
Report To: Full Council **Date:** 18 August 2025

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Subject: Services Report

1. Delivery of Services in August

- 1.1 Whilst August is typically grass cutting season, West Swindon Parish Team have engaged in minimal grass cutting due to the prolonged hot weather. The Team have focused on
- Woodchip delivery and distribution for play areas
 - Small fencing work
 - Play repairs and maintenance
 - Plant watering
 - Weeding/weed removal
 - Bramble reduction
 - Roadside annual hedge reduction
- 1.2 The volume of waste in public bins is higher which is a seasonal norm, however, dumping of household bin waste is prolific at this time. The next Planning and Environment Committee will receive a report setting out the use of cameras to deter fly tipping.
- 1.3 Following enquiries, the Parish Team arranged the removal of a clothing recycling bin at Toothill Village Centre which belonged to a non charitable organisation. This frees up the opportunity for a proper charity bin to take its place.
- Projects:*
- 1.4 The Parish Team will be returning to Westlea park to improve informal pathways with extra stone.
- 1.5 *Corton Crescent:* is timed to coincide with the hire of a digger for the work at Westlea park. Steel sculpture rings have been commissioned and delivered.
- 1.6 *Litter A Boards:* two extra boards have been installed, one at Claypits play area off Cartwright Drive and the other at Shaw village centre off Ramleaze Drive. They will be monitored over the next few months. An update will be brought to the next Planning & Environment Committee.
- 1.7 *Weed Control:* a round of weed spraying has been completed across all roadside gutters and edges. A second road sweep of residential and main roads is underway. An update will be brought to the next Planning & Environment Committee.

- 1.8 *Murals*: a protective coating for the mural subways has been ordered and will be applied in due course. The Chesters is due to be finished. A new mural at Peatmoor Lake to Sparcells is expected to get underway in the Winter. An update will be brought to the next Community & Leisure Committee.
- 1.9 *Street Art Boards*: the street art boards at Rivermead have been well used with three designs being painted/overpainted to date.
- 1.10 *Electric Vans*: the two electric tipper vans have been branded.
- 1.11 *FAB Meadow*: a new planting area for West Swindon FAB has been cut into the Shaw Ridge public open space and is ready for any seeding or trans planting.
- 1.12 *Little Library*: A little library is ready for installation at Peatmoor lake (off Century Road). It will be monitored as part of the bin emptying round.

2. Delivery of Projects & Services in September

- 2.1 *Shaw Ridge Play area* is due to commence on 15th September. A cut and removal of the FAB existing meadow grass is planned at their request.
- 2.2 *Corton Crescent* will continue with a view to being ready for planting late September to early October.
- 2.3 *Mini litter picking stations* have been created for primary schools. Three schools have signed up to hosting a station for their pupils. These will be delivered to schools in the Autumn. An update will be brought to the new Community & Leisure Committee.
- 2.4 During September, grass cutting will resume if there is a period of cooler and wetter weather. All outdoor public bins are scheduled for a clean up and overhaul if required.
- 2.5 The bike repair station should be delivered and installed at Rivermead.
- 2.6 A review of plans for Christmas update will be brought to the new Community & Leisure Committee.
- 2.7 A review of youth provision will be brought to the new Community & Leisure Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 3.1 That Council notes the information and considers any actions arising.