

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	8 September 2016	8(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 and Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Parks and open spaces and street cleansing

- 2.1** One of the busiest weekends for the operational teams proved successful with the Fleetwood Festival of Transport (Tram Sunday) in Fleetwood and The Big Gig in Poulton both being held on the 17 July. The teams involved should be complemented for their hard work before, during the events and later into the evening to clear up with a total in excess of 8 tonnes of waste being removed.
- 2.2** The three new energy efficient road sweepers recently procured have been successfully named by primary school pupils. There were lots of great suggestions and after careful consideration they are now called Brushy McScrubby, K.I.T. (short for Keep It Tidy) and Sir Sweepalot. A big thank you to Breck, Carr Head, Shakespeare and Winmarleigh primary schools for their suggestions.
- 2.3** Initial works at the Mount Gardens are now nearing completion following the refurbishment of the shelters along with the provision of new railings and gates. Additional planting work will continue this autumn following our success in securing an additional £17,800 from the Lancashire Environmental Fund.
- 2.4** The provision of additional information for the Parks for People application has been completed and we expect a decision from the Heritage Lottery Fund in December.
- 2.5** I am pleased to report that this year's green flags are now flying at five of Wyre's parks after Keep Britain Tidy announced the awards back in July. The successful parks are Kepple Lane in Garstang, Poulton's Vicarage Park, Hawthorne Park, Wyre Estuary Country Park in Thornton and Memorial Park, Fleetwood. Memorial Park also won a special

Green Heritage Award as an acknowledgement of the heritage value of the site. A celebration event was held here at the Civic Centre on 19 June to thank all the park friends groups, volunteers and staff involved with achieving the awards.

3 Waste and recycling

- 3.1** The take up of the green waste subscription service continues to be well received with subscriptions still being placed three months into the administrative term.
- 3.2** The Council will support the national Recycling Week initiatives during the week commencing 12 September and other initiatives scheduled during the month. The Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) will this year headline a campaign called 'the unusual suspects' to encourage households to recycle materials often forgotten, such as detergent and shower gel bottles. Wyre will make use of the social media material provided by WRAP.
- 3.3** The provisional recycling and composting outturn for 2015/16 shows a slight improvement on last year at 51.4%; this is encouraging and bucks the national trend where many LA's have seen a decline.
- 3.4** The consultants appointed by Lancashire County Council have finalised the first phase of the waste review for those districts that opted to take part. The modelling of different collection systems has not identified efficiencies that would negate the financial loss of the cost sharing agreement. It highlights investment needs; requirement for some certainty in the processing / disposal network and suggests an arrangement is required for sharing of savings / investment between the two tier authorities. Wyre Council have therefore recommended that the review is suspended until more certainty can be provided as to future disposal and processing options to be made available by LCC.