



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR ROGER FROST

DATE OF REPORT: 3RD SEPTEMBER 2008

1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

L6 Improved Health standards and performance against floor targets	
Action	Progress
L6c: Contribute to improved diet within the community (promote Council's Recipe for Health' Award)>	The first quarter's food inspection performance is meeting targets. Four Recipe for Health Awards have now been issued with further assessments in the pipeline. A "Safer food, better business" course for Asian heritage food businesses was run in July, follow up mentoring sessions are ongoing and the course is to be repeated next month.
Town Centre Management	
Action	Progress
CH/TC: Town Centre Management Update	Benchmarking work completed with local businesses - results to be fed back early September to those participating. Town Centre Partnership meeting held and similar issues as benchmark survey indicate focus of immediate activity of group to be - Vitality (events), Appearance and Cleanliness, Safety and security and impact of Car Parking on retail business. Events - Continental Market returning

	Curzon Street first week in October. Town Centre lights switch on agreed for 13th November - programme being worked up and one other major potential event for Xmas period being considered.
PL2 Higher Quality housing conditions and the local environment	
Action	Progress
PL2a: Improve housing conditions and the local environment	The Executive approved the Empty Homes Strategy on the 19th August, and are now going forward with its implementation to improve the way we tackle empty properties across the borough.
PL2g: In Partnership, Facilitate Retail Commercial & Industrial developments on Council owned land	<p>Town Centre: Discussions on a new development at Curzon Street, on the former Pioneer site, are underway with Henry Boot Developments Ltd. A presentation on their proposals was made to Members on the 13th August followed by a presentation to the Chamber of Trade on the 18th August. The Executive considered a report on the 19th August outlining the next steps to facilitate the development on the site.</p> <p>Charter Walk: Discussions are underway with the current owners on redevelopment proposals.</p> <p>Keirby Hotel: Discussions are underway with current owners on moving this development forward.</p> <p>Former Sainsbury Car Park Site: Discussions are ongoing with the owners of the site to bring forward this development and a report should be going to the Executive in September.</p>
PL3 A more sustainable environment	
Action	Progress
PL3a: Achieve high energy efficiency ratings for all new homes and buildings	The review of the certification process, referred to in my last report, will take place in October, when the system has been in place for 12 months. I will report on its findings at a later date.