



Report of:	To:	Date of Meeting	Item No.
Cllr. Pete Murphy, Street Scene Portfolio Holder	Council	18 October 2012	9(c)

EXECUTIVE REPORT: STREET SCENE PORTFOLIO HOLDER
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Council of the current position on a number of issues within the Street Scene Portfolio, as set out in paragraph 2 below.

2. Current and Future Issues

(a) Waste Management

- 2.1 The performance of the waste and recycling contract continues to excel, with service related complaints continuing to be low, and a number of compliments now being received from members of the public and parish councils.
- 2.2 A bin amnesty has been held throughout September to encourage households to return any additional wheeled bins that they are not entitled to or no longer need. Following the amnesty, Officers will be working in targeted areas to remove any unauthorised bins. Households with multiple grey bins tend to fill these up rather than recycle and this is something that we need to discourage. More grey bins means more waste going to landfill - the council has recycling targets to meet and if we don't meet them, we lose valuable funding.
- 2.3 Officers are continuing to encourage householders to recycle and use their containers appropriately across the whole borough, with concentrated efforts in target areas. We are working with the Fire Brigade to urge households to only present their bins/ boxes on the morning of collection and to return their waste and recycling containers to their own property as soon as possible after collection to try and reduce the number of bin fires in parts of the borough. A special message will be included on the waste and recycling leaflet scheduled to be delivered in early December.

(b) Public Conveniences

2.5 The programme for toilet refurbishment continues to progress on schedule. Cleveleys Bus Station and Great Eccleston will be opened within the next few weeks.

2.6 Work is currently being completed at Beach Road, Fleetwood and work to provide a new facility at Wyre Estuary Country Park is due to commence during this month.

(c) Dog Control Orders

2.7 The Provision of signage is well underway with the majority of Fleetwood now covered and work is currently underway to install signs across priority areas within Cleveleys.

2.8 As work continues, officers will look to install signs in key locations within other areas of the borough as a priority.

(d) Street Cleaning

2.9 A 6 month progress report on the in-house street cleansing service will be given to the Task Group on 30 October. Whilst we have had the benefit of operating the service during the period April-September, I shall be proposing a further review once we have had the benefit of delivering the service during the period October-March.

3. Comments and Questions

3.1 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.