



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

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COUNCILLOR AFRASIAB ANWAR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Progress against our strategic commitments

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PR1- We will contribute to the strategic direction of local, sub-regional and regional partnerships, and will position the borough for economic development investment.</p>	<p>Members will be aware that we had a Full Council on 7th December 2022 and this January Full Council is scheduled so that we can focus on the budget at February's Full Council. Therefore, taking into account the Christmas break, you will find updates to this Full Council only cover a working period of 4-weeks and Executive Member reports are shorter than usual, covering key highlights only for this period.</p> <p>As promised, Members will see that the Lancashire 2050 Strategic Framework is on this Council agenda. I hope that Members can endorse the framework and approve that I continues to work with Lancashire Leaders on taking this work forward. Again, I will keep Members updated on further progress through my future Council reports.</p>

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PE1- We will work with partners to make the borough a place of aspiration, including supporting efforts to increase education attainment and skills development</p>	<p>Holiday Activities and Food Programme</p> <p>Children were able to take part in 19 different activities over the Christmas holidays.</p> <p>In addition, for teenagers the CR8 programme ran again enabling young people to choose from a range of activities including the cinema, bowling and ice skating.</p> <p>Data is currently being collated and will be available in February.</p>

COUNCILLOR SUE GRAHAM, DEPUTY LEADER AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE

Progress against our strategic commitments

Strategic commitment	Progress update
PL5- We will prepare and deliver a new Climate Emergency Strategy.	The Council's new Climate Change Officer, Claire Graham commenced employment with us this week. I am sure you shall all meet with her in the coming weeks and months. I trust that you shall all make her feel extremely welcome. Most Members will agree that a dedicated resource shall give us more capacity to deliver on the priorities identified in the Climate Change Action Plan.

Strategic commitment	Progress update
PF1- We will manage our contract with Liberata robustly, so it delivers value for money and good services.	A remediation plan to improve contact centre responsiveness has been received and is being considered. The signs are encouraging as November's performance saw considerable improvement compared with Q2: 75.4% calls answered within 20 seconds (target is 80%) and a 3.3% abandonment rate (target is 5% maximum). December's performance was also encouraging (81%) but it must be noted that the total talk time was significantly lower (approximately 1/3) than this time last year.

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PF2- We will adopt a Medium Term Financial Strategy that will put the Council on a sustainable financial footing. This strategy will set the framework for preparing annual budgets, ensuring the annual budget strategy is set within the context of the longer-term outlook.	<p>Revenue Budget</p> <p>The Council has reported a projected net overspend of £89k at the end of quarter 2 for the 2022/23 financial year. The quarter 3 report is due to be reported to Full Council in February 2023 together with the Revenue Budget 2023/24 report and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy for the period 2024/27.</p> <p>Statement of Accounts</p> <p>The Council published its draft Statement of Accounts by the extended deadline of 31st July 2022. Grant Thornton, the Council's external auditor, have completed their audit and presented their audit findings to the November 2022 meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee where they were approved. Grant Thornton is continuing their annual Value for Money review of the Council which will be completed by the</p>

	<p>end of February 2023 and reported to the following meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee.</p> <p>Council Tax and Business Rate Collection Rates</p> <p>It is estimated that business rates collection rates for 2022/23, up to the 31st December, are on target to achieve 97.5% for the year. Council tax collection rates are 2.04% below the target of 94.5% for the year. As at the 31st December, collection rates for council tax and business rates were 77.68% and 83.26% against targets of 79.74% and 81.45% respectively.</p>
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Strategic commitment	Progress update
PF3- We will develop our digital strategy, so that more residents transact with us online and we will continue to deliver services more efficiently.	294 residents have signed up for the Love Clean Streets app. In November and December, 840 reports were made using the new service.
Strategic commitment	Progress update
PF4- We will deliver our Organisational Development strategy, ensuring we plan for the structures and capabilities that the organisation needs, and empowering our workforce to deliver the objectives of the Strategic Plan. This will include embedding hybrid working patterns where this improves productivity.	<p>The Council's Talent Management Programme was launched last week. It always delivers fantastic development opportunities for existing staff. Over the coming months, colleagues from different teams at the Council will come together and work on corporate projects sponsored by Chief Officers.</p> <p>I am also pleased to advise that officers are currently working on the Carbon Literacy Silver Award application and I hope to report more on the same over the coming months.</p>
PL6- We will invest in our heritage assets for the benefit of this, and future, generations.	<p>Town Hall Stone works</p> <p>The stone works have now been completed issues and the scaffolding has been removed from the front of the building. The final costs of this scheme are on track to remain within the approved budget.</p> <p>Towneley Hall</p> <p>Following the erection of scaffolding, the repair works have now started. The contractor is currently dismantling and</p>

