



## BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

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**PORTFOLIO:** LEADER  
**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** COUNCILLOR JULIE COOPER  
**DATE OF REPORT:** 20/12/2012

### Progress on Strategic Objectives

PE1 Strong visible leadership for the Council and the Borough	
Action	Progress
<b>PE1a-</b> Work with partners to ensure the delivery of the Borough's Community Strategy.	In addition to my progress report, my fellow Executive members will provide further details on the Council's contribution to partnership work in the borough, including an update on community safety partnership matters, and our work with the private sector on regeneration schemes.
<b>PE1b-</b> Ensure the Council plays a major role in Pennine Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executives group (PLLACE) and Lancashire Leaders East Group.	<p>The Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership has commissioned an independent review to check its development. The assessment is generally positive and puts the LEP in a strong position to respond to the opportunities that are likely to arise following Lord Heseltine's report "No Stone Unturned" and the Chancellors Autumn Statement.</p> <p>The Northern Economics Future Commission and the Institute for Public Policy Research has also recently launched their joint report "Northern Prosperity is Northern Priority". This sets out a number of recommendations to strengthen the northern economic "voice" and ensure that UK PLC benefits from a full contribution from the North of England.</p>

	<p>Discussions are proceeding about the LEP taking on transport functions and becoming a Local Transport Body for the whole of Lancashire. The LEP is also seeking to influence Government thinking on the next programme period for European Funding (2014 – 2020), seeking a more direct role in Funding allocation and management. The LEP’s position is that a “Growth Programme” should be delegated directly to the LEP.</p>
<b>PE2 Developing opportunities and sustaining ambition of local residents</b>	
<b>Action</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<p><b>PE2a-</b> Improve educational attainment in the Borough by working closely with the Education Trust and its partners</p>	<p>Colleagues will recall that in the last academic year our High Schools continued a generally positive direction of travel. The Burnley Education Trust will be looking at Forecasts of attainment for the summer 2013 in the early part of 2013. The Trust has secured a private sector partner for each of the Trust Schools.</p> <p>The Trust has also discussed the Free School proposal that is being promoted by Chapel Street Community Schools Trust. It has concerns about the potentially destabilising effect of the proposed school on secondary education provision in Burnley and will not be supporting it.</p>
<p><b>PE2b</b> –Work with other partners to further develop Burnley as a Centre of Education Excellence</p>	<p>Relationships with partners engaged in education, continue to be built and the Vision Learning Trust, University Technical College is now starting the admissions process for its opening in 2013.</p> <p>Supporting this new institution was something we considered very carefully, but on balance it added to our educational offer, particularly around manufacturing and engineering excellence. It also of course is designed to have a wider catchment (15 miles) than a traditional school.</p> <p>The proposed application for a Free School (referred to above) promoted by a Charity in Surrey is a concern. There is no strategic case for it and therefore we cannot logically support it. I have also been disturbed by the methods being used to promote it – misrepresenting the position of various partners and publicising misleading and incorrect information.</p>

PE4 Improved health standards	
Action	Progress
<b>PE4a</b> - Work with partners on the Shadow Clinical Commissioning Groups and Health and Well-being Board to ensure the Borough can best benefit from the new arrangements	Now that key appointments have been made for Public Health and the East Lancashire CCG, the East Lancashire Health and Well-being Partnership has been revitalised. The Partnership has agreed to use part of each future meeting to action plan priority issues. The next meeting in January will focus on Domestic Violence services.
<b>PE4b</b> - Develop a Council wide plan to ensure a co-ordinated response to the transfer of public health to local government	The second meeting of the Member Health Working Group took place on 11 December 2012. Part of the meeting was used to look at how Burnley Borough Council services can help to improve the health and well-being of Burnley residents.

### Additional information

In the September, around 500 members of the borough's Citizens' Panel responded to a survey on quality of life and satisfaction with council services. Despite the tough financial situation, resident satisfaction is holding up well. In fact, for the first time, a majority of the Panel stated that they are satisfied with the Council. Other findings are that:

- Job prospects and tackling dog fouling are the factors most likely to be cited as needing improvement.
- Regarding customer service, two-thirds of those that had contacted the Council in the last 6 months were satisfied with the experience.
- Rubbish and litter lying around is considered to be the biggest problem of antisocial behaviour. However, there has been a significant drop in the number reporting that this is a problem, down from 56% in 2010 to 40%.
- Dog fouling is viewed as the most significant problem in parks.

All these issues are priorities for the Executive.

### Military Covenant

The Council has the led work with partners over the past few months for the purpose of establishing a Military covenant. This will enable us to provide a range of support for ex service personnel and their families who live within the Borough.