



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO: **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT**

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: **COUNCILLOR PETER MCCANN**

DATE OF REPORT: **1st SEPTEMBER 2011**

1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

PL2 Making the Borough Safer	
Action	Progress
PL2b: Implement the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme in partnership with the Food Standards Agency.	The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme has now been implemented.
PL2c: Work with our trade partners on improvements to the taxi service, including establishing further testing garages.	Regular meetings take place with the Taxi Trade and have given rise to a number of improvements to the way the service is delivered and regulated. Current tasks include, looking at extending testing frequencies for new vehicles and re-assessing the location and number of hackney ranks in Burnley town centre.
PL3 Making the Borough Greener	
Action	Progress
PL3a: Respond to the emerging Local Planning System	The draft National Planning Policy Framework has now been published for consultation. A paper, setting out Burnley's views, will be reported to the Executive on 20 th September 2011. The Local Development Scheme, which is essentially the work programme for Burnley's Development Plan, was approved by the Executive on

	23 rd August 2011 and work is now underway on the evidence gathering for the Core Strategy
<p>PL3b: Improve energy efficiency, reduce fuel poverty and help tackle climate change.</p>	<p>A report, outlining a number of eligibility changes to the Council's energy efficiency schemes, was approved by the Executive in July. The changes focus on narrowing the Grant Scheme eligibility criteria, to ensure that the Council's grants are effectively directed at fuel poor households. The Executive also approved an increase of £35K to the budget, giving a total budget of £135K for 2011/2012. The Heating Rebate Scheme is in progress, with 25 grants approved so far this year. Officers from Housing Renewal will be meeting with a representative of Home Insulation Services (HIS) who will again be providing subsidised insulation measures in Burnley, under the Lancashire Home Insulation scheme. Discussions have been held with St Vincent's Homecare and Repair about the possibility of delivering draught proofing, and other small measures, for people who are 60 or over.</p>