



**BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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PORTFOLIO: LEISURE AND CULTURE

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR BEA FOSTER

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Progress against our strategic commitments

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<p>PL4- We will adopt and implement a new Green Space Strategy</p>	<p>Thompson Park I am pleased to report that the heritage Lottery Fund has approved funding for the Thompson Park Restoration Project with a grant of £861,000 towards the £1.2 million scheme, with the balance of funding coming from the Council in cash and in-kind, volunteer contributions and an external grant.</p> <p>Work now starts on detailed design and tendering and the project is expected to start on site in September and be completed by Easter 2018.</p> <p>The Thompson Park project will restore many of the park buildings and facilities that are in poor condition and will allow more income to be generated, so helping to reduce the costs of maintaining the Park.</p> <p>The Council is very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for its support which will ensure that this well used and much loved park can continue to be enjoyed by future generations.</p>

	<p>Brun Valley Forest Park New finger post signs have been installed throughout the Brun Valley Forest Park to help visitors to explore the 15 kilometres of paths that make up Forest Park and 9 new large format maps and interpretive panels have also been installed. The new Forest Park leaflet will be launched in February.</p> <p>Off Road Motorcycle nuisance Illegal off-road motorcycling has been causing a nuisance to residents in a number of parts of the Borough and often the bikes are ridden on areas of public greenspace. Council staff, including park rangers are working closely with the Police and Calico to manage a problem which can cause significant distress to local residents.</p>
<p>PL5- We will continue to develop the leisure and cultural offer of Burnley in partnership with Burnley Leisure.</p>	<p>I am pleased to report that Burnley Mechanics recently won the Best Cultural Venue at the recent Lancashire Tourism Awards.</p> <p>In addition, the Trust has been successful in securing a £10,000 Heritage Fund Resilience Grant which will enable the Council and Trust to gain a more detailed understanding of the condition and heritage of the Mechanics with a view to developing the facility further in the future.</p>