

<b>Report of:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Date</b>
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	8 July 2021

## **Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder**

### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1** To inform council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio as set out below.

### **2. Parks and open spaces**

- 2.1** Wyre's parks, open spaces and coastal sites are attracting even more visitors and users; whilst this is splendid to see, it also brings with it challenges for the teams and our volunteers managing these sites. The staff across all the services are doing their best to maintain and respond to issues as well as preparing for Green Flag and 'In Bloom' judging at sites across the borough during July and August.
- 2.2** Following the completed restoration of The Mount and lodge, work is continuing in the Mary Hope Garden; encouraging volunteers, schoolchildren and families to come and work with the site-based gardener to develop a wildflower meadow and a rock garden, creating areas for plants with sandy soils containing drought resistant plants, sun loving plants and maritime plants.
- 2.3** The Artist and Scientist in Residence continue to develop the Science and Discovery Club providing a regular series of events for families. The residencies will animate the heritage of The Mount allowing the public to gain a deeper understanding of the site and its role in navigation, communication and weather recording. All information is available on the website
- 2.4** Exploration of the site is being encouraged by taking part in our entry to orienteering activity – Xplorer. Participants will investigate the site looking for markers hidden around the site using a map to traverse around the grounds.
- 2.5** We are trialling different grass cutting regimes at a number of sites with the aim of increasing biodiversity; whilst still providing for recreational

use on other parts of the sites. These trials will help us to plan our machinery requirements in the future.

- 2.6** Sadly, the usual programme of fun and exciting activities in the Great Outdoor Activities Programme in our parks and open spaces have had to be scaled back, but I am pleased to report that with revised working arrangements health walks, health rides small group activity beach cleans along with the demonstration garden club at Memorial park have recommenced. The volunteers continue to support the team with these activities and maintenance and conservation tasks across the borough
- 2.7** The Living Seas and Dunescapes Projects continue on the coast with volunteer citizen science projects and planned invasive species removal with the support of Natural England. To support this activity and to enable greater coastal engagement Rossall Point Tower will be reopened this summer subject to covid guidance.
- 2.8** I am pleased to be able to advise members that the team along with key partners has taken part in the third Bioblitz; a 24 hour wildlife challenge which aims to involve anyone from experts to complete beginners in the goal of finding as many different species of plants and animals in a defined area as possible. The event took place between 6 and 13 June around the Wyre Estuary. It was scaled back compared to previous years, to remain covid safe, but had great feedback from customers, volunteers and experts in their respective fields.
- 2.9** The more serious side to the Bioblitz is the really useful information that comes in from the volunteers informing us where the wildlife is and what it might need to survive and to raise awareness with the local community on the importance of this species and how to protect them. The full data analysis has not yet taken place, but early reports indicated over 500 observations and over 300 species identified.

### **3. Waste and recycling**

- 3.1** In recent months Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) have released the second round of consultations for three areas in relation to the Resource and Waste Strategy (RAWS), the proposals of all three will have a major impact on householders, businesses, producers of packaging and the whole waste sector. For Wyre Council, as a collection authority, it will impact the way that waste and recycling is collected, how it is processed, and how the authority gets paid for the provision of services and additional funding for some of these suggested changes.
- 3.2** Management Board agreed for the Corporate Director Environment to provide responses to the questions in each consultation that directly impacts on Wyre.
- 3.3** **The Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging**  
This paper sets out far reaching proposals to overhaul the current “producer responsibility” arrangements. It proposes that funding to meet the costs of managing packaging wastes are transferred from central government and local taxpayers to businesses. Local authorities will be paid by producers for collecting and managing packaging that arises in

household waste. The payment formula is to be determined, but what is evident is that local authorities will have to collect all recyclable packaging, including plastic film (e.g. bread liners, bags, tops of meat packaging), and the payments will be driven by how efficient a collection service is and be linked to the quality of recyclables collected. At present it is unclear how this will evolve in two tier authority areas. Collection services will have to meet with any minimum collection standards and it is therefore important for our residents to continue to recycle as much as possible and ensure they only put the right things in the recycling bins to reduce contamination. Information regarding what is currently recyclable is made available annually via the collection calendar and on the council's website.

**3.4 Deposit Return scheme for drinks containers** - refers solely to a deposit return scheme (for drinks containers explicitly) and not reward and return schemes. This is a system where you pay an upfront deposit and you must return the container to redeem and get your deposit back from 2024. The paper suggests the government are still committed to introducing a scheme but recognises that the Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the economy and society in unimaginable ways; the consultation explores the appetite for a scheme in a post covid context.

