

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	20 October 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. Street cleansing

- 2.1 I am pleased to inform you that dog fouling reports for April through to August this year were down 23% on the same period last year. This is positive news, and officers will continue to promote responsible dog ownership.

3 Waste and recycling

- 3.1 The take up of the green waste subscription service continues to be well received, the retrieval of unwanted bins has commenced and officers have been sharing the 'Wyre' experience with other Local Authorities.
- 3.2 Wyre are contributing to the Lancashire Fly Tipping working group to identify consistent ways of recording information to enable data across the County to be compared and the identification of opportunities for joint prevention and communication campaigns.
- 3.3 In recognition of the Waste and Recycling Service and the Street Cleansing service being shortlisted for the most improved Authorities by APSE; Officers have been asked to facilitate workshops at the annual APSE Conference in December.

4. Parks and open spaces

- 4.1 The first phase of works at the Mount Grounds are soon to be completed. Planting is being undertaken to the seaward side of the site following a successful bid to the Lancashire Environment Fund and comprises of a unique collection of ornamental perennials and bulbs suitable for the coastal environment.

4.2 Memorial Park continues to flourish with a programme of activities and events having been delivered throughout the summer and into the Autumn. Delivering such events and recording how successful they are is a key requirement of the activity plan agreed with the Heritage Lottery Fund. This enables the Council to build partnerships with the local community and provides opportunities for learning and volunteering in the park.

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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