



**BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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PORTFOLIO: REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR SUE GRAHAM

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Progress against our strategic commitments

Strategic commitment	Progress update
<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>Boohoo are now underway with the construction of their second extension to their main distribution hub. Once completed there will be over 2000 jobs on the site.</p> <p>There has been a boost to the town centre office market with the refurbishment of the Grade II listed Burnley Wharf building on Manchester Road. Digital marketing agency Door4 and KM Chartered Accountants are the first two tenants to move into the offices. Supported by the business support team Door4 have relocated from outside of the Borough bringing 18 full time staff with them with plans to create a further 7 within the next two years.</p> <p>Enquiries The business support team are currently supporting 40 companies looking to relocate into the Borough or expand within it. Of these 40; 23 are inward investment enquiries with 17 business expansion enquiries.</p> <p>Business Growth Programme The business team are currently working with six companies to support them with their growth plans and investment proposals.</p> <p>The buoyancy of the local economy and its impact on the housing market is reflected in Burnley being identified as a</p>

	property hotspot in 2016 (please see Councillor Harbour's report for more details).
<p>PR3- We will make the borough attractive to retail and leisure developers, and will identify a sustainable future for the Burnley Market.</p>	<p>The Council has started the procurement process to find a development partner to bring forward a scheme on Curzon Street. In light of the interest shown in the site, we envisage a mixed-use redevelopment, focussed on family-orientated leisure uses, and bringing restaurant chains into the town centre.</p> <p>Town Centre Activities</p> <p>Painting Padiham We held a successful Painting Padiham event in May attracting 52 professional artists from across the North West and over 500 additional visitors. The event was very well received.</p> <p>Burnley Fashion Week In partnership with Burnley College, Town Centre Management delivered Burnley Fashion Week, 5 to 10 June 2017. It was a week of events to support and promote Burnley town centre's fashion retailers and showcase fashion career training opportunities at Burnley College.</p> <p>CCTV Standish Street Town Centre Management has supported Standish St Trader Group to improve their CCTV system. The traders now have a further 8 cameras installed to enhance their CCTV coverage.</p>
<p>PR4- We will develop and deliver the Local Plan. This will act as the key supporting framework for encouraging future employment and investment in a range of housing stock.</p>	<p>The Local Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent Examination on 20th July 2017.</p> <p>We are still awaiting the dates for the Local Plan hearings from the Planning Inspectorate, however we envisage that they will be around October/November 2017.</p>