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COUNCILLOR MARGARET LISHMAN, EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Progress against our strategic commitments

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PE4- We will work on the wider determinants of poor health and will keep residents informed about changes to health services and how to access them.</p>	<p>I would like to thank Burnley Together colleagues based at Calico's Valley Street Community Centre for their fantastic work on this year's Christmas appeal. This partnership effort supported over 1000 children thanks to donations from local businesses and agencies, including this council.</p>
<p>PL4- We will implement our 2015-25 Green Space Strategy.</p>	<p>Towneley Hall</p> <p>Following the erection of scaffolding, the repair works have now started. The contractor is currently dismantling and rebuilding sections of the Great Hall walls and this will be followed by re-roofing.</p> <p>The scaffold tour of the Great Hall for elected members was cancelled due to the ambulance strike and will be re-arranged for February and members will be advised.</p> <p>An expression of interest was submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for access improvements and community engagement activities. Unfortunately, we have not been invited to progress this to the next stage. The EOI will be reviewed considering the NLHF's comments and resubmitted in the summer.</p> <p>I'm pleased to report that Sally Smith has been appointed as the Towneley Hall Manager, to replace Ken Darwen who retires at the end of March.</p> <p>Parks & Green Spaces</p> <p>The Council will shortly confirm appointment of the contractor for the new concrete wheeled sports area in Memorial Park which will replace the old skate ramp that was installed in 1992. Work is expected to start in February and be complete by Whitsun.</p> <p>Allotments</p> <p>Work is progressing clearing vacant plots, splitting them into smaller and more manageable size plots and re-letting them. By</p>

	<p>the end of March, it is expected that 35 new plots will be lettable.</p> <p>Climate and Biodiversity Action More than 570 native woodland trees were planted by volunteers at Rowley on 8th Dec, organised by Trees for Burnley and funded by the Council. This year, the Council celebrates a 30 year partnership with Trees for Burnley and during this time volunteers have planted many tens of thousands of trees in Burnley and helped to manage areas of woodland in our parks.</p>
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<p>PE2- We will continue to develop the leisure and cultural offer in partnership with Burnley Leisure.</p>	<p>Burnley Leisure is experiencing some challenges due to the cost of living crisis effecting income from hospitality, which are being kept under review as the end of the financial year approaches.</p> <p>Work is starting on development of a new Active Burnley Strategy which will focus on all aspects of how residents of Burnley can be encouraged to become more active through a 10-year action plan for Burnley, with the aim of making '<i>being active the easy choice</i>'</p> <p>The strategy will develop the idea of the 'outdoor town', using Burnley's amazing countryside and great parks as a route to encouraging more people to be active..</p> <p>An example of the 'outdoor town' is the return of the popular Beat the Street activity which will be commencing on 10th May for a period of 6 weeks.</p>

COUNCILLOR JOHN HARBOUR, EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING

