

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Vivien Taylor Street Scene Portfolio Holder	Council	adjourned from 27 November 2014 to be considered on 22 January 2015	5(c)

<b>EXECUTIVE REPORT NOVEMBER 2014: STREET SCENE PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b>
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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 annual service information leaflet and calendar will be distributed to households late November/early December detailing changes to collection days over the festive period. It is important to note some collection days will be 'brought forward' this year. These dates will be publicised further nearer the time.

## **3. Dogs**

- 3.1** On Sunday 12 October another successful dog chipping event took place. This was undertaken at Larkholme Community Centre in partnership with the local PCSO. A total of 60 dogs were chipped and fundraising took place for the Homeless Hounds Charity and the Dogs Trust.
- 3.2** A further event is scheduled for 27 November in Thornton and will be publicised once the details are finalised.

## **4. Street Scene**

- 4.1** The Area Officers continue to monitor and patrol areas and respond to issues raised by customers. Throughout September and October 1 Fixed penalty notice was issued for a failure to provide duty of care documentation and a further 2 for failure to manage waste correctly. In the same period a further 9 notices have been issued to address offences in relation to commercial waste misdemeanours and 18 Section 46 Notices issued to domestic residents to instruct them to manage their waste in line with the Council Policy.

**4.2** The Area Officers, once again supported the Police and Fire Brigade this Bonfire Night to ensure that should there be any unauthorised bonfires, resources were available to assist in the prompt removal reducing risk to the local community. It is pleasing to note that on the night there were no incidents and only one incident reported in Wyre overall during the bonfire period. The Fire Brigade have reported that this is excellent considering that there were a total of 24 incidents in 2007 and 20 in 2008 (before the start of the Fleetwood Bonfire).

## **5. Street Cleansing**

**5.1** Work to control highway weeds is nearing completion, with the last areas being Fleetwood and the Rural Areas scheduled for November.

## **6. Parks and Open Spaces**

**6.1** The restoration of Memorial Park is progressing well and we have received compliments from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Monitor and Grants Officer during their recent visits. The avenue between the entrance and the Memorial itself was completed and opened for Remembrance Sunday; with the restored gates and replacement plaques of the Soldier and Sailor featured in the local media.

**6.2** A tour of the work in progress for the Lancashire Gardens Trust attracted 25 attendees and included members from the Yorkshire Gardens Trust, regional Campaign to Protect Rural England and Fleetwood Civic Society. The members were impressed with the quality of work and professional expertise taken in planning and restoring the park and are keen to make a return visit upon completion.

**6.3** Work to restore the stream has revealed impressive banks of Westmoreland limestone; suggesting a more significant landscape feature than originally thought. Proposals for interpretation boards are being developed and will include information about key features such as the water garden, remembrance avenue and memorial. Other work currently being progressed on site includes the restoration of the pavilion and Wolsley Road entrance.

**6.4** Following consultation with local school children the contract has been awarded for the refurbishment of the play area at Farnham Way with work due to commence on site early in the new year. Following a slight delay Phase 1 of the footpath and drainage works are due to be completed prior to Christmas with phase 2 being delivered to coincide with the playground refurbishment.

## **7. Comments and Questions**

**7.1** 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.