

Executive Annual Report 2015/16

Councillor Janice Hanson

Deputy Leader

Regeneration and Planning Portfolio

Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder responsible for Economic
Regeneration and Planning

Executive Membership

- **Cabinet** (Vice-Chairman)
- **Canal Corridor Cabinet Liaison Group** (Chairman)
- **Housing Regeneration Cabinet Liaison Group**
- **Planning Policy Cabinet Liaison Group** (Chairman)

Executive Appointments to Outside Bodies

- **Management Group of Lancaster Business Improvement District (BID)**
- **Morecambe Bay Partnership**

Overview of Portfolio Responsibilities

Economic Regeneration and Planning

CORPORATE PLAN - KEY OUTCOMES	SUCCESS MEASURES
Sustainable economic growth and jobs will be created in key sectors, including	□ New and improved employment sites and premises will become available in key business locations targeting key sectors

<p>energy, knowledge, health and the visitor economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Regeneration of central Morecambe supported by the Morecambe Area Action Plan □ Land Allocations, Arnside and Silverdale AONB and Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Development Plan documents completed and adopted □ Inward investment opportunities will be maximised by working with key partners, including the universities of Lancaster and Cumbria, University Hospitals Morecambe Bay and British Land □ Level of support for business growth and skills development will be maximised □ Supporting small businesses as important components of thriving retail centres □ The development of the Assembly Rooms as an important visitor destination and enhancer of the local economy
<p>The attractiveness and offer of the district, as a place to visit or invest in, will be improved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Lancaster and Morecambe urban centres will be enhanced by investment in the built environment, heritage assets and the public realm □ Economic impact of the arts in the district will be measured with the Council moving towards an ensuring role to support a range of delivery partners
<p>Enhanced quality of life of local residents through access to affordable, decent housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Increase number of affordable homes

Progress made during 2015/16

- Local Plan preparation to facilitate 13,000-14,000 new homes by 2031 has now taken place to the options for land allocations stage.
- Increased housing completions in 2015/16 rising to 420

- West End One element of Chatsworth Gardens in full development phase.
- Circa 100 Affordable dwellings facilitated this year to date.
- Adequate housing supply being addressed through planning decisions. 5 year land supply acknowledged as material consideration in all cases.
- Lancaster District Transport Master Plan completed in partnership with Lancashire County Council and ready for adoption in 2016.
- Morecambe Bay cycleway opened through supporting Morecambe Bay Partnership.
- Extensive consultation on "How we should plan for our districts future undertaken in Autumn 2015
- Arnsdale/Silverdale DPD public consultation on issues and Options completed.
- Public consultation of proposals for National Grid upgrade and Morecambe Bay cable tunnel during 2015.
- The City Council developed a Capability and Resilience partnership for the provision of Building Control services with Urban Vision during the year. The formalising of these arrangements for future years is now being undertaken through appropriate procurement procedures.
- The City Council has carefully responded to increase in workload and the potential for performance sanctions in Development Management during the year. This has resulted in a positive response to increase resources in this area, paid for by the significant increase in planning fees being received by the council.
- City Council supported the principle of becoming part of a Combined Authority with Lancashire Councils this year, and are working towards formalising proposals for public consultation.
- City Council reaffirmed its commitment to work with British Land to deliver an alternative development scheme for the Canal Corridor North.
- The council has established close partnership working with New River Retail to assist in the delivery of their investment proposals for the Arndale centre.
- The City Council has supported the Lancaster Business Improvement District through its successful vote to increase its term of operation, and has supported the partnerships championing the creation of a BID for Morecambe.
- The City Council continues to work with Carillion through its regeneration partnership arrangements with the County Council to investigate regeneration opportunities arising from the two council's property portfolios.
- The City Council has successfully transferred ownership of land at Bailrigg to the University of Lancaster to enable them to progress the Lancaster University Innovation Campus.
- The City Council continues to support the consortium of Lancashire and Cumbria local authorities responding positively to the National Grid North West Coastal Connections Project, and Dong Energy's West of Walney Extension Project.

- The City Council is assisting the County Council secure compliance with the Development Consent order for the Heysham/M6 Link Road.