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| Cllr David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder | Council | 15 June 2017 | 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. Street scene

- 2.1** As per my portfolio holder report dated 9 March 2017 we continue to deliver public realm works on behalf of Lancashire County Council. As part of these works the first treatment of highway weeds has been completed and a further two treatments will be undertaken this year.
- 2.2** In the last few months, officers have undertaken further enforcement action to help combat fly tipping. One case resulted from information received from a member of the public and another from evidence found at the scene of a fly tip. Both incidents resulted in Fixed Penalty Notices of £250 and £400 respectively. A third has been disputed and court action will be considered.
- 2.3** Officers are looking to work in partnership with the Dogs Trust and hold a number of micro chipping and dog welfare events to promote responsible dog ownership. These events will be publicised once the details are confirmed.

3 Waste and recycling

- 3.1** The second year of the garden waste subscription service commenced on the 1 May. I am pleased to confirm that current figures reflect similar subscription levels to last year.
- 3.2** The report with the results of the annual waste and recycling survey undertaken by Veolia is nearly finalised and will be made available on line in due course. In summary 78% of respondents are very satisfied with the performance of crews, an increase of 10% on last year. Positively, there are still a high number of residents participating in the recycling services with a greater proportion of respondents recycling batteries and small electricals (up 7% and 18% respectively).

3.3 I believe that Lancashire County Council have made the decision to bring the management of the network of Household Waste and Recycling Centres (Tips) in-house from April 2018 when their contract with Suez ends. At this stage they have indicated there will be no change to the number of sites or how they are operated.

4. Parks and open spaces

4.1 Tenders have been received for a design team and consultants who can assist with consultation and activity planning for the development of the stage two Heritage Lottery application for the Mount Grounds project. Appointments are scheduled to be made this month.

4.2 Proposals to transform King George's Playing Fields and the land north of Royles Brook in Thornton will be available for residents to comment on at an event this June and via the online consultation portal. The draft plans include a trail round the fields which will include spaces for seating, play equipment, outdoor gym equipment and public artwork.

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.