Progress against our strategic commitments

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PL2- We will improve the management and condition of rented accommodation.</p>	<p>Selective Licensing</p> <p>Selective Licensing: Trinity, Queensgate with Duke Bar, Gannow and Daneshouse & Stoneyholme areas 2019-2024</p> <p>The total number of properties that are required to be licensed is 2503 across all four areas. 2157 (86%) are currently licensed with a further 55 in the process of being granted. An additional 120 applications are being processed by the licensing team.</p> <p>Further reminders will be sent to those landlords who are non-compliant in mid-January. So far civil penalties have been served in relation to nine non-compliant properties in these areas.</p> <p>In December the team undertook the latest area audits, focusing on the Green/Mark Street and Furness Street areas of Queensgate, and the Woodbine Road and Oak Street area of Gannow. Full reports of these audits will be published at the end of January.</p> <p>Selective Licensing: Burnley Wood with Healey Wood and the Leyland Road area 2022-2027</p> <p>The designations for the above area came into force on 21st July 2022. Since this date we have received 515 applications (58% of licensable properties). The licensing team continue to work through the large number of applications submitted to ensure compliance, and reminders will be sent mid-January to those landlords who have submitted incomplete forms. The team will also be pursuing those landlords who have not yet submitted any application.</p> <p>Private Rented Disrepair</p> <p>Since the start of April 2022, the Council has received and dealt with 270 new disrepair complaints from private rented sector tenants. The Enforcement Team has a current caseload of 220 open/ongoing private rented sector disrepair/proactive inspection cases, which includes planned housing inspections. Since December 2022, the Enforcement Team have served 7 formal improvement notices requiring owners to complete specified repairs within a given timescale.</p>

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PL3- We will work with partners to improve quality and choice in the borough's housing stock, and reduce the blight of empty properties</p>	<p>New Homes</p> <p>New properties continue to come to the market across the borough offering residents a broad choice of homes and locations. All our sites at Kiddrow Lane, Manchester Road Hapton, Red Lees Road, Cliviger and Brownside Road, Worsthorne are progressing well. .</p> <p>McDermott Homes are now underway with their development at Harrogate Crescent that will see a disused building demolished to make way for 44 family homes and Barretts Homes secured planning permission for their site off Rossendale Road in June this year to develop 87 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes.</p> <p>Calico continue to press ahead with their development programme offering a range of affordable homes for Burnley's residents, with their current focus on the development of 93 extra care apartments at Burnley General Hospital, which are expected to be ready for occupation late summer 2024. This scheme will see a clear link between Burnley's housing and healthy living offer to create safe and sustainable homes for older residents.</p>

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PE3- We will continue to work with partners to provide necessary support systems to reduce homelessness and to end rough sleeping in the borough.</p>	<p>We continue to accommodate rough sleepers and homeless households who have a connection to the borough. We have 16 ABEN (A bed every night) accommodation spaces in the Borough providing accommodation and support for people sleeping rough or at risk of sleeping rough. The housing needs team manage an additional 13 temporary accommodation units making a total of 29 housing units within Burnley with the flexibility to accommodate both families and single people. We also have access to a small B&B in Burnley if all our accommodation is full. We keep the demand and supply of temporary accommodation under review and have recently been successfully awarded just under £275,000 through the Governments Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme to provide 6 units of supported move on accommodation for homeless people who have a history of rough sleeping. A homeless support and resettlement officer will provide support in the accommodation to enable a positive move on into long term sustainable settled accommodation. The first unit will be available from January 2023 with all six being available before 31st March 2023.</p>

Agreements are in place with Gateway to provide additional emergency spaces to assist with cold weather provision through to 31st March 2023. The cold weather provision will be activated, and accommodation provided on a nightly basis when the temperatures are predicted to be zero or below for three consecutive nights.

Between 1st April 2022 and 31st December 2022, we have placed 131 households into temporary accommodation. We currently have 222 active cases for either homelessness prevention or homelessness relief. We continue to refer into the changing futures programme to assist people with multiple and complex need and the rough sleeping navigators and housing needs team work with the service users to support and help them secure stable and sustainable accommodation.

