



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR ROGER FROST

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1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

L6 Improved Health standards and performance against floor targets	
Action	Progress
L6c: Contribute to improved diet within the community (promote Council's Recipe for Health' Award)>	The second quarter's food inspection performance is meeting targets. Eight more applications for Recipe for Health Awards are being processed. A second "Safer food, better business" course for Asian heritage food businesses was run in September building on the successful attendance and take up of mentoring sessions in July. The new academic year has seen the Mission Possible programme re-start in primary schools and the Food Forum continues to develop it's work promoting community safe food.
Town Centre Management	
Action	Progress
CH/TC: Town Centre Management Update	Work continues for Xmas Light switch on with costume character booked and full programme of stage entertainment agreed. Town Centre radio scheme (voluntary) administration transferred to TCM otherwise scheme could fold following Charter Walk not able to continue to support owing to resourcing issues.

	Synthetic Ice Rink now booked for 4 week period in December to support overall town retail offer for this important retailing period. All promotional pitch income targets expected to be achieved.
PL2 Higher Quality housing conditions and the local environment	
Action	Progress
PL2a: Improve housing conditions and the local environment	Work is ongoing on the implementation of the Empty Homes Strategy. The council is exploring the options to use new powers that have been granted to local authorities through government legislation to improve the targeting and action taken to return empty homes back into use.
PL2g: In Partnership, Facilitate Retail Commercial & Industrial developments on Council owned land	<p>Town Centre: Discussions are underway to negotiate a variation of the Development Agreement for the development at Curzon Street on the former Pioneer Site with Henry Boot Developments. The variation should be completed in November. At this time the lease agreements should also be finalised with the two anchor tenants.</p> <p>Charter Walk: Discussions are underway with the current owners on moving their re-development proposals forwards.</p> <p>Former Sainsburys Site: Discussions are underway to create a new pay and display car park on this site and a report will be going to Executive in November. A proposal for further acquisitions on key sites identified in the Town Centre Masterplan is being put together for NWDA.</p> <p>Weavers' Triangle: We are working with NWDA to progress the acquisition of priority sites and also working closely with St Modwens and British Waterways and other Partners to bring forward their development proposals. A report will be going to Executive in October on the initial proposals. Development in the immediate future is unlikely due to the current economic climate but a Project Plan will be produced identifying Key Milestone dates fro development.</p> <p>Education and Enterprise Park: Suitable site boundaries have been identified and a scheme proposed. A feasibility study has been undertaken. NWDA/consultants are re-evaluating the financial appraisal prior to</p>

procuring a development partner. Progress has been made with LCC and other land acquisitions are also required in order to complete the site assembly. The disposal of sites at Heasandford Industrial Estate: On hold in case the sites are required in connection with relocation of businesses from other redevelopment sites. Unity College: Agreement has been reached with the County Council for the transfer of Burnley Council land to facilitate the development of the new Unity College over the next 2 years.

PL3 A more sustainable environment

Action

Progress

PL3a: Achieve high energy efficiency ratings for all new homes and buildings

No change to previous report.