

MEETING OF THE COLNE & DISTRICT COMMITTEE

(Members: M. Atkinson (Chair), D. Cockburn-Price, S. Cockburn-Price, D. Lord, N. McCollum, R. O'Connor, A. Sutcliffe, M. Waddington and A. Whitehead.)

TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026
AT 6.30 P.M.
AT
COLNE TOWN HALL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting will commence with Public Question Time. Members of the public may ask questions, present petitions or speak on agenda items in which they have a direct interest. Requests to speak should be made by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ کرم ہمیں سلیکون کریں۔

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AGENDA

PART I – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

1. Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which they have in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

Members' attention is also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

2. Public Question Time

To receive, for a maximum of 15 minutes, questions from members of the public on issues which do not appear on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Enc. To approve, or otherwise, the Minutes of the meetings held on 8th October 2026.

4. Progress Report

Enc. A progress report on action arising from the last meeting is attached for information.

5. Community Safety Issues and Police Matters

An opportunity for members of the public to raise any community safety issues and police matters.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

6. Area Committee Budget 2026/27

Enc. The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submits the attached report which advises Members on the Committee's 2026/27 budget.

Following the decision at the last meeting, the Committee is particularly asked to note the current position in relation to the funding of Colne Premises Improvement Grants.

The report includes a revised bid for consideration, along with the following new bid –

- Colne BID Ltd - Winterbloom 2027 - £5,000

7. Legacy Fund

Enc. The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submits the attached report which provides an update on the Legacy Fund.

The report includes the following bids for consideration –

- Knur & Spell World Championship and associated Public Arts Project - £15,000
- Colne BID Ltd – Winterbloom 2027 - £1,058.16

HIGHWAY MATTERS

8. Colne Town Centre Bus Service Improvement Plan Scheme

The Committee will receive an update from Lancashire County Council on progress with the Colne Town Centre Bus Service Improvement Plan Scheme.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

9. Enforcement/Unauthorised Uses

Enforcement action

Enc. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submits the attached report giving the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

10. Review of Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans

Enc. Further to this item being deferred at the last meeting of the Committee, the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services resubmits the attached report for consideration.

11. Environmental Enforcement

Enc. The Assistant Director, Operational Services submits the attached report which provides Members with information on enforcement activities in response to environmental crimes such as littering, failure to clear dog fouling and breaches of Public Spaces Protection Orders prior to and following withdrawal of proactive education and enforcement patrols in 2023.

12. Vacant Properties

Enc. The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submits the attached report which advises on the position regarding vacant houses in Colne and District.

13. Items for discussion

Members have requested that the following items be discussed –

(a) Update on Cotton Tree Lane issues

At the September meeting of this Committee, Members discussed emergency carriageway repair works that were being carried out on Cotton Tree Lane, Colne.

A Member has since reported that an old issue with a failing culvert has resurfaced. A verbal update will be provided.

(b) Failing water supplies in East Colne and Laneshaw Bridge

To receive a verbal update on incidents in East Colne and Laneshaw Bridge.

(c) Colne Cemetery Chapels

To discuss a Member suggestion that the Council be requested “to submit a grant application for funding to repair the newly-listed Colne Cemetery Chapels, with match-funding to come from the reallocation of delayed/undeliverable capital projects”.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it would like reports to come to a future meeting or where applicable, the matters be referred elsewhere.

14. Outstanding Items

The following item has been requested by the Committee. A report/update will be submitted to a future meeting.

(a) Greenfield Road, Colne (05.03.2026)

15. Exclusion of the Public and Press

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting during the next following items of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there will be disclosure of exempt information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

16. Outstanding Enforcements

Enc. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submits the attached report giving the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

17. Nuisance Vehicles

Enc. The Head of Policy and Partnerships submits the attached report for information.