

Report No.  
ES11131

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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**Decision Maker:** Environment PDS Committee

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent                      Non-Executive                      Non-Key

**Title:** ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO PLAN 2011/12; HALF-YEAR  
PROGRESS REPORT

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**Ward:** All

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1. Reason for report

The report outlines progress at the half year stage against the commitments made in the 2011/12 Environment Portfolio Plan.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the progress of the 2011/12 Environment Portfolio Plan.

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
  2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment.
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
  2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Environment Portfolio Revenue Budget 2011/2012 & LIP
  4. Total current budget for this head: £36m, and £6.680m LIP funding from TfL
  5. Source of funding: 2011/12 revenue budget and 2011/12 LIP funding agreed by TfL
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 225 fte
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance.
  2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable.
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1. The final draft of the Environment Portfolio Plan for 2011/12 was considered by the PDS Committee on 16 June 2011, and then subsequently agreed by the Portfolio Holder.
- 3.2. Earlier this year, in consultation with the Environment Portfolio Holder, a selection of priority aims drawn from the Portfolio Plan was put forward for the Council's 2011/12 Building a Better Bromley commitment. Appendix 1 sets out the progress which has been made on these priority aims.
- 3.3. A summary of half-year performance against the full set of milestones agreed in the Environment Portfolio Plan 2011/12 is then included as Appendix 2.
- 3.4. With regard to measurable performance, a number of indicators in the Portfolio Plan are monitored on an annual basis. For those services where performance is measured quarterly, no issues of concern need to be raised at this stage. Recycling rates are exceeding 50%, ahead of expectations; quantities of residual household waste continue to decline; the standard of street cleaning in respect of litter and detritus has improved; and the number of fly-tipping incidents are within acceptable bounds. Detailed information on these performance indicators will be published corporately via the Are We On Track process.

### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Existing policy is set out within the 2011/12 Environment Portfolio Plan.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Financial, legal and personnel implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Environment Portfolio Plan 2011/12 <a href="http://sharepoint.bromley.gov.uk/ielListDocuments.aspx?CId=127&amp;MId=3746&amp;Ver=4">http://sharepoint.bromley.gov.uk/ielListDocuments.aspx?CId=127&amp;MId=3746&amp;Ver=4</a>

## Appendix 1

### **Building a Better Bromley 2011/12; Quarter 2 Progress Report**

#### **Environment Portfolio**

- Improve recycling and composting rates, building on the success of Recycling and Composting for All to divert even more waste from landfill.
  - Monitoring has shown that 50% of waste is currently being recycled or composted, ahead of the 48% target set
  - The amount of residual waste produced by residents continues to decline, and this improvement is also ahead of our original expectations.
  - Waste Advisors continue to respond to customers, monitor collections and receive feedback from crews where residents appear not to be recycling. Visits are carried out to encourage residents, and ensure they are aware of the recycling options and have the appropriate containers and information.
  - Recycling and Composting for All is now being extended to flats. Affinity Sutton will be assisting with the roll-out; ensuring staff are able to deal with any operational problems at each site.
- Improve our facilities for producing energy and fertiliser from organic waste.
  - We have continued to provide assistance to businesses looking to introduce Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facilities in Bromley, or sufficiently nearby to provide an economic option for the disposal of organic waste
  - Planning permission has now been granted to CountryStyle for an AD plant
- Sustain our standards of street cleanliness.
  - Monitoring of streets in Quarter 2 shows that high standards of cleanliness are being sustained and in some areas continuing to improve
  - Monitoring of the contractor's performance also demonstrates that they are providing a good standard of cleaning
  - Tender evaluation is under way for the new cleansing contract commencing next April. A decision will be made by the Executive in November
- Continue to take effective action to improve road safety and reduce accidents.
  - A number of safety schemes are being taken forward in key locations
  - Training and road safety education programmes are continuing
- Seek to reduce traffic congestion.
  - We are building on the successful introduction of the London Permit Scheme to reduce delays and traffic congestion
  - Priorities this year include: the Orpington bypass (A224); and parts of the A234/ A222/ A2015 route through Penge and Beckenham
  - Measures to reduce congestion in Cray Valley road and the junction with Cray Avenue are being installed
  - We have ensured congestion relief measures are in place for when the diversion routes commence for the Chislehurst Bridge reconstruction
  - The improvement scheme at Southborough Lane / Blackbrook Lane is complete and working well.
  - The schools travel plan team continue to support schools in dealing with local problems concerning congestion and road safety
- Improve energy efficiency in the borough.
  - By 2010/11 the Council had achieved a 14 % reduction in its own emissions against the baseline year (2006/07)
  - The Environmental Champions Network contributes to energy saving in the Civic Centre
  - We are sharing good practice and innovation with local public and private sector partners e.g. the Penge Green Gym
  - Support for the Bromley Sustainable Schools Forum, including potential schemes for introducing solar energy
  - Furniture from the North Block has been largely recycled and reused
  - Bromley Environment Awards held in July with over 130 guests

➤ Expand the Street Friends and Friends of Parks schemes

- 56 Friends of Parks Groups are now working, with 52 of these fully accredited.
- Approximately £160k of external funding opportunities have been identified and applied for.
- The Big Bromley was Brushup held in August involving 70 people, and new Street Friends were recruited following the event

➤ Further develop the 'Snow Friends' scheme prior to Winter 2011/12

- Snow Friends Conferences were held in June and September to develop this initiative.
- Further work is in progress to provide more detailed guidance and organise Snow Friends into groups. Bags of salt/number of shovels will be provided to groups pending their size.
- Almost 2,000 residents are involved in over 100 Snow Friends groups
- Langley Park Boys School and Stewart Flemming Primary School have volunteered for a School Snow Friends pilot.