



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO: LEISURE & CULTURE

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1. Progress on Strategic Objectives

PE2 Developing opportunities and sustaining ambition of local residents	
Action	Progress
PE2c: Undertake an options appraisal to ensure the delivery of core leisure and recreation facilities	A special Leadership and Community Scrutiny Committee is being held on 13 September 2011 in order that Scrutiny Members can be brought up to date on the work that has been undertaken on assessing options for ensuring the delivery of core leisure and recreation facilities.
PE2d: Reduce antisocial behaviour by the co-ordination and provision of sport and creative out of hours activities and diversionary work	The Council have provided a comprehensive Sport, Arts and Play programme over the school holidays in various areas throughout the borough. Thanks to funding from the Stocks Massey Fund, we have managed to provide free swimming sessions throughout August for all under 16's.

PE3 Ensuring Services to vulnerable groups are protected wherever possible	
Action	Progress
PE3c: Implement the Children and Young People's Plan for Burnley	One of the priorities for the Children's Trust is domestic violence as this can have a significant impact on young people. As a result, The Trust will be holding a multi-agency workshop on 30 September 2011 to consider how agencies can work together better to identify, intervene and support children living with domestic abuse, and prevent domestic abuse.
PL2 Making the Borough Safer	
Action	Progress
PL2g: Implement the Play Strategy	<p>The annual Play Day took place in Scott Park on Wednesday 3rd August. Estimate of numbers on the day were above 1,000 and children and families took part in activities including water play, disco and face painting.</p> <p>Consultation on the design for Hordley Street Play area took place with local children and parents on 22nd July and the design for this play area is being prepared.</p> <p>Consultation on the design for the refurbishment of Owen Street play area is taking place on 24th August and consultation on the designs for Ightenhill play area will be taking place on September 14th.</p> <p>The official opening of the new play area in upper part of Memorial Park took place on July 24th attended by the Mayors of Burnley and Padiham. This means that both play areas in Memorial Park have now been refurbished and both are very well used by the children of Padiham.</p> <p>In addition, Ward Opportunities Money has been secured to improve the Hargrove Avenue Play Area in Padiham, Glamorgan Grove play area, to install a set of swings at Creswick Avenue play area and a street light for the Moorland Road children's play area, both in Rosehill.</p>
PL3 Making the Borough Greener	
Action	Progress

<p>PL3c: Implement the Borough's Green Space Strategy</p>	<p>I am pleased to report that the Council has retained all six Green Flags for our main parks. This is a great success and demonstrates the commitment of our Green Spaces staff.</p> <p>The extension to the Padiham Greenway which links from Memorial Park to the bypass west of Padiham has been completed and opened to the public. This was funded by a grant of £58,000 from the Forestry Commission and the Lancashire Environment Fund.</p> <p>The landscaping of the former Unity College has been completed and the site was officially handed over from Lancashire County Council to Burnley on 17th August. The new parkland includes a large pond, meadows and tree planting. The Friends of Towneley Park have already raised £10,000 to pay for outdoor gym equipment.</p>
<p>PL3d: Implement the Brun Valley Forest Park scheme</p>	<p>Design work for the new disabled route around Rowley Lake and for a waymarked trail linking Bank Hall to Towneley, through the Brun Valley Forest Park is underway. Construction will take place during the winter funded by £43,000 grants from forestry Commission and the National Lottery.</p> <p>A series of consultation meetings are being held in September to promote the Forest Park, provide information to local residents and to help establish a forum of local residents and groups such as the angling clubs, horseriders, orienteers, etc. who will help develop the Forest Park.</p>
<p>Music Events</p>	<p>Burnley residents have had two major opportunities to experience top quality popular music in our award winning parks this summer.</p> <p>On 6 August, over 400 people attended the Abba night in Scott Park.</p> <p>On 13 August, over 12,000 people attended the first ever Towneley Live music event. Feedback and media coverage from the event has been extremely positive and it was great to see Burnley being promoted in such a positive light. A debrief meeting will be taking place with the organisers and other agencies to learn from the experience of the event.</p>