



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

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PORTFOLIO: **LEADER**

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: **COUNCILLOR MARK TOWNSEND**

DATE OF REPORT: **12/04/2017**

Progress against our strategic commitments

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, and improve residents' health.</p>	<p>The Chief Executive is co-ordinating a partnership of school leaders, UCLAN and others from the community sector, which is working on a business plan for setting up a Children's University in the borough. The Children's University (CU) Trust is a charitable trust that provides children up to 14 year olds with exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours. If successful, the Children's University will contribute to the efforts of this council to raise the aspirations of our young people early in their life.</p>
<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>We are waiting for the Government to respond to our request to take forward discussions regarding the formal constitution of a Lancashire Combined Authority.</p> <p>We understand the Government is taking time to reflect on the Devolution Agenda and future options. Whilst we await a response from Government, the Councils taking part in the process are committed to working together for the benefit of Lancashire and our future working arrangements will be reviewed once the County Council elections have been held.</p>

	<p>With this in mind, we are focusing on developing a Lancashire Plan, which will place us at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse.</p>
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