



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR GORDON BIRTWISTLE

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1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

L1 Strong visible leadership for the Council and the Borough	
Action	Progress
L1a: Make a strong contribution to Burnley Action Partnership becoming more effective and focussed	The review of Burnley Action Partnership is well underway and will be completed by the end of September 2008.
L1b: Play a major role in developing Pennine Lancashire Leaders & Chief Executives Group and.	A draft of the Pennine Lancashire Economic Development Strategy is expected to be available in September. A consultative draft of the MAA will be ready at the end of this month. Negotiations with Government will commence in September with a view to formally submitting the document on the 27th October, with Ministerial sign off expected at the end of November 2008.
L1c: Implement actions within the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act	The Council is still waiting on final government guidance, but officers will develop an Action Plan to deliver key statutory requirements, due to come into force by next April, over the course of the winter. Member Structures Working Group has considered a report on the recent White paper "Communities in Control."

<p>L1d: Continue to ensure Burnley Borough Council influences and aligns with regional strategies...</p>	<p>My work representing Lancashire at a regional level on housing is continuing well, and the new Regional Housing Strategy has been positively influenced by the challenges, and opportunities, Lancashire has argued for. Within Pennine Lancashire, I continue to play a full role in the work of the PLLACE Group, particularly around the developing economic strategy for Pennine Lancashire and the Multi Area Agreement (MAA), which is important as it will set the framework for public sector economic support for the foreseeable future.</p>
<p>L2 Developing Opportunities and sustaining ambition of local residents</p>	
<p>Action</p>	<p>Progress</p>
<p>L2a: Work with partners to ensure successful implementation of Building Schools for the Future prog.</p>	<p>Construction work is progressing well at the Burnley Campus, Shuttleworth and Sir John Thursby sites and has now started at Unity College. Blessed Trinity and Hameldon College are scheduled to be on site in September and The Rose School in Spring 2009. Exploratory discussions are being held with LCC to examine how Burnley Borough Council and other partners might collaborate with the LEA and schools to support educational improvement.</p>
<p>L2b: Work with partners to deliver a communication programme to promote changing face of Burnley...</p>	<p>Work continues with Burnley's Vision Board to develop a new approach to promoting the Borough. A stakeholder's workshop was held recently to bring together a suggested approach which will be considered by the Council, the Vision Board and its partners in the Autumn.</p>
<p>L3 Social and community cohesion, engagement & communication are at the heart of the Council's plans</p>	
<p>Action</p>	<p>Progress</p>
<p>L3b: Continue to develop programme of capacity building & mediation training for community leaders</p>	<p>The Good Relations Programme has reviewed progress; determined a work programme for the coming period; is producing new publicity; and has publicised accredited training opportunities during August, September and October in conflict awareness and introductory skills in mediation.</p>

L4d Improved services to the homeless & other vulnerable groups in the community

Action	Progress
L4d: Support Lancashire County Council in implementing Lancashire Strategy for an Ageing Population	The Executive has approved Burnley's participation in the Government's Free Swimming Programme for those aged 60 or over. This will mean that from April 2009, all residents who are 60 or over will be able to swim for free at all "General Swim" sessions at both the St Peter's Centre and Padiham Leisure Centre. Due to other pressing agenda items, the outcomes of the workshop, which looked at how we need to change our services to meet the needs of an ageing population, could not be considered at the August Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee. This will now go to their next Committee.

E1 A diverse business base with an entrepreneurial culture & a reputation as a place to do business

Action	Progress
E1b: Deliver the preferred option for the Enterprise Park at Princess Way	The Princess Way Enterprise Park preferred option was approved by the Executive in July and is being actively progressed. Work is now underway to ensure the necessary site assembly is put in place, working closely with Lancashire County Council. Alongside this, in partnership with the North West Development Agency (NWDA), bids for both NWDA and European resources are also being progressed to implement this key project.