

Appendix 1

Building a Better Bromley 2012/13; Half-Year 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

- The Waste team continue to visit approx 14,000 customers pa, assisting with practical issues, which includes advice on waste minimisation, recycling, composting and re-use. Presentations have been given to a variety of resident groups, along with activities utilising the Waste promotions vehicle.
- Waste are co-ordinating with Friends groups and the Bromley Sustainable Schools Forum to provide advice and guidance to schools, businesses and community groups. “Trips to the Tip” and regular presentations to resident’s groups assist in raising the profile of the importance of recycling, re-use and waste minimization.

Introduce a new used textile collection service

- New textile bring banks have been installed on all Council sites, and the upgrading of the paper, glass, can and plastic banks will be completed by Q4. Funding is being sought from WRAP to explore the most effective methodology for a kerbside textile service. This will be introduced in Q3, with the aim of expanding borough-wide in Q4. It is intended that this service will be fortnightly, maximising convenience for residents.

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 been granted to CountryStyle for an AD plant.

Sustain our standards of street cleanliness

- Enforcement by XFOR started on 10 September 2012; the company are issuing an average of 100 FPNs each week.
- Kier’s vehicle tracking information is now being used to help monitor operations.
- Overflowing litter bins and weed growth are being addressed by additional programmes of work funded from the £200k contract contingency sum, involving weekend channel sweeping, deep cleaning of residential streets, mobile ‘hot spot’ litter picking beats, and additional litter bin emptying.
- Discussions with the Probation Service have been held to extend the Community Payback Operations from 2 to 5 days a week, 4 of which could be to assist with street cleansing.

Continue to take effective action to improve road safety and reduce accidents

- Identified locations for road safety improvement works have been fully investigated – priority locations are being developed further, in consultation with ward Members.
- Implementation of works will depend on the outcome of the consultation and are programmed for implementation in Q3/Q4.
- Skid resistant road surfacing:
 - ❖ Sites have been identified and tests have been carried out.
 - ❖ Further testing will be carried out for new sites.
 - ❖ There are currently 8 large schemes scheduled for implementation, with some already complete and the rest to be in place by the end of 2012.

Seek to reduce traffic congestion and improve journey times

- Chislehurst Bridge reconstruction due for completion November 2012.
- Resurfacing of A233 (Leaves Green Road) completed.
- Resurfacing of A208 (White Horse Lane) due for completion on target.
- 'Smarter Travel Bromley' launched in September.
- Preliminary investigation of congestion by Nugent Centre entrance completed.
- 87% of schools are still engaged in the school travel program.

Improve energy efficiency in the borough

- Statutory Carbon Reduction Commitment reports submitted to the Environment Agency – CRC Allowances have been purchased and surrendered for 2011/12.
- Business case approved for SEELS invest-to-save Street Lighting scheme.
- Launched extranet in September to improve working with LASER.
- Submitted statutory emissions data for the Council's own estate and operations to DECC.
- Salix street lighting project upgraded to LED technology.
- Discussions held with The Glades to discuss their trial of ultra-efficient LED lighting.

Implement an 'invest to save' programme to replace 8,000 aged lamp columns

- Tenders have been returned and the programme will be presented to the Executive following Environment PDS on 20 November.

Expand the Street Friends scheme

- Residents can now apply on-line to become a Snow Friend or Street Friend, or to join a Friends of Parks group.
- BYAP (Bromley Youth Advisory Panel) is considering realigning its constitution to encompass voluntary action for streets, in addition to parks and green spaces. Its remit would be to advise on ways to promote and encourage youth engagement to improve the environment.

Promote responsible dog ownership

- Responsible dog ownership events have been held in Bromley High Street, Priory Gardens and Bromley Civic Centre.