**3.5 Consistency in collections**

This affects Wyre as a collection authority the greatest, with the proposed intention to require Local Authorities to provide weekly food waste collections, a minimum frequency on other material collections, the type of materials to be collected, and possibly the provision of free garden waste collections. Alongside this, consideration is being given for the development of statutory guidance on new "minimum service standards for rubbish and recycling collections, subject to an assessment of affordability and value for money.

**3.6** DEFRA plans to provide final details for each reform later this year.

**3.7** Waste arising across all waste streams remain higher than the same period in previous years, but more positively, general waste is declining which is possibly as a result of more people returning to work. The tonnage of glass, cans and plastic bottles, continues to show approximately a 30% increase; this is a positive change that has occurred since the introduction of the new red bin.

**3.8** Over the last 10 months through support from LCC and in partnership with an external marketing agency there has been a targeted digital and social media campaign #letstalkrubbish; the aim to increase recycling rates, reduce contamination and the overall waste arising. The engagement from customers and sharing of these posts illustrates that this has been positively received and is hopefully contributing to the increase in recycling being collected.

**4. Street Scene**

**4.1** The independent inspection of the public toilets still took place last year, and I'm pleased to report that our facilities managed in partnership with Danfo (UK), scored highly once again in the Loo of the Year Awards;

with fifteen sites getting gold and a further five receiving platinum award recognition.

- 4.2** The pilot enforcement quarterly returns from August 2019 to April 2021, can be seen in Appendix 1. Enforcement activities (including prosecutions) were suspended during lockdown, with a phased reintroduction of officers patrolling the high streets and public open spaces recommencing in late 2020.
- 4.3** The Cleaner Greener Officer continues to undertake engagement activities. The range from, dog fouling and cigarette butt awareness campaigns with community and school groups and more recently they supported the National Spring Clean with covid secure litter picking events held across the borough. They also provide support to other groups wishing to undertake their own events. A big thank you to all that took part and made a difference in their local community, a total of 205 volunteers collected in excess of 100 bags of litter.

## **5. Comments and questions**

- 5.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with procedure rule 11.5.

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### Qtr 4 (Aug-Oct):19

- Total Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued: 1,462
  - 1,404 for depositing litter.
  - 58 for Public Space Protection Order dog offences (11 of which for fouling).
- 6 Cancelled.
- 111 Formal Representations received, with 91 declined and 20 accepted.
- Income (Council) for this quarter: £14,026.13

Over the first 4 quarters, 705 cases have progressed to prosecution stage; of which :

- Guilty in absence = 606
- Guilty by post = 32
- Not guilty (post) = 2
- Awaiting case result = 48
- 10 paid (withdrawn)
- 7 withdrawn by Council

### FPN issued by area Qtr 4:

Area	total Qtr 4	%
Stalmine	1	<1
Fleetwood	651	45
Garstang	35	2
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	69	5
Preesall & Knott End	7	<1
Thornton-Cleveleys	584	40
Forton	106	7
St Michaels on Wyre	2	<1
Dolphinholme	1	<1
	1,456*	

\*less the 6 cancelled

Officer Hours Patrolled by Area Qtr 4	total Qtr 4	%
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	404	22
Thornton & Cleveleys	680	37
Fleetwood	531	29
Garstang	125	7
Hambleton	3	<1

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Preesall & Knott End	43	2
Pilling	6	<1
Winmarleigh	0	<1
Out Rawcliffe	0	<1
Great Eccleston	3	<1
St Michael's on Wyre	4	<1
Churchtown	5	<1
Nateby	9	<1
Inskip	0	<1
Forton	21	1
Dolphinholme	<1	<1
Scorton	2	<1
Calder Vale, Bleasdale, Bonds, Bowgreave, Catterall	7	<1
Cloughton	0	<1
Bilsborrow	3	<1
	1,846	

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#### Qtr 1 (November 19 – end of Jan 20):

- Total Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued: 638
  - 619 for depositing litter.
  - 19 for Public Space Protection Order dog offences.
- 9 Cancelled.
- 68 Formal Representations seeking a review of FPNs issued were received, with 40 rejected and 28 accepted.
- Number of FPNs paid (at time of report): 451
- Income to the council: £5,797.50

