



## BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

**PORTFOLIO:** **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** **COUNCILLOR NEIL MOTTERSHEAD**

**DATE OF REPORT:** **16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

### 1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

PE3 Social and Community cohesion, engagement and communication are at the heart of the council's plans	
Action	Progress
PE3a: Continue to build community cohesion and achieve more effective engagement and communication, for example. Through the engagement strategy	The Council is continuing to consider the future delivery of community cohesion and engagement activity. Discussions are going with key partners, including the Police and voluntary groups, to prioritise activity, whilst recognising the current funding uncertainties that will, inevitably, impact future service delivery.
PE4 Improved services to vulnerable groups in the community	
Action	Progress
PE4c: Provide multi-agency support through the Family Intervention Project (FIP) to help vulnerable families, including practical parenting classes.	<p>Family Intervention Services will continue to be delivered by Action for Children on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership until March 2011.</p> <p>The Council's Parenting work is continuing but on a reduced capacity basis for the remainder of the current financial year.</p> <p>Discussion and options continue to be considered for the future provision of Family Intervention and Parenting post March 2011.</p>

PL1 Revitalised communities and balanced housing markets	
Action	Progress
<p>PL1e: Continue to develop a balanced approach to Community Safety Issues via strong partnership working both supportive and enforcement interventions as appropriate.</p>	<p>The Council is continuing to contribute, as a key statutory partner, to the work and priorities of Burnley's Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>The Strategic Assessment 'priority setting' process for 2011/12 is ongoing. The work includes key partners, Members and community representatives. The finalised priorities will be confirmed in early December and will also be forwarded to Lancashire County Council as part of our statutory duty to contribute to the County-wide annual Community Safety Strategy. One of the aims of the work locally, and at County level, is to explore future delivery opportunities based on closer collaborative working arrangements with partners and across districts.</p> <p>Alcohol related disorder has been identified as a key priority during December. The Multi-Agency Problem Solving (MAPS) Team are developing a co-ordinated communication and intervention programme. This will include themed publicity and engagement work across a broad range of partners, targeting the town centre during the festive period.</p> <p>The Council has been awarded 'white ribbon status' from the White Ribbon Campaign (UK) for its pro-active work in tackling domestic violence and improving services and education across the Borough.</p>
PL3 More sustainable Environment and Neighbourhoods	
Action	Progress
<p>PL3e: Implement the new Car parking Strategy</p>	<p>The Council is reviewing existing parking demands, trends and current provision across the town. I anticipate that there is sufficient alternative capacity within existing locations to accommodate the loss of the Pioneer site during the Curzon Street construction period.</p> <p>The Car Parking Strategy Group is overseeing activity and initiatives that aim to retain and extend parking business and income for the Council.</p>
PL4 Higher quality Neighbourhoods	
Action	Progress
<p>PL4a: In partnership with other organisations and service units, continue to develop a balanced approach to the delivery of environmental services –</p>	<p>An enforcement and awareness raising campaign has been undertaken, working with the College, to target individuals that litter, specifically around the disposal of cigarette butts. The</p>

<p>improving services, better education and robust enforcement.</p>	<p>targeted areas will be monitored over the next few weeks to establish if the project has had a long term effect on improving the standard of litter within the area.</p> <p>During November, over 15 successful prosecutions were obtained at Court against fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling offences. This activity amounted to over £7K being awarded in fines, over £4K awarded in costs and compensation to Burnley Council.</p> <p>The Council maintains its approach in targeting specific hotspot areas within the Borough. This approach currently focuses upon Burnley wood, Leyland Road, Daneshouse and Trinity. Officers pro-actively visit these designated areas each week to tackle issues such as dirty back yards, fly tipping, dog fouling, anti-social behaviour complaints, etc. Since April, this pro-active approach has dealt with over 900 dirty backyards that have been tackled.</p> <p>The Council has received positive feedback from local residents, who have recognised the benefits of stronger local links with officers.</p>
<p>PL4b: Implement the Lancashire Waste Strategy 2008-2020.</p>	<p>The Lancashire Waste Strategy has been adopted by Burnley Borough Council. Two new state of the art waste disposal plants at Leyland &amp; Thornton are now operational. Lancashire County Council is currently reviewing the options for a third waste disposal plant at Huncoat, in the light of an unsuccessful Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for part of the site. This has no immediate effect on Burnley Council, with waste continuing to be delivered to existing facilities. However, it is something we will be monitoring closely because of the potential impact on future contract costs but I will not report further on this during this municipal year.</p>