & 01/04/26 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
122	05/06/25 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

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129	09/10/25 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	09/10/25 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	06/11/25 Play streets in Colne	M Hunting (HEH)	£500			£500	£252	£248	Funding of up to £500 be allocated for the purchase of an appropriate number of Play Streets Kit Bundles.
134	05/02/26 Colne BID Minibloom event	Colne BID	£1,000			£1,000	£1,000	£0	£1,000 be awarded to Colne BID in support of the upcoming Minibloom event. Completed
135	05/02/26 Provision of timber handrail at Newtown Street, Colne	S Whalley (ENG)	£2	-£2		£0	£0	£0	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. Scheme completed at a cost of £1798. Underspend of £2 de-allocated. Completed
136	05/03/26 Seeds for Tomorrow - School Gardens for Sustainable Learning	M Hunting (HEH)	£1,000			£1,000	£1,000	£0	£1,000 allocated on 05/03/26 to Seeds for Tomorrow: School Gardens for Sustainable Learning
137	05/03/26 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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138	05/03/26 Views software renewal for CYAG	M Hunting (HEH)	£3,510			£3,510	£3,510	£0	£3,510 allocated on 05/03/26 to Views software renewal for CYAG
139	05/03/26 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
140	11/06/26 Trawden Man Shed	M Hunting (HEH)		£250		£250	£0	£250	That Trawden Man Shed be awarded £250 to support the expansion of services
141	11/06/26 Colne Dramatic Society	M Hunting (HEH)		£1,000		£1,000	£0	£1,000	£1,000 be allocated to Colne Dramatic Society for stage surround improvements and installation of visual aids at The Little Theatre, Colne
142	09/07/26 Painting railings, floral display supports, extra bollards and an annual touch-up	M Hunting (HEH)		£1,600		£1,600	£0	£1,600	£1,600 be allocated for painting railings, floral display supports, extra bollards and an annual touch-up as detailed in the submitted bid
	Subtotal		£30,956	£7,755	£0	£38,711	£9,873	£28,838	
	Unallocated Funds		£4,444	£34,635		£39,079		£39,079	
	Total Funds Available 26/27		£35,400	£42,390	£0	£77,790	£9,873	£67,917	