



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO: LEISURE & CULTURE

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR JEFF SUMNER

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1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

PE2 Developing opportunities and sustaining ambition of local residents	
Action	Progress
PE2c: Undertake an options appraisal to ensure the delivery of core leisure and recreation facilities	<p>Although the Government have now published their response to the consultation on Business Rates, at present, it is still not fully clear as to whether it will have a positive or negative effect on the options available to the Council. As a result there is a need to await more detailed proposals from the Government.</p> <p>As reported previously, I can assure all Members that there will be an all member briefing before any decision is made on this matter.</p>
PE2d: Reduce antisocial behaviour by the co-ordination and provision of sport and creative out of hours activities and diversionary work	<p>As I reported at the last meeting, Leisure and Recreation Unit provided a two day programme for young people at the Christmas holidays. A total of 76 places were booked. Feedback was good and the age range has been dropped to 5, and a full week programme has been developed for February half-term.</p> <p>A Christmas Quest event was held at Scott Park on the 21st December and 155 children took part in the event.</p> <p>Dambusters are currently working in one ward</p>

	and applications have been made for external funding to continue the scheme. If any Ward Councillors want to commission the Dambusters in their Ward using WOF funding, they should contact the Sports Development Team.
PE3 Ensuring Services to vulnerable groups are protected wherever possible	
Action	Progress
PE3c: Implement the Children and Young People's Plan for Burnley	<p>The mid-year review of the implementation of the Burnley Children and Young People's Plan was considered at Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee on 24 January 2012.</p> <p>At its last meeting, the Trust Board agreed that the allocation of Prevention and Early Intervention Funding from the County Council should be used to commission the provision of a family support service for children and families who fall below the Children's Social Care threshold. The service could include providing support where there is domestic violence, substance misuse, or where family mediation in a more generic manner is required. I will report back on this item when the service has been commissioned.</p>
PL2 Making the Borough Safer	
Action	Progress
PL2g: Implement the Play Strategy	<p>Work has started on site for the refurbishment of five playgrounds that are in this year's Playground Improvement Programme; Ightenhill Park, Hordley Street, Owen Street, Glamorgan Grove and Hargrove Avenue in Padiham (the latter two being funded through the Ward Opportunity Fund along with swing replacements at Creswick Avenue.</p> <p>The schemes are due to be completed by the end of March.</p>
PL3 Making the Borough Greener	
Action	Progress
PL3c: Implement the Borough's Green Space Strategy	<p>The current Green Spaces Strategy runs until March 2012.</p> <p>Substantial progress has been made on implementing the recommendations of the Strategy including the restoration of Towneley</p>

	<p>park, major improvements at Memorial Park, securing green flag status for our six main parks and many other improvements to the 550 hectares of green spaces that the Council maintains.</p> <p>Work has now started on the development of the new Green Spaces Strategy in conjunction with development of the new Burnley Local Plan. An audit of green space provision will be carried out over the coming months and a draft strategy will be ready for consideration by the Executive in the autumn.</p>
<p>PL3d: Implement the Brun Valley Forest Park scheme</p>	<p>Work has progressed well on the new footpath/cycleway which is being constructed around the Rowley Lake. This new route around the lake is complete and provides much improved access for park users</p> <p>Designs for the next 4 phases of work which include new footpath and cycle routes across the former Rowley Tip and a new bridge across the River Brun have been prepared and public consultation will take place in April.</p> <p>The Forest Park held its' first major event when the Pendle Forest Orienteers held a day and night orienteering event that attracted over 150 competitors from across the North West.</p>