



## BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

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**PORTFOLIO:** LEADER

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** COUNCILLOR MARK TOWNSEND

**DATE OF REPORT:** 22/02/2017

### Progress against our strategic commitments

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p><b>PE1-</b> 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>The Shadow Combined Authority is meeting regularly and maintaining progress towards forming a Combined Authority in 2017.</p> <p>As the lead for Skills, I am working with colleges across Lancashire on an Area Based Review. This review will ensure colleges are financially sustainable and continue to provide learners with the knowledge and skills they need to be employed and contribute to the economic prosperity of Lancashire.</p> <p>The review will be completed by March 2017. I will report the recommendations from the Review to the Council.</p>
<p><b>PR1-</b> 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>I am pleased to announce the approval of the Growth Deal bid - the North West Burnley Growth Corridor bid was submitted to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for £6.25m:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ £3m for Padiham flood defences (plus matched funding from the Environment Agency);</li> <li>▪ £1m for Public Realm works to Padiham Town Centre; and</li> </ul>

- £2.25m for junction improvements at Shuttleworth Meade.

This is of strategic importance to the Borough, bringing more jobs and homes and supporting our economic prosperity.

At a Lancashire level, the Growth Deal 3 allocation of nearly £70m is only significantly bettered by London and Manchester, which represents a really strong performance. Over three competitive Growth Deal funding rounds, the LEP and local authority partners have secured £320m in new public investment for Lancashire, which is supporting the delivery of 45 major initiatives across the County.

The momentum Local Authorities in Lancashire have established in developing the Shadow Combined Authority (LCA) is paying dividends and underlines the strategic value of the LEP and LCA working together to secure new investment and devolved powers and resources to deliver our shared priorities.