COUNCILLOR SHAH HUSSAIN, EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Progress against our strategic commitments

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PL1- We will implement a range of initiatives to maintain a clean, safe, attractive and environmentally friendly borough. This will include community engagement and cleansing in 'hotspot' areas</p>	<p>National Waste Strategy</p> <p>There have been delays on the publication of the Government's National Strategy due to the national Pandemic, however it is anticipated that the publication will be imminent. Clarification is expected on future waste collections with regards to increasing recycling and the possible introduction of separate mandatory food waste collections. I am pleased to report that Officers are already taking preparatory steps to address this. The Council are working with WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme – DEFRA affiliated national Group) and with Circulogic, as a commissioned partner, to undertake some early work to benchmark our existing services and prepare for the potential introduction of the new Strategy measure. This work will also serve Burnley well, as Officers are preparing for the future waste and cleansing procurement work, as the current Contract will expire in 2025.</p> <p>Waste & Recycling Services</p> <p>The annual collection of Christmas trees has been completed by Urbaser. It has been another busy year for tree collection with over 1100 trees collected during the allocated collection week. We thank residents for their commitment to recycling initiatives.</p> <p>Emergency Planning</p> <p>Burnley Council continues to work in close liaison with the Lancashire Resilience Forum (LRF) and other strategic partners including the Met Office and the Environment Agency. Planning has been made for winter and preparedness for any severe weather that could affect residents of the Borough of Burnley. Colleagues connected with Emergency Planning can respond to incidents as necessary to support residents who have concerns in an emergency.</p> <p>Flooding is one of the highest risks especially surface water flooding and residents are advised to take precautions to protect their properties. Residents and local businesses are encouraged to download or access the 'The Flood Hub' for</p>

valuable resources and information to assist with flood property resilience via; www.thefloodhub.co.uk

The Met office website has useful information for residents to view. Are you ready for the weather this winter?

Thinking ahead and preparing for what the weather may bring this winter can make a real difference. There are some simple steps you can take to stay safe and healthy at this time of year – from preparing your home or business to taking care of yourself, your family and neighbours. Further information is available within the following link [WeatherReady - Met Office](#)

Environmental Enforcement

Additional waste during the festive period was collected by our Contractor, in recognition of the fact that we may all have greater requirements over this time. However, I wish to remind residents that as a Council we are committed to the Government's 'Re-use, Reduce and Recycle' agenda. Residents are also reminded to refrain from presenting side waste in public areas, as this amounts to fly-tipping and could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued. The Council is committed to supporting local residents with any of their waste and recycling queries and information can be found on the Council's website via : <https://loveburnley.burnley.gov.uk> or <https://your.burnley.gov.uk>. In addition, waste related issues can be reported via the Council's Love Clean Streets App. This is simple to use and details for this can be found on the Council's website.

The introduction of a Senior Enforcement Officer and Education and Enforcement Officer to Streetscene means that more time can be spent in locations talking to residents, gathering information, and advising perpetrators on the correct way to dispose of waste. Ultimately, if warnings are not adhered to, fixed penalty notices will be issued. Complainants have responded very positively to this way of working and like to have a point of contact to pass intelligence on to.

From information gathered by the team with the help of residents, 481 Fixed Penalty Notices for fly-tipping and incorrectly presented waste have been issued by the team during 2022.

The Streetscene enforcement team will also be actively seeking out, disrupting and prosecuting waste carriers working illegally within the borough. This includes establishing strong relationships with local police to ensure

that vehicles suspected of fly-tipping will be seized and crushed if not claimed within 7 days.

Three individuals suspected of large scale flytipping have been interviewed by the team in the first week of January 2023 with more arranged over the coming weeks. The focus of the team in 2023 is to prosecute more offenders and publish details of successful outcomes, to send out a clear message.

Anti-Social Behaviour (Youth Panel & ASBRAC)

During December there was an 8.2% reduction in ASB reports to the police, compared to November and this is complemented by data showing youth ASB accounted for only 20% of all incidents. This marks a significant reduction on previous months.

At a local level, incidents of serious and complex ASB are monitored through the monthly multi-agency ASBRAC panel. The Youth Panel maintains an overview of Youth provision and provides a forum for joint working and coordination opportunities between the various youth outreach services.

