



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO: LEISURE & CULTURE

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1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

L4 Improved services to the homeless and other vulnerable groups in the community	
Action	Progress
L4e: Establish Children & Young Person Partnership & develop District Children & Young People Plan	The new Children's Trust Partnership held its second meeting on 19 June 2008. The Trust includes representatives from a wide cross section of partner organisations including the Youth Council. A task and finish team has been established to identify the needs and priorities of young people. This will then inform the development of a local action plan.
L5 Increased participation in cultural activities	
Action	Progress
L5a: Develop a rich programme of creative and cultural activity across the Borough	The Big Art project is in it's final stages, ensuring that all the pieces of work are in a working and visible condition. The project will be shown as one of a series of documentaries commissioned by Channel 4, these will be broadcast towards the end of 2008. Work also continues on the development of a creative alliance, which will link into the work of the Cultural Partnership.
L5b: Refurbish Padiham Leisure Centre	Plans are well advanced for the refurbishment of Padiham Leisure Centre. Work is currently being undertaken on final design and then costing of the project prior to going to tender. Work has been completed on a temporary programme that will

	cover Padiham's shutdown with amended programmes at St. Peter's and Spirit of Sport.
L5c: Implement Football Development Plan which will increase participation & improve facilities	The Local Football Development Plan is currently with Lancashire Football Association for final comments, before being finalised by the local Football Development Group and sent to the Football Association as a completed document. The first significant action from the plan will be the development at the Prairie, which will see the development of new changing rooms and pitches in conjunction with a private operator.
L5d: Tackle antisocial behaviour through partnership working using sport and creative opportunities	The sport and play development team continue to work well with the Multi-Agency Programme Team, providing diversionary activities in a number of potential hotspots. Leisure and Recreation are also contributing to a partnership initiative to provide activities on Wednesday afternoons when the secondary schools all finish early. This includes the sport and play development team, arts development and facility management.
PL2 Higher Quality housing and neighbourhoods	
Action	Progress
PL2d: Implement the Borough's Green Spaces Strategy	New service standards for management of green spaces are being published. These are based on the standards that were adopted in the green spaces strategy and will inform the public of the minimum standards we aim to achieve in areas such as grass cutting and litter picking.
PL2e: Progress restoration of Memorial Park, Padiham & development of Padiham Linear Park	Preparation of the Stage 1 submission to the Parks for People programme is progressing. There have been two public consultation events in Memorial Park, most recently at the Brass in the Park event on 22nd June. There has been consultation with primary school children and parents, questionnaires for non-park users and meetings with the Friends of Memorial Park. The public consultation has identified the how park users would like to see Memorial Park improved and these ideas are being incorporated into a conservation plan for Memorial Park.

<p>PL2f: Implement the Play Strategy, including improvement and closure of children's playgrounds</p>	<p>Schemes for provision of a new playground at Rakehead Rec and refurbishment of the play areas at Briercliffe Recreation Ground and Whitegate Playground have been tendered and schemes are due to start on site shortly.</p>
<p>E4 Burnley is known as an alternative destination for living, working & leisure...</p>	
<p>Action</p>	<p>Progress</p>
<p>E4e: Establish a varied, exciting & sustainable festive programme that celebrates & promotes Burnley</p>	<p>The Burnley Community Festival will be held on Sunday 31st August 2008 at Queens Park. This will be the fifth year of the event, which continually goes from strength to strength. Work is continuing to develop a programme of events for 2008/09</p>