

Report Title	Area Committee Legacy Fund
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 Appendix 2: Legacy Fund Bid Form

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Council's Executive approved the creation of a Legacy Fund of £500,000 at its meeting on 19 March 2026. Half of this was to be allocated to the town and parish councils and the remaining half to the area committees, based on the electorate.

1.2 The breakdown for the town and parish councils within the Colne area is as follows:

Colne Town Council.....	£43,500
Foulridge Parish Council.....	£6,000
Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council	£4,400
Trawden Forest Parish Council.....	£8,700

The funding shown above is completely separate to the area committee allocation and is not the subject of this report. However, the figures have been provided so that councillors are aware when considering suitable schemes that the town and parish councils have been provided with a similar amount of funding with the same conditions attached.

1.3 The allocation for Colne and District Committee is **£63,700** (see Appendix 1 for a detailed breakdown).

1.4 The commitments total **£38,740**, but this figure includes a £10,000 pot of 10 x £1,000 allocations for local charities, none of which has been allocated yet.

1.5 The available balance is **£25,000**.

1.6 The Director of Resources has created a bidding form for organisations to use when submitting applications for funding (see Appendix 2).

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 To identify 10 suitable charities to receive the £1,000 donations each.
- 2.3 To commit the remaining balance.

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 The conditions attached to the funding are very broad. In short, the Legacy Fund has been set up to provide funding for one-off projects that will leave a lasting legacy across the Borough. The Council, specifically the Council's Legacy Fund, must be acknowledged as a funder in any publicity relating to the project. Other than that, councillors may allocate the funding as they determine and unlike the Area Committee Fund, it is not capped at the end of the financial year. However, it does need to be fully committed and spent prior to 31 March 2028.

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 Report to the Executive on 19 March 2026.

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Colne and District Committee Commitments for 2026/27
Appendix 1

Scheme Details	Commitment Date	Scheme Details	Lead Officer and Service Area	Allocated 2026/27	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	01/04/2026	King George V Playing Fields: Railings and gates for bottom of Varley Street side	Phil Riley (OS)	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	A provisional allocation of £10,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund
2	01/04/2026	King George V Playing Fields: Line marking for two football pitches	Phil Riley (OS)	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	A provisional allocation of £2,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund
3	01/04/2026	King George V Playing Fields: Benches for the pitches	Phil Riley (OS)	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	A provisional allocation of £1,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund
4	01/04/2026	Progressing the Wheel Park project	Phil Riley (OS)	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	A provisional allocation of £12,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund
5	01/04/2026	Moveable planters for Newmarket Street	Scott Whalley (ENG)	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	A provisional allocation of £3,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund

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6	01/04/2026	A total of £10,000 be used to create ten funds of £1,000 each, to be awarded to local charities for each to fund a one-off legacy project	Mark Hunting (HEH)	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	A total of £10,000 be used to create ten funds of £1,000 each, to be awarded to local charities for each to fund a one-off legacy project
7	09/07/2006	St Mary's Church noticeboard and lighting	Mark Hunting (HEH)	740.00	0.00		St Mary's Church, Trawden be awarded a total of £740 from the Legacy Fund for a new noticeboard and lighting in the Church.
		Subtotals		£38,740	£0	£38,000	
		Uncommitted Funds		£25,000		£25,000	
		TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 2026/27		£63,740	£0	£63,000	

(FORM B: EXTERNAL BID)**BID FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEE LEGACY FUND BUDGET
PRO FORMA**

The Legacy Fund has been set up to provide funding for **one-off** projects that will leave a lasting legacy across the Borough. The Council, specifically the Council's Legacy Fund, must be acknowledged as a funder in any publicity relating to the project.

- 1. Project title:**

- 2. Bid submitted by:**

- 3. On behalf of (please include contact details):**

- 4. a) Does your organisation have a constitution?**
b) Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work?
c) Does your organisation have its own bank account?
d) How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account?

- 5. Is your organisation VAT-registered?***

- 6. Amount requested: £**

- 7. Total amount of project: £**

- 8. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?**
If so, please give details:

- 9. Brief details of project:**

- 10. Main outcomes to be achieved:**

11. When will project be implemented?

Start Date:

Expected Completion Date:

12. Who will undertake the project works?

13. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

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