



BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL

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PORTFOLIO: LEADER

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR MARK TOWNSEND

DATE OF REPORT: 21/12/2016

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.</p>	<p>The Shadow Combined Authority is making progress towards forming a Lancashire Combined Authority in 2017. Work streams continue to be developed under five themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skilled Lancashire; ▪ Connected Lancashire; ▪ Better Homes for Lancashire; ▪ Prosperous Lancashire; and ▪ Public Services Working for Lancashire. <p>Lancashire Leaders are in discussion with Government Ministers and civil servants about the possibility of a devolution deal for Lancashire. For any deal of significance the Government may request changes, the strengthening of democratic accountability, to current governance arrangements. Any changes would need to be ratified by all Lancashire Councils before being implemented.</p> <p>As the lead for Skills, I am working with employers and institutions to fully understand the skills needed to ensure we have the right workforce to meet the current and future demands of business across Lancashire. I want young people to be ready to learn and have the</p>

	<p>knowledge and skills they need to be employed and able to design the future economic prosperity of our town and the region.</p> <p>The Chief Executive is exploring opportunities to work with the Children’s University in Burnley and I will update you on progress in respect of this work as it develops.</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>The Council was pleased to take part in the visit from the Northern Powerhouse Minister Andrew Percy MP and the launch of the new Economic Narrative for Lancashire.</p> <p>The Minister opened Innovation Drive, which is almost fully occupied and a showcase for advanced manufacturing in the region.</p> <p>The Board of Growth Lancashire Limited (previously Regenerate Pennine Lancashire) has agreed revised articles which will support the Company’s growth and activities across the whole of Lancashire.</p> <p>Pennine Lancashire Leaders have agreed a Growth and Prosperity Plan, which will form part of our input to the developing Lancashire Plan being developed by the Lancashire Shadow Combined Authority. The Plan will be published in the New Year.</p>