

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	1 December 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, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio, as set out below.

**2 Waste and recycling**

- 2.1** The annual service leaflet and calendar will be issued to all properties receiving wheeled bin collections in early December. This includes information regarding changes to collections over the festive period which this year only affects properties with a Monday collection. Details will be further advertised on the web, social media and press releases.

- 2.2** For customers receiving a sack collection, the information has been printed on the bag itself for a number of weeks now and will continue in the run up to the New Year.

- 2.3** The leaflet advises of the planned four week suspension of the green waste collection service and reminds customers that they will need to sign up again for the service by May 2016. The subscription process will be open later this month.

**3. Parks and Open Spaces**

- 3.1** I am pleased that Memorial Park has been awarded the prestigious Green Heritage Site accreditation in recognition of its historic importance and high standards of upkeep. The park is one of only 66 in the country to achieve this award. This annual award is overseen by Keep Britain Tidy who also oversee the Green Flag Award scheme.

- 3.2** Events continue to be delivered in partnership with the Friends of Memorial Park and the recent Halloween event was attended by over 200 hundred people carving 128 home grown pumpkins.

**3.3** Additional to the successes across the borough in the Neighbourhoods and Town and Village categories at the recent North West in Bloom Awards, I was particularly pleased that we achieved silver gilt awards for best Local Authority Park for both Jean Stansfield Memorial Park, Poulton and Memorial Park, Fleetwood.

**3.4** Volunteers and school groups showed their enthusiasm by helping with planting work at the Mount Grounds, almost 2,000 shrubs and perennials and over 4,000 bulbs have been planted along the Esplanade boundary wall. Construction of a rockery near the eastern shelter is the next stage and will make use of limestone rock reclaimed from the site.

#### **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.

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