

Building a Better Bromley 2011/12; Final 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 over 50% of waste has been recycled or composted, ahead of the 48% target set
 - The amount of residual waste produced by residents declined by 14% from that in 2010/11; this improvement is also significantly ahead of our original expectations.
 - The percentage of residual waste being sent to landfill declined to 27%, compared to over 33% in the previous year
 - 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.
 - Composting for All was extended to flats in October 2011. Affinity Sutton assisted with the roll-out; ensuring their staff are able to deal with any operational problems at each site. Recycling rates for flats has since increased from 16% to 21%.

- Improve our facilities for producing energy and fertiliser from organic waste.
 - We have provided assistance to businesses seeking to introduce Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facilities in Bromley for the disposal of organic waste
 - Planning permission has now been granted to CountryStyle for an AD plant at Cookham Lane

- Sustain our standards of street cleanliness.
 - Monitoring of streets shows that our already high standards of cleanliness improved even further in 2011/12
 - Monitoring of the contractor's performance also demonstrates that they are providing a good standard of cleaning
 - These findings are corroborated by feedback from residents
 - A new street cleansing contract with Kier has now commenced, providing substantial savings compared to the previous contract.
 - Flytipping has also reduced, down to less than 2,200 incidents over the past year

- Continue to take effective action to improve road safety and reduce accidents.
 - A number of safety schemes are being taken forward, including in Southend Road and Anerley Park
 - Skid resistant road surfacing has been introduced at key locations
 - Training and road safety education programmes are continuing
 - The number of deaths and serious injuries on Bromley's roads declined further in 2011, continuing a long term trend

➤ Seek to reduce traffic congestion.

- We are building on the successful introduction of the London Permit Scheme to reduce delays and traffic congestion
- Measures to reduce congestion in Cray Valley road and the junction with Cray Avenue have been installed
- Congestion relief measures were in place for the commencement of the Chislehurst Bridge reconstruction scheme in November 2011, and are proving effective
- The improvement scheme at Southborough Lane / Blackbrook Lane is complete and working well.
- A 'Smarter Travel Bromley' website has been launched
- 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)
- Salix funding of over £600k has been secured to invest in improved dimmable street lamps
- Total Bromley borough carbon emissions are now known to have reduced by 8% from 2008 to 2009
- 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
- We support 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 £340k of external funding opportunities have been identified and applied for. Successful applications were made for Chislehurst Recreation Ground, Glentrammon and Southill Wood.
- The Big Bromley Brushup was 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, scoops and shovels have been provided to groups in proportion to their size.
- Over 3,500 residents have involved in over 170 Snow Friends groups, including 5 business groups and over 100 volunteers at Langley Park Boys School
- Stewart Flemming Primary School also volunteered to be a School Snow Friends pilot