

	<p>far this year 123 DFGs have been approved 89 of which have been completed and 19 EWGs have been approved of which 18 have been completed. Preston Care and Repair is the provider of The Handyperson scheme in Burnley. This enables elderly residents to have minor repairs carried out to their properties.</p>
PL1 Making the Borough Cleaner	
Action	Progress
<p>PL1a: Complete the delivery of committed Housing Market Renewal work for which funding is available</p>	<p>Work on the Empty Homes Clusters programme has started with 4 properties in the process of being bought, by agreement, for renovation and re- sale. A report to Executive in November saw 8 properties agreed for Compulsory Purchase, and a second report in December added a further 12 properties. These CPOs will commence in December if agreement cannot be reached with the owners. We have in the region of 30 properties that are being investigated for the Empty Property Loan scheme with the first loan agreed at the end of November.</p> <p>The Empty Homes "LinkedUp" scheme is progressing with a batch of properties agreed across Pennine Lancashire for either purchase or transfer into the private sector leasing scheme. Several properties in Burnley have been identified for both Calico and the Together Housing Group to take forward.</p> <p>The Government announced a further Empty Homes programme in late November. We are currently preparing a submission to it.</p>
PL2 Making the Borough Safer	
Action	Progress
<p>PL2b - Work with our trade partners on improvements to the taxi service.</p>	<p>Liaison meetings between People, Law and Regulation Head of Service, Licensing Manager and Principal Licensing Officer and the hackney and private hire trade representatives are continuing on a regular basis.</p>
<p>PL2c – Deliver the Selective Licensing pilot in Trinity</p>	<p>The Council has issued 499 licences to 296 landlords for properties in the Trinity selective licensing area. The pilot now has broad landlord support and the Council and our partners continue to work closely</p>

	<p>together to maximise the benefits of the programme.</p> <p>We are in the process of revoking two of the management orders that were issued as one property has become vacant and the other property has now applied for a licence and has demonstrated that satisfactory management is in place.</p> <p>The Executive approved the tendering of a contract for a management company to carry out further management orders where required and this tender exercise commenced on 23rd November, with an anticipated contract start date of 14th January 2013. This tender also includes the private sector leasing scheme that is being developed as part of the Clusters of Empty Homes Loan Scheme.</p>
PL3 Making the Borough Greener	
Action	Progress
<p>PL3b - Improve energy efficiency, reduce fuel poverty and help tackle climate change</p>	<p>Energy efficiency improvements are being achieved through the Burnley Heating Rebate Scheme and the Lancashire Home Insulation project. This year 123 heating rebates have been awarded, 91 properties have received free loft insulations and 33 properties have benefited from cavity wall insulation.</p> <p>In the New Year, the Council will progress a community energy bulk buying scheme. The objective is to help local residents get a better deal for gas and electricity.</p> <p>In addition, we are also submitting a proposal under the Government's Green Deal programme, which if successful will be targeting as a pilot properties that are "hard to treat" with traditional energy efficiency measures.</p>