

<b>Report of:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item no.</b>
Cllr. Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	6 September 2018	7(c)

<b>Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder</b>
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## **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** A pre-start meeting about the restoration of the Mount has taken place with the Heritage Lottery Fund and officers working with Ryder Landscape Consultants to prepare the tender for the restoration work.
- 2.2** Work to construct the trail at King George's Playing Field in Thornton is progressing well and there are plans to undertake planting work and the creation of a woodland walk this autumn and winter.
- 2.3** Judging for Britain in Bloom took place across the borough in July and many of our parks and open spaces were featured along the routes. Our Bloomers volunteer a huge amount of time each year and I wish them every success at the awards later this year.
- 2.4** Improvement work has been undertaken at the Wyre Estuary Country Park by volunteer work parties to improve the footpath from the main car park to the play areas and the paths to the grasslands and woodlands.
- 2.5** The Wyre Estuary Country Park held its annual Open Day with Homeless Hounds and it was deemed a great success by all with dog friendly and family friendly activities taking place showcasing the park as great place to visit.

## **3. Waste and recycling**

- 3.1** The performance of the waste and recycling service remains at an extremely high standard with service related complaints kept to a minimum. I'd personally like to thank the operational crews who have worked in some extremely hot conditions this summer, especially considering collection crew operatives walk on average 8-10 miles per day.

- 3.2 Officers are working with Veolia on the Annual Service leaflet and calendar that will be distributed in late November / early December.
- 3.3 Subscriptions for the green waste service continue to be received, with the take up matching that of previous years.

#### **4. Street scene**

- 4.1 The 'Walk this Way' partnership project at WECP is drawing to a conclusion, there has been some positive intervention and a full breakdown of the impact and customer surveys will be provided at a later date when formulated by Keep Britain Tidy.
- 4.2 The teams continue to support the range of community events across the borough from provision of resources to picking up and removal, so far this year over 350 operative hours have been contributed and over 17 tonnes of waste have been collected from events held.

#### **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.