Serious Violence Duty

The new Duty came into force on the 31 January 2023 and falls on the Council and partners, as part of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Council Officers are working with colleagues from the Pennine CSP and the Home Office together with the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner in Lancashire, to secure funding to support initiatives to reduce and prevent serious violence in our town over the next 3 years.

Public Space Protection Order

The town centre PSPO was renewed in November. During the first month of activity 25 individuals have been reported for breaches. The individuals were reported for persistent begging and alcohol related ASB and they will be managed through the multi-agency Town Centre Offender Group.

COUNCILLOR MARK TOWNSEND, EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ECONOMY AND GROWTH

Progress against our strategic commitments

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<p>PR2- We will proactively support the borough's businesses to innovate and expand, and make the borough a natural choice for business relocation.</p>	<p>Business Support The Business Team are currently working with 50 live enquiries for companies looking to relocate into the Borough or expand within. There is very limited supply currently in the local property market providing limited options for businesses.</p> <p>The Business Team has conducted a targeted business survey to understand the business performance over the past 12-24 months and business confidence looking forward over the medium term. The results were broadly positive with signs of continued growth and investment over the next two years despite economic headwinds. Skills, recruitment and energy costs remain challenges for businesses.</p> <p>Vision Park Vision Park remains at 100% occupancy with a waiting list for units should any become available. Three tenants have recently renewed their leases.</p> <p>Padiham Town Hall Business Hub All fixed offices are now fully occupied and there are 6 members of the co-working space with interest from other parties currently.</p> <p>Burnley Brand and Burnley Bondholders</p> <p>The Burnley Bondholder end-of-year celebration was held at Penny Black on 8 December. Mick Cartledge thanked bondholders for their resilience and success over 2022 and briefly detailed the exciting year ahead.</p> <p>On Tuesday 10th January, a COFFEE + COLLAB bondholder event took place at +24 Marketing on Shuttleworth Mead. The theme – doing a marketing plan for the year. COFFEE + COLLAB is a new bondholder event where businesses meet for an hour a month to share best practice and seek advice about a particular topic.</p> <p>Following the launch of Film in Burnley in summer, three dramas based in Manchester have reached out to the Burnley Brand Team seeking filming locations.</p> <p>Since last full council there have been 13 pieces of positive news on Burnley.co.uk and 5 on burnley.social. Burnley has featured in 265 pieces of online, print and broadcast news with a combined AVE of £346,000 and reach of 123 million.</p>

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PR3- We will deliver the Town Centre and Canalside Masterplan, and strategic projects in Padiham Town Centre.</p>	<p>Burnley Town Centre Town 2 Turf Some preparation works including tree removal and installation of anti-terrorism measures to Turf Moor have been undertaken. Tidying-up of the canal embankment has commenced. A site compound has been established on Centenary Way car park ready for the main construction works due to start on the 23rd Jan. The first phase of works will be on Harry Potts Way.</p> <p>Burnley Business Improvement District (BID) The BID provided a number of events over the Christmas Period including the Christmas Lights Switch which attracted 17% more footfall than the previous year, and an Ice Rink entertaining almost 1,000 skaters over the week leading to Christmas. Working with the NHS the BID has installed 3 new defibrillators in the town centre and businesses are being trained to use them. A comprehensive visitor survey has been undertaken providing a health check against a survey conducted in 2020. The results show that the net promoter score i.e. customers willingness to recommend Burnley to others, has increased; there is a very loyal local catchment with 92% of visitors having a Burnley postcode; 57% of visitors were on retail visits and 30% visiting for leisure; 56% of respondents visited Burnley town centre at least once per week compared to 41% in 20 The BID has continued to fund Participation Works to visit the town centre one night per week monitoring youth ASB.</p> <p>Pioneer Place Work on site has progressed to programme. The steel works are completed; the cinema is fully clad and internal work is at an advanced stage; the restaurant units are constructed ready for cladding; external areas have been prepared ready for surfacing and landscaping.</p> <p>Charter Walk The Christmas period this year started off slowly with extreme temperatures affecting shopping patterns of customers, with week 49 and 50's footfall dropping lower than 2021 for only the second time in 2022. This reflects the national picture with retailer's reporting poor trading in the first two weeks of December but footfall and trading rallied in the week prior to Christmas with Primark reporting their busiest week since opening. Stores reported strong boxing day footfall and sales. January footfall has been affected by extreme weather conditions, a trend which is reflected nationally.</p>

Throughout this period Charter Walk management ran a range of initiatives to entertain shoppers including a Busk Factor Competition, Schools carol singing, the Grinch, Street Theatre a Santa Band and grotto over two weekends to add atmosphere to the Centre and gain online engagement.

