

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	7 December 2017	11(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 and Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Street cleansing

- 2.1** The Area Officers supported the Lancashire Fire and Rescue on bonfire night with the Bright Sparks initiative, responding quickly to reports of bonfires and fly tipped waste that could cause a fire hazard. This joint working was well received by all parties. Lancashire Fire and Rescue have reported a decline in the number of wheeled bin fires they have attended as a result of Area Officer interventions.
- 2.2** Unfortunately once again our coastline was affected by a pollution incident, this time relating to palm oil. The street cleansing team worked in conjunction with other officers to remove the pollutant following daily inspections of the coastline.

3 Waste and recycling

- 3.1** Veolia have been working with students at Thornton Primary School on a topic relating to waste called 'Stig in the Dump'. I am pleased to report the feedback from the school has been positive and the students are reporting that they have persuaded their parents to start recycling / or recycle additional materials.
- 3.2** I can confirm that officers have commenced soft market testing for waste and recycling collection services following the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny task group approved by Cabinet on 18 October 2017. Officers have commenced this process and an update report will be provided in the new year. This work will help us prepare options for the delivery of the service beyond the current contract.

4. Parks and Open Spaces

- 4.1** I am pleased to report that at the 2017 North West in Bloom award ceremony saw an unprecedented winning streak for Parks. The Mount Gardens, Fleetwood picked up the 2017 Heritage Award, Jean Stansfield, Poulton and Memorial Park Fleetwood received Gold in the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Parks category, together with Kepple Lane Park and Millennium Green in Garstang. Memorial Park also won a RHS Merit of Distinction.
- 4.2** The team working on plans for the Mount met with the Heritage Lottery Fund in November to review progress and discuss feedback from pilots such as the craft sessions held at Larkholme Primary School, Fleetwood Library and the games trail was installed at the site in October.
- 4.3** Officers continue to work with Thornton Action Group and the Wyre Rivers Trust to identify funding opportunities for the King George's Playing Field project in Thornton. They have also consulted with representatives of the group 'Transforming Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health in Fylde and Wyre' to explore opportunities to support the group's work through the development of facilities at the site.

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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