

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	26 January 2023

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 Council has committed to planting 25,000 trees by 2025 as part of the pledge to tackle climate change. Prior to this season 9,624 trees have been planted with a further 5,418 trees expected to be planted by April this year. This climate focussed tree planting initiative is playing a vital role in mitigating climate change, protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity.
- 2.2** In addition, ceremonies were held across the Borough in memory and in honour of Her late Majesty The Queen, with the planting of seven large English Oak trees to mark the seven decades of the Platinum Jubilee.
- 2.3** The final year of the 'Artist and Scientist in Residence' project at the Mount Pavilion in Fleetwood has been launched. This will see a series of exciting workshops and events delivered from the venue over the next 12 months as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant awarded in 2018. This project will continue the revival of the Mount Pavilion and Gardens, giving the community an understanding of the history and significance of the site and its importance in the context of Fleetwood's heritage townscape.

3. Public Conveniences

- 3.1** Danfo UK limited maintain the council's public conveniences and are subscribed to the British Toilet Association (BTA) Toilet Hygiene Grading system. This involves a survey of 10% of all the Danfo toilet units across the country, covering as many survey areas as possible to obtain a representative selection. In the most recent round of surveying, the BTA senior surveyor and management inspected and graded a total of 47 randomly selected sites and have awarded Danfo an overall

Excellent grading of Five Stars for their continued dedication to achieving the highest levels of cleanliness and hygiene controls in all their UK based publicly accessible toilet units.

4. Comments and questions

- 4.1** 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.