



**BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO THE FULL 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 implement our 2015-25 Green Space Strategy.</p>	<p>Thompson Park Work is progressing on detailed design for the restoration of Thompson Park with the aim of getting the scheme out to tender in late July and works being completed by Spring 2018.</p> <p>An exhibition of restoration proposals will be available for park users to see at the Thompson Park Fun Day which is being held on Sunday 28th May</p> <p>Off Road Motorcycle Nuisance Since my update to the last Council meeting, I'm pleased to report that the Police have been active in South West Burnley. Two motorbikes that were ridden illegally on parkland have been confiscated and I would like to thank the Police, Calico and residents for their support.</p> <p>Memorial Park Bandstand I'm pleased to report that the installation of the bandstand that was removed from Burnley town centre is complete. Volunteers from Padiham Town Council are currently repainting the bandstand and the grand opening takes place on Sunday 23rd April with a concert by the Silver</p>

	<p>Alliance brass band and further events are being planned for the summer. The bandstand will be opened by the Mayor of Padiham, Councillor James Kirk.</p> <p>Bedford Park Play Area The newly refurbished play area at Bedford Park, located just off the Padiham Greenway, was officially re-opened on Monday 3rd April and the Council is very grateful to the Lancashire Environment Fund and the Hapton Windfarm Fund for the grants which made this £40,000 refurbishment scheme possible.</p> <p>Towneley Hall During the winter, Towneley Hall's picture gallery has been improved with the installation of new LED lighting and re-hanging of pictures. The official re-opening of the gallery takes place on Sunday 7th May (2.00pm)</p>
<p>PE2- We will continue to develop the leisure and cultural offer of Burnley in partnership with Burnley Leisure.</p>	<p>The Executive recently considered three reports relating to Burnley Leisure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review of Burnley Leisure by our Scrutiny Committee. I would like to thank Scrutiny Members for their work on the review and the positive comments and recommendations for the Trust going forward. • Padiham Leisure Centre Gym refurbishment. This will see the replacement of worn out gym equipment and the addition of a new bike spinning area. This will ensure the continuation of high quality provision for residents. • Towneley Golf Course. Burnley Leisure will be utilising their skills and expertise to take on the operation of Towneley Golf Course. Green Spaces will still maintain the course, however the marketing and management of bookings and use will be provided by Burnley Leisure. The Trust will create strong linkages with the Prairie and

	the golf facilities there.
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