

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

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**RECYCLING** The council has distributed notices to residents reminding them of the items that can and cannot be recycled, due to a slow down in the presentation of recyclables this year. Residents, this autumn, will also receive a new recycling calendar, to remind them of the dates to put out for collection their recycling bins. The calendar and reminders are the first such notices issued for some 3 years by the council.

It is worth noting the improvements being made at the councils two household waste recycling centres, with recycling at the sites increasing.

**YOUR CALL** Environmental clean up events under the Your Call banner are continuing to deliver local improvements, with recently an average of 12 Your Call environmental events taking place each month.

**CORPORATION PARK** The recent vandalism to Corporation Park conservatory may cost up to £15,000 for the making safe and repair of the damage. It is understood that the Police are continuing to make their enquiries into the matter with good progress having been made.

**RECIPE 4 HEALTH** A presentation event was held in September for the 8 premises which have successfully met the standards for the bronze standard of the Recipe 4 Health award.

The Recipe 4 Health initiative involved Blackburn with Darwen Public Protection Service; Blackburn with Darwen Healthy Living and a group of volunteers from the Wensley Fold Ward who had been involved in the Our Life Project and who were passionate about healthy food.

To achieve the award the businesses now offer low fat options, smaller meal sizes, meal deals, reduced amounts of salt and healthier types of oils for frying.

**NOISE NUISANCE** Repeated complaints about loud music in the evenings and late into the night led to the seizure of equipment from a house on Whitebirk Road, Blackburn.

Complaints started in May and despite warning letters being sent a member of staff working for the night time noise service witnessed loud music coming

from the property. A noise abatement notice was served on 14 August. Unfortunately this final warning was not heeded and the night time noise service was called out again on 17 August when more loud music was heard causing a disturbance to neighbours. An application was made to the magistrate's court to enter the property. On 23 August public protection officers, supported by the police, went to the house and removed noise making equipment.

The night time noise service was called out again on 24 August and the police in the early hours of 28 August (bank holiday Monday). It's reported that the noise of a party went on until 7:45am on the bank holiday prompting further enforcement action.

**CHANGES TO MUSIC LICENSING** October sees changes to the regulations about licensing of live music. A licence is no longer required where the music takes place between 8am and 11pm and fewer than 200 people are present. Licences are still needed if alcohol is to be sold.

If problems are caused as a result of loud music they will be dealt with using existing noise nuisance legislation.