

Report of:	To:	Date	Item no.
Cllr. Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	14 June 2018	7(c)

## 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** The pavilion at Memorial Park will be used until December as a 'Dementia Hub' every six weeks. The first meeting was held in April and it is planned that sessions provide both practical advice, activities and respite for those living with dementia and carers.
- 2.2** A new masterplan for Jubilee Gardens has been developed and the proposals include outdoor gym equipment for adults, additional play equipment for children and young people along with new areas of planting to improve the appeal and biodiversity value of the site. The Friends Group are currently seeking the views of residents and visitors on the proposals.
- 2.3** Representatives from the Heritage Lottery Fund visited the Mount 1 May to meet volunteers, partners and key members of the project team. The meeting gave them the opportunity to see the site and ask questions in advance of the application being considered by the North West committee in June.
- 2.4** Hawthorne Park and Memorial Park were assessed in May for the Green Flag Award. Judges carried out assessments of each site and questioned officers, volunteers and visitors to check that the management plans are in being put into practice. This year Vicarage Park and Kepple Lane will receive a 'mystery shop' and notification of the judge's visit is not therefore provided.

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

- 3.1** The team continue to support local community events across the summer, with provision of bins, litter pickers, bags etc. and the collection of waste after an event. We have also supported groups taking part in the national Daily Mail and Keep Britain Tidy campaign The Great Plastic Pickup.
- 3.2** Officers have been approached by Trinity Hospice to help them with a project to raise funds through the recycling of Christmas trees. Customers would be able to make a donation and book a collection slot for their real Christmas tree. Trinity hospice piloted this with Blackpool Council last year and it was a great success generating much needed funds and lots of volunteer support. They are seeking to extend the service to parts of Wyre - Fleetwood, Thornton Cleveleys and Poulton-le-Fylde. Wyre Council will work with Veolia and Trinity Hospice to promote the scheme, provide logistical advice and support in recycling of the trees.
- 3.3** I am sure Members will have seen in the press the issues affecting the recycling of plastics with countries such as China effectively 'closing their door' to materials from the rest of the world. This is creating an issue nationally. To date Lancashire County Council are still securing markets for the recyclable materials in the UK and Europe, but it is paramount that the quality of recyclable materials presented by households is of good quality and the target materials only.

### **4. Street scene**

- 4.1** The first application of herbicide to highway areas across the borough is underway. Officers will monitor the effects of the weed killer and arrange additional work as required.

### **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.