

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	4 April 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** Work to deliver the final phase of the refurbishment of the playground on Jean Stansfield Memorial Park, Poulton commenced in March and completion is scheduled by the end of April. The scheme includes the installation of a climbing pyramid, tower with net and slide, carousel and spinners.
- 2.2** Activities at Memorial Park have included wood and Mother's Day crafts, Big Garden Birdwatch by the RSPB, Tea and Talk pop-up café, open day event at the demonstration garden with tours and plant sales.
- 2.3** The procurement of a contractor to restore The Mount is progressing well and tenders are due to be returned by the end of April. Preparatory work to relocate the substation commenced in February and work by Electricity North West is due to start on site in May.

3. Waste and recycling

- 3.1** The DEFRA Resources and Waste Strategy was released on the 18 December 2018 and in late February consultations were released on some of the main policy areas.

The Strategy contains some significant changes in waste policy across the UK that could have a fundamental impact on local authority operations. It also looks to enact some of the requirements of the EU Circular Economy Package that the UK has signed up to and agreed to implement in full.

There are four major consultations:

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)

Consistent Collection Systems

Taxing Plastic Packaging with less than 30% recycled content

The consultations end on 13 May. Officers are reviewing the consultation papers with colleagues across Lancashire and with other Local Authority advisory groups such as the; Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC) and Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) to enable us to formulate both joint and individual responses.

- 3.2** The Green Waste Subscription sign up process for renewals and new subscriptions is currently live for the new year commencing 1 May 2019.
- 3.3** Lancashire County Council (LCC) are recommending a change to the operating hours of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) across the county. If approved it would see the opening hours at Jameson Road standardised to 09.00 to 17.00 each day as opposed to 08.00-19.00 in summer and 08.00 – 17.00 in winter. This would take effect from October 2019. Wyre Council has responded to this proposal, raising concerns regarding the impact on residents and the possibility of increased fly tipping particularly on Jameson Road.

4. Street Scene

- 4.1** Highway weed spraying is due to commence this month as per previous years, dependant on weather conditions.
- 4.2** Officers have been undertaking positive engagement with secondary school students regarding litter and the impacts on the environment. The sessions have been well received.
- 4.3** Dogs Trust and Keep Britain Tidy have published the results of the 'Walk This Way' pilot project that was undertaken last year with 15 Local Authorities. Wyre was selected using a popular walking route at Wyre Estuary Country Park, the aim being to reduce dog fouling using signage and way markers. Locally there was a 32% reduction in fouling and bagged dog fouling over the intervention and monitoring period and the whole project across the 15 sites saw on average a 40% reduction.
- 4.4** The pilot enforcement project with District continues to progress, the figures below cover the first quarter of operations (**29 October – end of January**):
- Total Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued: 1,319
1,268 for depositing litter.
30 for Public Space Protection Order dog offences.
21 Cancelled.
 - 98 Formal Representations seeking a review of FPNs issued were received, with 74 rejected and 24 accepted.
 - Number of FPNs paid (at time of report): 941
 - Non payments for Qtr 1 are in the process of being progressed to court for prosecution.

- Resulting income to the council: £8,104.

FPN issued by area:

Area	No. FPN Issued
Bilsborrow	2
Fleetwood	531
Garstang	45
Great Eccleston	1
Hambleton	2
Pilling	2
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	227
Preesall & Knott End	17
Thornton-Cleveleys	470
Winmarleigh	1
Total:	1,298

Officer Hours Patrolled by Area

Area	Patrolling Hours
Bilsborrow	26
Calder Vale, Bleasdale, Bonds, Bowgreave, Catterall	55
Churchtown	4
Claughton	5
Dolphinholme	6
Fleetwood	590
Forton	1
Garstang	347
Great Eccleston	11
Hambleton	12
Inskip	1.5
Nateby	3.5
Out Rawcliffe	2
Pilling	15
Poulton-le-Fylde & Carleton	592
Preesall & Knott End	129
Scorton	6
St Michaels on Wyre	5
Thornton – Cleveleys	733
Winmarleigh	6

6. Comments and questions

- 6.1** 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.