



## BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

**PORTFOLIO: LEISURE & CULTURE**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR CHARLES BULLAS**

**DATE OF REPORT: 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

### 1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

PE4 Improved services to vulnerable groups in the community	
Action	Progress
PE4d: Support Lancashire County Council in implementing Lancashire Strategy for an Ageing Population	Leisure and Recreation Services will be running the first of the new events for older people in the New Year. (These were proposed by Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee).
PE4e: Develop & implement a District Children & Young People Plan to support Every Child Matters	<p>The Trust has now finalised its Early Intervention and Prevention programme and submitted a funding bid to Lancashire County Council. If successful, the programme will help to support existing and new programmes around Domestic Violence, early years learning, family intervention, substance and alcohol misuse.</p> <p>The Children's Trust reviewed the performance of partners on a wide range of children's issues at its meeting on 26 November 2010 This review will now inform the Trusts priorities for 2010/11.</p>

PE5 Increased participation in cultural activities	
Action	Progress
PE5a Improve the cultural offer within the Borough in line with the Cultural Strategy	<p>Liberating Empty Terrain (LET) has now come to an end. It was funded by DCLG empty shops money, Arts Council and LCC, LET was a Pennine Lancashire project, that Burnley is lead on. The scheme leased 14 St James Street, (previously the car shop) for a 6 month period and six local creative businesses used the space to promote and develop their businesses.</p> <p>Short-listed Artists for the Princess Way Gateway, Public Art installation came to Burnley in October to visit the town and the site before they submit proposals for the development. These will hopefully follow in the new year.</p>
PE5c Implement the Football Development Plan which will increase participation and improve facilities, in particular the Prairie development	<p>As previously stated, the decision on the five a side centre at the Prairie, was deferred until after the Council was clearer about its financial position post Comprehensive Spending Review and our Grant settlement.</p> <p>In addition, Members will have seen that Crow Wood is looking to open a separate football facility.</p> <p>Both these issues, along with the wider increase of facilities at educational establishments, will be taken into account when making a final decision.</p>
PE5d: reduce antisocial behaviour by the co-ordination and provision of sport and creative out of hour's activities and diversionary work	<p>The Spooktacular event that took place at Scott Park on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Yet again it proved to be popular with the parents and children with 140 children and 82 parents taking part in the trail and a further 60 children and 26 parents taking part in the other activities on offer.</p>
PL3 More Sustainable Environment and Neighbourhoods	
Action	Progress
PL3c Develop vision and funding strategy for the Pennine Lancashire Forest Park Project	<p>The issues around public access onto the former Rowley tip have been resolved and the draft Vision for the Forest Park has now been completed and agreed between Lancashire County Council and Burnley</p>

	<p>Council at officer level.</p> <p>Project costs are currently being finalised together with a 5-year implementation plan and funding strategy, which will include sourcing funding from the Forestry commission, Landfill Tax and lottery sources together with voluntary and unpaid work such as Community Payback.</p> <p>The scheme will shortly be presented to LCC's new Commissioner for the East of the County and the project will also be presented to the new joint LCC and BBC Local Forum, which replaces 'Lancashire Locals'.</p>
<b>PL4 Higher Quality Neighbourhoods</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<p>PL4c: Implement the Borough's Green Spaces Strategy</p>	<p>The proposed Dog Control Orders have now been formally approved by the Executive following extensive consultation which demonstrated a broad consensus of approval for the proposals from both dog owners and non-owners. I was very pleased to see that there were 890 responses to the first round of consultation and this reduced to only 5 responses at the second stage. The Council has written to all responders and we have received positive feedback on the way the issue has been dealt with.</p> <p>The orders will help improve the cleanliness and safety of the Borough's open spaces.</p> <p>Implementation of the new orders will commence from December onwards. In some cases new signage will be required before enforcement can start, such as restriction to dogs on lead in parts of certain parks (Scott, memorial and Towneley Parks) and the exclusion of dogs from the golf course.</p> <p>The orders will be enforced by park rangers, the dog warden and the Police in the same way that the existing bye-laws and the dog fouling legislation has been successfully enforced over recent years.</p>

<p>PL4d Implement the Play Strategy, including improvement of children's' playgrounds and closure of a number of under-used and poorly located playgrounds.</p>	<p>A grant application for £24,000 has been submitted to Veolia Environmental Trust towards the cost of the refurbishment of the play area in the upper part of Memorial Park. The outcome of this application will be determined by late January.</p> <p>Meanwhile the three schemes in the current years programme (Memorial Park upper and lower play areas and Clifton Heights) are currently being tendered.</p>
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