Burnley Market

Burnley market continues to offer a trading place for traders with incentivised rents for new products. Footfall increased to 21207 the week prior to Christmas making an average of 16706 weekly visits during the last quarter. This is down by 8% on the same quarter in 2021, but is reflective of the town centre. Utilisation remains at 57%

The markets continue to run a range of specialist markets including a bi-monthly Record Fair, and a 3 Makers, Bakers and Crafters Markets.

A range of festive events aimed at young families and live music were held on the market in the run up to Christmas which helped to drive footfall.

Lower St. James Street Heritage Action Zone

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place at Delta Taxis 143 Lower St James Street to unveil its fresh new look. This is the first completed project within the HSHAZ Scheme and will demonstrate to other property owners what the funding can provide and hopefully be a catalyst for other investment in the conservation area. A press release has been issued.

Renovation works to 160 St Lower James Street have started on site. This work involves, reinstatement of a traditional shop front and bay windows, and works to repair architectural features. This project is due for completion Spring 23.

Works to 156/158 Lower St James Street have been tendered and relevant approvals are being sought from Historic England and the property owners. A further 3 properties are at design stages.

The Cultural Consortium have been delivering a variety of exhibitions and events in the Pop-up Shop at 117 St James Street, including a book launch of Stacey Orr's Saturday Girl about town Project. A promotional video of the book launch and how important culture is in the area was produced. This reached over 1,000 people.

Padiham Town Centre

The Padiham Town Centre officer continues to engage with local businesses and promote Padiham Town Centre as well as local events.

A promotional Christmas video and highlight video were produced, featuring local businesses advertising special offers to attract customers. Reaching a total of 8,445 people on Facebook.

The Padiham Christmas Light Switch 26/11/22, featured a live stage show, firework finale and other free attractions that

	<p>increased footfall and brought 4,014 visitors to Padiham town centre according to footfall monitoring.</p> <p>The Padiham.org.uk website continues to be updated and views grow each month with 2,488 new visitor views in the past 30 days between Dec 10 – Jan 8.</p> <p>Padiham Flood Risk Management Scheme</p> <p>Construction work on the flood defences to the rear of Padiham Town Hall continues with completion expected in Spring this year. The Environment Agency continue to finalise designs for Phase 2 to the rear on Benwood Close to commence in May. Further details are on the flood hub Padiham Flood Risk Management Scheme The Flood Hub</p> <p>Padiham Townscape Heritage Initiative</p> <p>The Padiham Townscape Heritage Initiative has brought £1.4m investment from the Heritage Lottery regenerating what was a rundown part of the town centre. The programme will run until Sept 2023.</p> <p>Works to the former National School building are nearing completion with elements of the shopfront still being built-up on site. The first floor apartments at 33-35 Burnley Rd are completed ready for tenants. Works are underway to complete the ground floor shop units.</p> <p>There are a further two projects in the pipeline including 12-14 Burnley Rd and 25-27 Burnley Rd.</p>
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<p>PR4- We will implement the Local Plan, delivering new housing, employment sites, and infrastructure.</p>	<p>Annual Monitoring Report</p> <p>The 2021/2022 annual Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) was completed and published in December 2022. This is an important report in assessing the performance of the Local Plan and its policies as well as providing a wealth of wider statistical information.</p> <p>Burnley-AMR-2021-22-Final.pdf</p> <p>Allocated Housing Sites:</p> <p><i>Sites Under Construction:</i></p> <p>Build-out continues at site HS1/1 Former Hambledon School site (Valour Park, McDermott Homes - nearly 90% reserved or sold), site HS1/3 Former Blythe’s Site (Canal Walk, Gleeson - c 80% reserved or sold), site HS1/8 Red Lees Road (The Calders, Miller Homes - over 46% reserved or sold) and site</p>

