



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

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PORTFOLIO: **DEPUTY LEADER
REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: **COUNCILLOR ANDY TATCHELL**

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Progress on Strategic Objectives

PL3 Making the Borough Greener	
Action	Progress
PL3a: Respond to the emerging Local Planning System	<p>Development of the Local Plan evidence base is still progressing well.</p> <p>A Green Infrastructure Study and the final report should be published in May.</p> <p>A Retail, Office and Leisure Assessment of Centres in the borough has been completed</p> <p>Work on a housing and employment study is under way, including economic and housing forecasting and the calculation of a dwelling and employment land requirement.</p> <p>A Joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment for the single housing market that covers Burnley and Pendle is due to be commissioned by the end of April</p> <p>A Conservation Area Appraisal for the Canalside area, which includes the Weavers' Triangle, will shortly be finalised following a period of public consultation.</p>

	Work on the Infrastructure Plan is well under way and recent meetings have been held with public transport providers and highways.
PR1 Developing a diverse business base with an entrepreneurial culture	
Action	Progress
PR1a: Support the development of the Burnley Bridge Business Park	All the funding and agreements are in place and work commenced on site on 8 th March 2013. We will continue to work closely with the developers to bring business and jobs to the park.
PR1b: Continue to lead and develop the Borough's Business Support Network	The next meeting of the Business Support Network is due to take place later in April, where colleagues from the Manufacturing Advisory Service will be attending and presenting to the group.
PR1c: Proactively support the Borough's key growth businesses and potential inward investors	<p>The Council is currently working with 22 companies looking at relocating into the town from out of the Borough, or moving within the Borough. Companies are from a range of sectors including Advanced Manufacturing, Automotive, Aerospace, Furniture, Marine and Telecoms.</p> <p>The Council recently supported the 2nd Work Inspiration Day held at the Thomas Whitham 6th Form Centre. The day was a huge success, with hundreds of year 9 & 10 students from all of Burnley's High schools attending; the students were given the opportunity to experience at first hand the range of career options available and to think about their future career paths and ambition.</p> <p>I'm committed to ensuring the Council are working closely with local business and on issues that concern them, and recently held a business surgery at the Lancashire Digital Technology Centre. It was good to hear first hand the strong progress some of the centre's tenants are making in difficult economic times and be able to update them</p>

	on the coming redevelopment of the wider site.
PR3 Establish Burnley as an attractive, alternative place to live, work, and play	
Action	Progress
PR2b- Deliver a quality Town Centre Management service	<p>In Charter Walk, WH Smith's have now relocated, providing access for future development works to commence in due course.</p> <p>The former Next unit is expected by the time of this report to be occupied by Perfect House. Textile Direct continue to trade in Burnley following the group recently going into administration.</p> <p>The Council has also responded to a Government consultation on relaxing the regulations regarding street trading, something that potentially could have a negative impact on our town centre's performance.</p> <p>Footfall remains subdued at -5% year on year, broadly in line with regional variances but reinforcing the continuing difficult retailing times especially in the independent sector.</p>
PR3a: The Weavers Triangle Phase 1 regeneration programme underway in partnership with Barnfield Investment Properties	<p>There is a real impetus behind the programme to regenerate the On the Banks area . The first phase of the programme, the University Technical College, remains on course for completion in August. A successful open day was recently held at the mill, which attracted a healthy turn out and student interest.</p> <p>The second phase , involving Slater Terrace, Sandygate Mill and Weaving Shed, and Waterloo pub has received planning and associated consents, and is due to start on site in April.</p>
PR3b: All preparatory work successfully completed on the Todmorden Curve Project	Network Rail have commenced GRIP 5 with a programme to complete physical works by December 2013. The Council and the County Council are working with the Department for Transport regarding arrangements for the service that will start operating from May 2014

<p>PR3c: The Borough's Branding Strategy is implemented</p>	<p>Working with key bondholders, a brand review and refresh of the work programme is underway. 110 businesses are now signed up to the Bondholder scheme. The last Bondholder meeting was held at the renewed Crow Wood facility and heard from Alexander Jones, the Chief Executive of Centre for Cities (an influential think tank), how cities were faring in the current economic downturn. Reassuringly Burnley is seen as coming out of the recession in a relatively healthy position with a strong performance in the numbers of private sector jobs created.</p>
<p>PR4 To enhance Burnley's reputation as a regional advanced manufacturing centre</p>	
<p>Action</p>	<p>Progress</p>
<p>PR4a: Complete the procurement of a developer for the Knowledge Park at Princess Way</p>	<p>We have recently restarted the procurement process for the Knowledge Park. The 4 Developers' scheme proposals will be received in May for appraisal and evaluation. The preferred developer is due to be known in July</p>
<p>PR4b- Work with the Homes and Communities Agency to progress the redevelopment of the Michelin Site</p>	<p>Significant progress is being made on the former Michelin site which has been acquired by Barnfield Developments. The Council is working closely with Barnfield and other partners to develop an Aerospace Supplier Park, which will have sub regional importance. The park's specialisms will be in the Aerospace/Advanced manufacturing sector, providing high quality, sustainable employment. The Council is working closely with the County Council and the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership to ensure the sites broadband connectivity is upgraded, and that businesses are further assisted through the adoption of a Local Development Order on the site that will streamline the planning process there.</p> <p>The scheme will raise Burnley's profile and compliment other high quality sites coming forward in Burnley and the wider sub region.</p> <p>£1.3m of Regional Growth Fund has been secured that will enable the Council to offer grants to businesses relocating and growing on the site.</p>
<p>PR5 To improve skills, qualifications and employability of the Borough's</p>	

workforce	
Action	Progress
<p>PR5a: Promote the take up of apprenticeships across the Borough</p>	<p>The business support team are working up a programme to assist businesses with apprenticeships. One of the key outcomes of the new Burnley Business growth programme will be an increased number of businesses committing to apprenticeships. In addition we have recently been in discussions with Constructing the Future Lancashire over that organisation helping the Council promote apprenticeships specifically within the construction sector.</p>