



Report of:	To:	Date of Meeting	Item No.
Cllr. Pete Murphy, Street Scene Portfolio Holder	Council	29 November 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 waste and recycling contract continues to perform well, with standards continuing to surpass that of previous years. Veolia are continuing to support local projects, by providing operatives to help out with community events, such as beach cleans and tree planting.
- 2.2 DEFRA have released the 2011/12 recycling out turns and Wyre's figures have been finalised at 48.5%; the third highest in Lancashire and 91st out of the English Local Authorities.
- 2.3 Following September's bin amnesty, officers have commenced the programme of removing additional grey residual wheeled bins from properties. To date, two rounds have been assessed in the Fleetwood area. In total from just two days work, 453 bins were removed and 30 properties were subsequently provided with larger bins as they had large families or special circumstances. On the whole, the response from customers has been favourable, with many now better educated and prepared to undertake recycling. On one day alone there was a 5 tonne reduction in the amount of residual waste collected. For any households still struggling officers will visit and undertake a waste audit to assist them. The programme will continue across the borough. The bins removed have all been thoroughly

cleansed/repared, and are now suitable for reuse saving to date approximately £10,000.

2.4 Officers 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. This helps to 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 early December and the scheme will be launched during the Pharos pride event.

2.5 During European Waste Reduction week, 19-23 November, council staff will be encouraged to bring in small items of WEEE (waste electric and electronic equipment), e.g. hair straighteners, toasters, irons, working or broken for recycling and reuse by our Bulky Matters Partners. If this proves a success, it will be rolled out across the borough at strategic sites.

(b) Public Conveniences

2.6 Great Eccleston, Cleveleys Bus station and Beach Road public conveniences have all been refurbished and now open. Work is underway at the facility on High Street car park Garstang and the new unit at Stanah was placed in situ early November, requiring the use of a 250 tonne crane. Both are scheduled for completion during early December.

(c) Dog Control Orders

2.7 The installation of signage across the borough regarding dog control orders is on-going. In addition, a patrol plan is reviewed on a monthly basis targeting known problem areas. The patrols are undertaken by the Area Officers and PCSO's.

In the first six months of this financial year there has been a reduction of 63% in recorded complaints via the CRM, when compared with the previous six months.

(d) Street Cleansing

2.8 The progress made during the first six months of the new street cleansing service was reported to the Street Cleansing Task Group on 30 October 2012. The task group noted the significant improvements that had been made in service delivery and agreed to meet again after 12 months of the service being operable.

- 2.9** The task group noted that between the months of April – September 2012 there had been a 100% increase in the tonnage of waste collected by the service.

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.

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