Area	No FPN Issued	%
Bilsborrow	1	<1
Bowgreave, Catterall	2	<1
Churchtown	1	<1
Thornton Cleveleys	369	59
Fleetwood	184	29
Garstang	44	7
Forton	4	1
Great Eccleston	5	1
Hambleton	1	<1
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	14	2
St Michaels-on-Wyre	4	1
Total:	629*	

\*Less 9 cancelled

Area	Patrolling Hours	%
Bilsborrow	24	1
Calder Vale, Bleasdale, Bonds, Bowgreave, Catterall	51	2
Churchtown	3	<1
Cloughton	2	<1
Dolphinholme	8	<1
Fleetwood	586	24
Forton	3	<1
Garstang	321	13

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Great Eccleston	8	<1
Hambleton	9	<1
Inskip	1	<1
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	581	24
Preesall & Knott End	120	5
Scorton	3	<1
St Michaels on Wyre	3	<1
Thornton – Cleveleys	697	29
Winmarleigh	4	<1
Total Hours	2,424	

### Qtr 2 (Feb – April 20):

- Total Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued: 378
  - 345 for depositing litter.
  - 33 for Public Space Protection Order dog offences.
- 8 Cancelled.
- 58 Formal Representations seeking a review of FPNs issued were received, with 38 rejected and 20 accepted.
- To date 48 cases have progressed to Court through the single Justice System:
  - Awaiting results of 31 cases.
  - Paid (Withdrawn) is 2 cases
- Income to the council from FPN this period: £3,305.63

Area	No FPN Issued	%
Catterall	15	4
Thornton –Cleveleys	124	33
Fleetwood	196	52
Garstang	20	5
Great Eccleston	1	0
Knott End, Preesall & Stalmine	3	1
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	19	5
Total issued	378	

Area	Patrolling Hours	%
Bilsborrow	13	1
Calder Vale, Bleasdale, Bonds, Bowgreave, Catterall	42	2
Churchtown	8	<1



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Claughton	2	<1
Dolphinholme	19	1
Fleetwood	486	23
Forton	4	<1
Garstang	264	12
Great Eccleston	14	1
Hambleton	17	1
Inskip	3	<1
Nateby	2	<1
Out Rawcliffe	1	<1
Pilling	9	<1
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	387	18
Preesall & Knott End	92	4
Scorton	4	<1
St Michaels on Wyre	21	1
Thornton – Cleveleys	743	35
Winmarleigh	5	<1
Total	2,136	

### Qtr 3 (May – July 20):

- Total Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued: 174
  - 145 for depositing litter.
  - 29 for Public Space Protection Order dog offences (2 of which for fouling).
- 5 Cancelled.
- 32 Formal Representations received, with 20 declined and 12 accepted.
- Income for this quarter: £1,007.50

Area	No FPN Issued	%
Fleetwood	75	43
Garstang	27	16
Hambleton	1	1
Poulton-le-Fylde	7	4
Thornton-Cleveleys	64	37
Total	174	

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Area	Patrolling Hours	%
Fleetwood	89	18
Garstang	40	8
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	180	36
Preesall Ward	11	2
Scorton	3	1
Thornton Cleveleys	176	35
Winmarleigh	3	1
Total	502	

### Quarter 4: Total Fixed Penalty Notices issued:

1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Further description	Totals
Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued		369
Depositing Litter		343
Public Space Protection Order	Dog offences including (6 for fouling)	25
FPN Cancelled	Test ticket (system)	1
Representations		47
Of which declined		30
Of which accepted		17
Income for this quarter:	of paid FPN's	£2,565.00

### Quarter 4: Fixed Penalty Notices Issued – breakdown by area:

1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Patrolling Hours	Percentage
<b>Area</b>		
Fleetwood	225	61%
Garstang	8	2%
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	8	2%
Thornton-Cleveleys	127	35%
	*368	
	NB *less the 1 cancelled	

### Quarter 4: Prosecutions:

1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Total
Progressed to Prosecution	0
NB Nothing further to report in this field due to zero prosecutions, and no withdrawals from Local Authority to report.	

