

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Vivien Taylor Street Scene Portfolio Holder	Council	5 June 2014	9(c)

EXECUTIVE REPORT: STREET SCENE PORTFOLIO HOLDER
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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 Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Waste and Recycling

- 2.1** The performance of the waste and recycling service continues to be of a high standard with missed bins and service related complaints continuing to be very low.
- 2.2** Reports of the dry recycling at the MRF are showing an increase in contamination rates across the County. Local audits will be scheduled in due course.
- 2.3** The provisional recycling and composting rate for 2013/14 is 49.1%. This is a slight improvement on last year, however the top performing authorities are now in the late 50's, and the results of the residual waste audits are still showing lots of recyclable materials, so there is scope for improvement.

3. Dogs

- 3.1** A dog chipping event was held at the end of March in conjunction with Regenda and the local PCSO. A total of 99 dogs were chipped at the event.
- 3.2** Following the report in the Gazette on dog fouling issues across the Fylde coast, a reporter joined two Area Officers for a morning to undertake patrols. This was a really productive exercise with the reporter able to see the range of activities the Area Officers monitor and deal with on a daily basis. The feedback and resulting article were equally positive.

4. Street Cleansing

- 4.1** The first herbicide application has been completed operating cyclically across the borough, commencing in Fleetwood. Areas sprayed should see 'die-back' within a 10 day period and Area Officers will monitor the success of the application when undertaking Environmental Patrols.
- 4.2** The NI 195 outturns for 2013/14 are showing an improvement for the third year in a row for standards of litter, detritus and graffiti across the borough.
- 4.3** The team are making preparations to support the range of community events / galas scheduled to take place over the next few months, through the provision of litter pickers and providing temporary bins.

5. Parks and Open Spaces

(a) Memorial Park Restoration update

- 5.1** We have welcomed Kate Baird, the new Memorial Park Development Officer for the Park, to the Council. Kate started on the 1 May and will be based on site. Casey (Land Reclamation) Ltd from Rochdale have been appointed as the main contractors for the restoration works and work commenced on site during the week commencing the 19 May to set up the compound area, which will also have the facility for the public to be able to ask any questions. An initial 'meet and greet' event was held on the park last week, utilising the new I-bus, where residents could meet the team and discuss the programme of works on site. The first phase of the works is the main gateway to the memorial, which will be completed before November.

(b) Coastal Communities Fund

- 5.2** We have appointed Poulton based consultants "Relandscape" to assist with the delivery of the leisure hub element of the Fleetwood Seafront Regeneration Scheme. They will be assisting us with the design, post-completion activities and preparing contract documents for tendering works on site. The areas within the remit are the skate park, water park, kiosk and monument, the promenade from the pier site to the light house and also the provision of all inclusive play facilities.
- 5.3** The contractor has now been appointed for the skate park and the outline proposals were on display at the Dizzy Height Festival in Marine Hall at the end of May. The feedback is currently being evaluated and the final design prepared.
- 5.4** Initial meetings have taken place with interested groups regarding the water play element of the scheme. Our preferred specialist contractor "Ustigate Waterplay" have been appointed to design and build this element of the project.

(c) Green Flag accreditation

5.5 This year we have applied for the Green Flag Award for four parks. The award is a national accreditation for quality parks with Kepple Lane in Garstang, Vicarage Park in Poulton, Hawthorne Park and Wyre Estuary Country Park in Thornton being entered. All judging has now taken place and the results will be announced in July.

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.