



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO: LEADER

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR CHARLIE BRIGGS

DATE OF REPORT: 9th FEBRUARY 2012

1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

PE1 Strong visible leadership for the Council and the Borough	
Action	Progress
PE1a: Complete review of partnership working structures in Burnley, review actions within Community Strategy and continue delivery of revised Community Strategy	<p>As previously reported, the review of partnership structures in Burnley and of the actions within the Community Strategy have both been completed.</p> <p>At the next Burnley Action Partnership Executive meeting, we will be considering the preliminary work that has been undertaken on the Working Together project. Burnley is a pilot area for this new joined up approach to dealing with challenging families. The project will complement existing approaches to working with families through the Family Intervention Project (FIP) as reported by Councillor Mottershead. The pilot has been set up by LCC, and will help ensure that services by different providers are properly targeted at some of the Borough's most challenging families. I will report back on the progress of this project at a future Council meeting.</p>
PE1b: Undertake review of Senior Management	Completed. Work is progressing to implement the agreed structure and associated changes from April/start of municipal year.

<p>PE1c: Ensure the Council plays a major role in Pennine Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executives group (PLACE) and the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).</p>	<p>Contractual arrangements for the Todmorden Curve/Weavers' Triangle RGF programme are underway and formal conclusion of the Funding Agreement is expected by the end of February.</p> <p>£12.9m of Growing Places funding has been secured by the Lancashire LEP. Two Burnley Projects have the potential to access this package and these are Weavers Triangle and the Burnley Knowledge Park.</p> <p>The Council is actively involved with Training 2000 & Barnfield Construction in progressing the University Technical College project. Work on site is planned to commence late May/June with an opening date of Autumn 2013. The budget for the project is £9.3m.</p>
<p>PE2 Developing opportunities and sustaining ambition of local residents</p>	
<p>Action</p>	<p>Progress</p>
<p>PE2a: Improve educational attainment in the Borough by working closely with the Education Trust and its partners</p>	<p>Last year's GCSE results have recently been published. They confirm the interim results which I have previously reported and thus the positive direction of travel.</p> <p>Further progress is anticipated this year.</p> <p>The Visions Learning Trust/Training 2000 are finalising the curriculum "offer" for the UTC with DfEE. The required consultation has commenced and will run over the next couple of months or so.</p> <p>The Chief Executive has committed to an All Member Briefing early in the next municipal year and I have asked him to ensure that a detailed update on the UTC is included in that session.</p>