



## BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

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**PORTFOLIO:** LEADER  
**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** COUNCILLOR MARK TOWNSEND  
**DATE OF REPORT:** 22/11/2017

### Progress against our strategic commitments

| <b>Strategic commitment</b>   | <b>Progress update</b>   |
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| <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, and improve residents' health.</p> | <p>The Children's University in Burnley is an example of how our partnerships with other stakeholders in the Borough can help support the work in schools.</p> <p>12 Burnley primary schools and Shuttleworth College are signed up.</p> <p>We currently have 34 partners that are being designated as local learning destinations for the Children's University students to enjoy, including Burnley Leisure facilities, Towneley Hall, libraries and Burnley Youth Theatre.</p> <p>Regards wider strategic health plans, Members may be interested to know that I have written to the NHS leader for the Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainable Transformation Plan, requesting a meeting to discuss the Council's role and to seek clarity on what the NHS's plans could mean for the Borough. Reducing health inequality is a priority, so we must continue to play a part in preventing ill health through our housing services, providing access to quality green spaces and through our partnership with the Leisure Trust.</p> |

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|   | <p>I would like to take this opportunity to thank the cross-party Rural Strategy Group, which is chaired by Councillor Towneley, for its investigative work into health related issues affecting residents living in rural areas.</p> <p>I am meeting senior officers and Members at Lancashire County Council to discuss how we minimise disruption to Burnley pupils during this period of uncertainty, in respect of high school provision. I am also keen to ensure our schools have sufficient capacity taking into account future birth rates and our economic growth.</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>The Council continues to work with a range of regional and sub-regional partnerships to bring new investment in the Borough.</p> <p>Together with Blackburn with Darwen Council, we recently met with the Northern Powerhouse Minister to lobby for investment in transport infrastructure in Pennine Lancashire to support future economic growth and better links to Yorkshire.</p> <p>Burnley recently participated in a Lancashire-Wide delegation to Le Marché International des Professionnels de l'immobilier (MIPIM) London to promote economic development opportunities to the property market.</p> <p>At the Lancashire District Leaders' meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September, we discussed the recent report of the all-party parliamentary group for district councils.</p> <p>The District Leaders endorsed the report's recommendations, one of which, is that a task force is created to investigate how districts can benefit from the process of negotiating and agreeing devolution deals.</p> <p>I hope the wider local government sector and DCLG and Treasury also support this recommendation, and I have written to the Chair of the District Councils' Network to put my name forward to represent Lancashire on the task force.</p> |