

| <b>Report of:</b>                                                                      | <b>To:</b> | <b>Date</b>     |
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| Councillor Simon Bridge,<br>Street Scene, Parks and<br>Open Spaces Portfolio<br>Holder | Council    | 17 January 2019 |

## **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. Parks and Open Spaces**

- 2.1** During December the activities at Memorial Park included a number of wreath making sessions, a family activity, crafting baubles, and the popular Xplorer navigating challenge.
- 2.2** A project to enhance the sensory value of the demonstration garden at Memorial Park has been awarded grant and partnership funding totalling £28,000. The work will create a 'dementia safe' trail of features such as interactive sound panels and sensory planting, encouraging people living with dementia to visit more frequently and stay for longer. Delivery of the project is in partnership with Fleetwood Town Council and the Fleetwood Health Creation Project, with completion planned for July 2019.

### **3. Waste and recycling**

- 3.1** Unfortunately we were not successful in the National Association of Public Service Excellence Awards, however to have been shortlisted and recognised as one of the best performing services in the country is an achievement to be proud of.
- 3.2** I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the frontline services and their staff that have continued to provide services across the festive period whilst most of us have been able to enjoy a break. The waste and recycling crews in particular have worked three Saturdays in a row meaning that collections returned to normal on Monday 7 January. We are aware that some authorities in the North West are taking in excess of two weeks into the new year to catch up.

- 3.3** Subscriptions for the 2019/2020 green waste service will go live on line from 21 January and existing customers will be informed of this directly from this date onwards.

**3. Street scene**

- 4.1** Once again the authority's public toilets have achieved recognition in the annual Loo of the Year Awards held in early December. In conjunction with our partners Danfo we have retained our status for the third year in a row as fourth in the country in the Premier League of public facilities and have a place in the Champions League, which recognizes where facilities are maintained to a consistently high standard. To have twenty facilities that have reached Gold or Platinum standards is a remarkable achievement.

**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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