AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

Report To: Full Council Date: 29 September 2025

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Subject: Services Report

1. Delivery of Services in September

- 1.1 During September, the Parish Team have returned to grass cutting after a long spell of hot weather. There may be one more cut before the ground is too soft.
- 1.2 Project work has included:
 - Completion of road sweeping
 - Removal of fallen trees and branches
 - Completion of restoring a pathway through Westlea park with extra stone
 - Grounds work beginning at Corton Crescent
 - Removing the litter picking board at Shaw village centre due to constant theft of pickers and relocating to Nine Elms near the pub
 - New locations for new little libraries have been visited and hosts confirmed
 - Village centre decorations for Breast Cancer Awareness month in October and mens health in November have been designed and made
 - Completion of the polaroids theme at The Chesters subway
 - Preparing the walls for the beginning of a business sponsored lake theme for the subway by Peatmoor lake
 - Working with the Link Centre for commissioning a mural for the subway to Shaw Ridge
- 1.3 Street Art Boards: the street art boards at Rivermead is cut and ready for installation, this will be timed to link with a Friday youth session painting workshop in the next couple of weeks.
- 1.10 *Community Pantry*: surplus food collections from two new Aldi stores whilst still unpredictable, has made it possible to begin a trial of the original community pantry at West Swindon library.

2. Delivery of Projects & Services in October

- 2.1 *Corton Crescent* garden will be a primary focus with the poor pathways being restored and the hard landscaping getting completed with a view to being ready for planting by mid October.
- 2.2 Councillor Exell Memorial Bench may be completed for installation at Toothill Park.
- 2.3 *Bike Repair Station* should be delivered and installed at Rivermead (currently at customs).
- 2.4 Planting: the changeover to Autumn Winter planting will begin in mid October and bulb planting across the Parish will get fully underway.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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