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### Quarter 4: Patrolled Hours by Ward:

1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Total	Percentage
Carleton	4 mins	0.01%
Cleveleys Park	35 hr 19	6.63%
Garstang	7 hr 11	1.35%
Great Eccleston	36 mins	0.11%
Jubilee	317 hr 38	59.66%
Marsh Mill	15 hr 45	2.96%
Mount	20 hr 28	3.84%
Park	10 mins	0.03%
Pharos Ward	23 hr 24	4.40%
Pheasants Wood	8 mins	0.03%
Pilling	0 mins	0.00%
Preesall Ward	4 hr 11	0.79%
Rossall	34 hr 27	6.47%
Stanah	22 hr 53	4.30%
Tithebarn	45 mins	0.14%
Victoria & Norcross	43 mins	0.13%
Warren Ward	46 hr 3	8.65%
Wyresdale	2 hr 40	0.50%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>532 hr 25 mins</b>	

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### Quarter 1: Total Fixed Penalty Notices issued:

1 <sup>st</sup> November 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	Further description	Totals
Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued		97
Depositing Litter		97
Public Space Protection Order	Including Dog offences	0
FPN Cancelled		0
Representations		19
Of which declined		13
Of which accepted		6
Income for this quarter:	of paid FPN's	£915.00

### Quarter 1: Fixed Penalty Notices issued – breakdown by area:

1 <sup>st</sup> November 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	Total	Percentage
<b>Area</b>		
Fleetwood	73	75%
Knott End	1	1%
Poulton-le-Fylde	2	2%
Thornton-Cleveleys	21	22%
Total	97	

### Quarter 1: Prosecutions:

1 <sup>st</sup> November 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	Total
Progressed to Prosecution	0
NB Nothing further to report in this field due to zero prosecutions, and no withdrawals from Local Authority to report.	

### Quarter 1: Patrolled hours by Ward

1 <sup>st</sup> November 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	Patrolling Hours	Percentage
<b>Ward</b>		
Carleton	4 mins	0.05%
Cleveleys Park	8 hr 33	5.92%
Great Eccleston	24 hr 50	17.18%
Jubilee	63 hr 40	44.05%

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1 <sup>st</sup> November 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021		
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Patrolling Hours</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Marsh Mill	1 hr 26	0.99%
Mount	4 hr 24	3.04%
Park	1 hr 40	1.15%
Pharos Ward	20 hr 32	14.21%
Pheasants Wood	34 mins	0.39%
Preesall Ward	2 hr 15	1.56%
Rossall	38 mins	0.44%
Stanah	1 hr 24	0.97%
Tithebarn	2 hr 6	1.45%
Victoria & Norcross	3 hr 33	2.46%
Warren Ward	8 hr 53	6.15%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>144 hr 32</b>	

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### Quarter 2: Total Fixed Penalty Notices issued:

1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Further description	Totals
Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued		263
Depositing Litter		254
Public Space Protection Order	Dog offences	5
FPN Cancelled		4
Representations		58
Of which declined		38
Of which accepted		20
Income for this quarter	of paid FPN's	£1,618.75

### Quarter 2: Fixed Penalty Notices Issued – breakdown by area:

1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Total	Percentage
<b>Area</b>		
Catterall	5	2%
Fleetwood	95	37%
Forton	1	<1%
Garstang	55	21%
Great Ecclestone	3	1%
Poulton-le-Fylde	12	5%
St. Michaels-on-Wyre	1	<1%
Thornton- Cleveleys	87	34%
NB * 4 cancelled - 3 test tickets/1 void made in error	259	

### Quarter 2: Prosecutions:

1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021		Total
Progressed to Prosecution - pending	Single Justice system	64
Paid/withdrawn	1 case refunded	

### Quarter 2: Patrolled hours by Ward:

1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021		
Ward	Patrolling Hours	Percentage
Carleton	1 hr 5	0.20%
Cleveleys Park	4 hr 13	0.77%
Garstang	49 hrs 18	8.98%
Great Ecclestone	114hrs 59	20.93%
Jubilee	97 hrs 35	17.77%

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1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021		
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Patrolling Hours</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Marsh Mill	40 hrs 41	7.41%
Mount	17 hrs 22	3.16%
Park	19 hrs 4	3.47%
Pharos Ward	23 hrs 24	4.40%
Pheasants Wood	8hrs 55	1.62%
Pilling	29 mins	0.09%
Preesall Ward	35 mins	0.11%
Rossall	9hrs 30	1.73%
Stanah	10 hrs 36	1.93%
Tithebarn	44 hrs 37	8.12%
Victoria & Norcross	38 hrs 15	6.96%
Warren Ward	25hrs 54	4.72%
Wyresdale	8 hrs 56	1.63%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>549hrs 18 mins</b>	

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