

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Vivien Taylor Street Scene Portfolio Holder	Council	16 October 2014	8(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** A funding bid with 10 other Lancashire Authorities has been submitted to the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) for funding to support a communication campaign to raise the number of plastic bottles recycled.
- 2.2** The Love Food Hate Waste event held in conjunction with the Food and drink festival in the Marine Hall was a great success. Officers were able to engage with many Wyre residents and some from further afield (Holland and Germany) about reducing food waste and recycling in general. A new contact has also been established with an officer from Regenda with responsibility for the Environment. As a result we are now looking at ways of increasing participation in the recycling service and reducing fly tipping. Working in partnership with Regenda personnel will enable us to improve contact with their residents to promote Council messages and the services on offer.

3. Dogs

- 3.1** On Saturday 20 September another successful dog chipping event took place. This was undertaken in partnership with Anna's pet shop in Pilling and the Dogs Trust. For this event customers were required to pre-book an appointment slot and a total of 33 dogs were successfully chipped with customers coming from Poulton, Carleton, Pilling, Hambleton and Knott End. This was well received and the new approach gave the Area Officer plenty of time to talk to customers about legal requirements and being a responsible dog owner.

4. Street Scene

- 4.1** The Area Officers continue to monitor and patrol areas and respond to issues raised by customers. Throughout August and Early September 1 Fixed penalty notice was issued for a failure to manage waste correctly. In the same period a further 3 notices have been issued to address offences in relation to commercial waste misdemeanours and 24 Section 46 Notices have been issued to domestic residents to instruct them to manage their waste in line with the Council Policy.

5. Street Cleansing

- 5.1** A number of vehicles in the street cleansing fleet are up for renewal in April 2015 and a review is currently being undertaken on the type of sweepers to be procured to improved efficiency and productivity of the service.

6. Parks and Open Spaces

- 6.1** The restoration of Memorial Park is progressing well and work has commenced on the pavilion which is scheduled for completion early next year. Other work currently being completed on site includes the replanting of the avenue borders, painting of the railings, park lighting improvements and the restoration of the Wolsley Road entrance pillars. The Warrenhurst entrance, the avenue between the entrance and the Memorial itself are scheduled for completion before the end of October.

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.