

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	30 July 2015	9(e)

Executive Report: Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Rossall Coastal Defence Improvement Scheme

- 2.1 Rock delivery rates to the scheme have continued to be ahead of programme. The halfway point for armour rock delivery will be achieved in early August. The rock revetment remains the critical item; 500 m of revetment has been constructed.
- 2.2 A new 50 tonne excavator specifically obtained for the works is now operational on site. Topcon machine control equipment has been fitted to the new machine, providing improved safety and as built records. These will be directly imported to the Council's SiteDesk Building Information Management (BIM) software. New dump trucks have also been added to the site's construction plant itinerary improving the rock placement rate. It is anticipated that this element of the works will be back on programme by the end of August. No Saturday morning working has been required to date.
- 2.3 The mass concrete groyne cross-over ramps commenced on 9 July. Steel piles have been ordered for the completion of the works and the third phase of installation will commence to the south of the completed rock revetment area following breaking out of parts of the existing concrete apron [where clashes occur].
- 2.4 LCC have produced a Masterplan for the ecology park and provided planning officers with information required to discharge the outstanding planning conditions. A site meeting with a turf specialist has taken place to determine the most appropriate method to establish the grassed landscape at an early stage.

2.5 Considerate Constructors gave the scheme 47 out of 50 during the period, placing it as one of the best in the Country. Information and directional signage have been erected and the contractor has successfully deployed a Speed Indicator sign at a number of locations along the immediate haulage routes. The contractor also made a donation and took part in the Fleetwood Scarecrow festival.

3. Bathing water quality and water management

3.1 This season's bathing water results for both Fleetwood and Cleveleys have been excellent, assisted by the good weather to date and the improvements made to the Fleetwood system by United Utilities.

3.2 Weekly samples are taken at each bathing water site during the May–September season. While these readings are primarily used as the basis for the annual classification, a high bacteria reading can indicate poorer water-quality in the short-term. Results for Fleetwood can be found at

<http://environment.data.gov.uk/bwg/profiles/profile.html?site=ukd4312-43000>

And for Cleveleys at:

<http://environment.data.gov.uk/bwg/profiles/profile.html?site=ukd4312-42800>

4. Community safety

4.1 The Tram Sunday event took place on the 19 July 2015 at Fleetwood. The event was extremely popular and the Wyre Council CCTV control centre volunteers provided support to the Police on the day. The Manager of the Wyre Council CCTV Control room also received official recognition from the Police for her help in the police search investigation of the missing person on the 16 June 2015, where she scrutinised historic footage over night to provide valuable information for the search teams. The volunteers in the CCTV control room have in the past provided evidence for violent assaults, road traffic accidents and drink driving cases.

4.2 The Community Garden at Cottam Hall held an open day weekend on 18 and 19 July. A demonstration on how to make a planter and a child's bench from a pallet was undertaken by Comfort Zone volunteers assisted by the Groundworks case officer. Comfort Zone also provided soup, carrot cake and hot beverages on the day. The event has been advertised by delivering leaflets to 150 houses in the immediate locality and by putting up posters in the library and various churches. The event was very popular and gave everybody interested in the project a chance to come and see what we have been doing. The garden was harvested and produce distributed amongst the visitors and volunteers, although a request for donations for next year's plants was requested. It is planned that the remaining produce will be used in a cook and eat project with a local summer school.

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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