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Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	6 December 2018

<p>Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder</p>
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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** During Autumn the activities at Memorial Park included a healthy mix of physical activity and creative play: Xplorer a navigation challenge, pumpkin carving and Halloween-themed crafts. Nursery schoolchildren have attended a number of Forest School sessions, with the programme developing hands-on learning within the park.
- 2.2** The Parks development team assisted the Friends of Jubilee Gardens to undertake planting of spring flowering bulbs and volunteers at King George's Playing Field helped plant trees during National Tree Week as part of the work to create a woodland walk at the site.
- 2.3** Wyre Estuary Country Park held its annual Autumn Ranger Craft Day with many members of the public having the opportunity to build bird and bat boxes, create their own wooden mini-owls and paper sea creatures and learn how to construct and build parts of a bee hive. This popular event brings rangers together with visitors to Wyre to be creative and learn about their local environment.

3. Waste and recycling

- 3.1** The waste and recycling service calendars are being circulated, with full details of the changes to collections over the festive period. Owing to the way the bank holidays fall this year, there are a number of changes to collections and officers will promote this further through the usual channels.
- 3.2** The annual suspension to the green waste service starts next week and recommences the week commencing 14 January (depending on when your week for recycling collections fall). This has been promoted on social media. Service calendars will have been received prior to the last

collection and those subscribers that provided an email address will receive direct notification.

- 3.3** I have been advised that Lancashire County Council (LCC) will temporarily close Fleetwood Household Waste Recycling Centre on Jameson Road. The site will be closed to the public from Friday 18th January for a period of around six weeks to enable essential drainage repairs and resurfacing work. LCC have stated that their communications team will be advising members of the public of this closure and the alternative sites available to them for managing their waste during this period.
- 3.4** I am pleased to say that the Waste and Recycling Service has once again been shortlisted for the best performing service by the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) and Officers will be in attendance at the awards ceremony.

4. Street scene

- 4.1** The Environmental Enforcement pilot is underway and fixed penalty notices are now being issued for a range of offences following the week of engagement and warnings (22 October). The Officers are settling in, familiarising themselves with the borough and working with Wyre Officers to address areas of environmental concerns raised by customers. I will provide updates at key intervals during the 12 month project.
- 4.2** The team has received some positive feedback for the support provided to the numerous Remembrance Service events held across Wyre. Work has now commenced to support communities with plans for events leading up to the Christmas period.
- 4.3** Once again, I am pleased to report the joint work with the emergency services over the period around Bonfire night saw no requirement for street cleansing to respond to incidents of fires as people continue to support the organised events across the borough.
- 4.4** I would like to extend a huge congratulations and thanks to all the participants and contributors to the North West in Bloom this year, there has been some overwhelming successes in both the regional and neighborhood entries. Additionally three parks in Wyre are celebrating an unprecedented coup in collecting four Gold Awards in the RHS Parks section for Kepple Lane and the Millennium Green in Garstang along with Hawthorne Park which won Gold in the parks award.
- 4.5** Volunteers and staff continue to support the monthly programme of beach cleans at Fleetwood, Rossall Point, Knott-End, Cleveleys, Rossall Beach and the Wyre Estuary which amounts to an average of 150 volunteer attendances per month for this activity.

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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