

Report Title	Area Committee Budget 2026/27
Meeting	Nelson, Brierfield & Reedley Committee
Meeting Date	7 September 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 (spend up to 19/08/26) Appendix 2: Pendle United Cricket Club Bid Appendix 3: Friends of Victoria Park Bid Appendix 4: PBC 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). 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 overcommitted. The budget therefore needed to be reviewed and reallocated in line with the funds available. £16,500 was committed on 6 July leaving **£43,900** available for reallocation.
- 1.3 Bids:
Bid £1,500 - Pendle United Cricket Club, Supporting Grassroots Cricket (Appendix. 2). This is to be reconsidered as per paragraph 1.2.
Bid £50 – Friends of Victoria Park, Public Liability Insurance for events in Victoria Park (Appendix 3)
Bid £4,000 – PBC, Nelson & Colne College Path Improvements (Appendix 4)

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 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 bids 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. Where there are ongoing revenue consequences of capital schemes, in terms of ongoing cost, the Committee must be satisfied that the applicant has the ability to fund these.

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

Appendix 1

(Shaded schemes are completed)

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	1,500	2,049	0	2,049	The spend may not be up to date. Operational Services report fully on this.
6	Premises Improvement Grants	M Williams (EG)	17,214	15,000	32,214	0	32,214	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	285	953	
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	29,133	0	Completed
22	Community Planting Project	Bodies in Motion	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	Completed
	Subtotal		101,640	11,000	112,640	30,418	82,222	
	Un-allocated Funds		0	43,900	43,900	-	43,900	
	Total Funds Available 2026/27		101,640	54,900	156,540	30,418	126,122	

**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***

(FORM B: EXTERNAL BID)

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

1. **Project title:** Public Liability Insurance for events in Victoria Park
2. **Bid submitted by:** Robert Oliver
3. **On behalf of (please include contact details):** Friends of Victoria Park,
Pendle; 6 Langholme Close, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancs, BB9 6DH
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?** Two
5. **Is your organisation VAT-registered?***
6. **Amount requested:** £50.00
7. **Total amount of project:** £100.00
8. **Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?**
If so, please give details: A parallel bid for £50 is also being made to Barrowford & Pendleside Area Committee
9. **Brief details of project:** The Friends of Victoria Park are continuing with small events again this year to encourage use of the Park. These require annual payment for Public Liability Insurance which stopped being covered for us by Pendle Council some years ago.
10. **Main outcomes to be achieved:** Proper insurance for Park events
11. **When will project be implemented?**
Start Date: 9 June 2026
Expected Completion Date: 8 June 2027
12. **Who will undertake the project works?** Friends of Victoria Park
13. **Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?**
No

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

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

14. Project title: Nelson & Colne College path improvements

15. Bid submitted by: Tricia Wilson, Project Manager (Engineering and Cycling)

16. On behalf of (please include contact details): Engineering,
Pendle Borough Council Tel 01282 661051 Email: tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk

17. Amount requested: £4,000

18. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere? Yes

If so, please give details: We submitted a bid to Nelson PiP for funding to complete improvements to the path between Nelson & Colne College and Scotland Road where Accessible Nelson starts. The total cost of the project is £84,000 including revenue. We have approval from PiP for £56,000. We recently received approval of a bid to Nelson Town Council for £10,000 and we are waiting for confirmation from LCC that they will overlay a section of the path which accounts for £10,000. The remaining shortfall is therefore £8,000. We are asking Nelson Area Committee and Barrowford Area Committee for £4,000 each.

19. Details of project: Accessible Nelson will create safer routes to walk and cycle from Scotland Road to Nelson Interchange. Improvements to the route between the Nelson & Colne College to Scotland Road might encourage people to walk or cycle to and from Nelson Interchange to connect to train and bus routes. The main purpose of the scheme, however, is to make the route feel safer, especially for women and girls, during the darker winter months. The project will include improved softer lighting in the 3 underpasses on the route; decorative and festoon lighting in some of the trees in 3 locations on the route; solar lighting in the middle of the path; we aim to work with students from Nelson and Colne College to include some artwork in the grassed areas between the underpasses and perhaps continue this through the subways; artwork will include decorating some benches. The artwork will include consultations with student from the college, particularly targeting women and girls. See attached proposed plan.

20. Main outcomes to be achieved: The main outcomes to be achieved will be to make the route feel more attractive and maintained to increase footfall and cycle use and to ultimately make the route feel safer. We would like to encourage more students to cycle or walk to college and perhaps use the train or bus rather than travel by car. It will also improve the link between Barrowford and Nelson Interchange giving Barrowford residents more opportunity to choose sustainable transport/travel for onward journeys.

21. When will project be implemented?

Start Date: September 2026

Expected Completion Date: March 2027 depending on permissions being received from LCC who own the land and the subways

22. Who will undertake the project works? LCC and other contractors for individual parts of the scheme. The whole scheme will be managed/overseen by PBC Engineers.

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

Part of the scheme will be cutting back shrubs from around the subway entrances, and we have planted wildflower beds along the route. Pendle Council's Operational Services already maintain the grass and shrubs on behalf of LCC at this location. However, we will be liaising with the college's horticulture section to find out if they might help to maintain and improve the route going forward for example, they could add to the wildflowers and planting along the route. This will give them a sense of ownership. Therefore, there are no additional costs required for ongoing maintenance.