	<p>HS1/26 Land adj 250 Brownside Road, Worsthorne (Millers Green, Boyes Homes - 5 properties reserved or sold).</p> <p>Construction is also now underway on part of site HS1/4 Land at Rossendale Road (Barratt Homes). Early marketing has begun, with a full launch expected in Spring 2023 (Brun Lea Heights).</p> <p><i>Applications and Approvals:</i></p> <p>The application for site HS1/2 Hollins Cross Farm for the erection of 200 dwellings is to be considered at Development Control Committee on 18 January 2023 (FUL/2022/0149).</p> <p>An application for part of site HS1/15 (Coronation Avenue/Thompson Street, Padiham) for 19 affordable dwellings (FUL/2022/0514) has been withdrawn.</p> <p>A full planning application has been received for Site HS1/12 Former Heckenhurst Reservoir, Brownside for the erection of 37 dwellings (FUL/2022/0629).</p> <p>Outline planning permission has now been issued for site HS1/20 Lodge Mill, Barden Lane (OUT/2021/0443) for up to 73 dwellings following the signing of the Section 106 Agreement and similar full planning permission at site HS1/30 Land West of Smithyfield Avenue, Brownside for 38 age-restricted specialist bungalows (FUL/2021/0274).</p> <p>Employment Sites:</p> <p>The full planning application for part of site EMP1/1 Rossendale Road (North) is to be considered at Development Control Committee on 18 January 2023 (FUL/2022/0259). The site boundary differs from the outline consent granted under (OUT/2019/0625).</p> <p>A number of application for reserved matters, discharge of conditions and amendments have been received in respect of site EMP1/5 Land South of Network 65 following the outline approval in September 2022 (OUT/2020/0366).</p>
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PR5- We will support UCLan's expansion, transforming Burnley into a University Town	Newtown Mill Work has commenced on site including the erection of scaffold, extensive excavation of the surrounding site, strip out and foundations for the new steel frame.
PR6- We will delivery our COVID-19 economic recovery plan.	Employment & Skills Partnership It has been agreed that the scope of the Thrive partnership should move beyond its initial focus of supporting young people, to now include other priority groups. These are:- the Over 50's, BAME communities and Women (labour market

returners), aligning with local priority needs, as well as the funding from UKSPF.

Unemployment rates generally across the borough, for all age groups, remains static at 5.6 % in the period to November 2022 compared to a static Lancashire rate of 4% in the same period.

Youth Employment and Skills Hub (Thrive)

Thrive had a case load of 209 young people up to the end of December 2022. Several people had taken up volunteering posts at organisations such as the British Heart Foundation, Meadow Farm Animal Sanctuary and the Football Soccer Academy.

1 person had been able to return to college to start a level 3 qualification and generally been able to get their life back on track, after a period of anxiety following Covid.

14 people had recently taken up employment positions.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

On 5th December 2022 DLUHC announced that Burnley Council's Investment Plan, which outlined how the Council would utilise the allocated £3.488 million pounds of UKSPF funding, was approved. Year 1 funds totalling £443,313.00 - were received into Council accounts in early January 2023.

Approved year 1 business cases so far are:-

- Burnley Community Grant Scheme – applications to be made to BPRCVS by community groups for grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 for projects around improving place, accessibility, healthier lives, green spaces, sports, culture, arts, heritage, green spaces. A total of just under £50,000 is available to apply for to March 2023.
- Burnley Youth Zone – £100,000 contribution towards the feasibility study
- Greenspaces –£45,000 for improvement works to refurbish 3 play areas
- Calico - £135,000, to lead a project in partnership with 7 delivery partners from Burnley's existing employment & skills group. The project provides support to those classed as “economically inactive” - neither employed or unemployed and the most dis-engaged or with complex barriers.

