



Haringey Council

**Briefing for Councillor Haley
Cabinet Member for Environment & Conservation
Overview and Scrutiny Achievements and Priorities Briefing
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Achievements in the last six months

Cleanliness targets have been met

We have met our performance targets on the new NI 195 – which covers litter, detritus, graffiti and flyposting. Haringey Council is externally surveyed by ENCAMS, recording levels of street cleanliness in line with BV199 (now NI195) guidelines. The provisional results from ENCAMS for 2008/2009 are:

		2008-09	Target
NI195a	Litter	10%	12%
NI195b	Detritus	22%	24%
	Combined	16%	

From 1st April 2008 NI195 has replaced BV199. The main difference is that Litter and Detritus are recorded separately. In both the lower the percentage the better the score.

Our new litter picking service has contributed to this performance

Achieving these targets has been helped by changes to the way street cleaning is delivered. This includes the new litter picking service across the whole of Haringey from May 2008. In addition to once weekly street sweeping, zone 2 roads receive an additional twice weekly litter pick and zone 3 road an additional once weekly litter pick. Town Centres and Gateway roads now receive a controlled presence of litter picking, reducing the litter throughout the day. This additional litter picking has reduced levels of litter on the streets and allowed street sweepers to concentrate on removing detritus. In addition we have a Clean Team which carries out work cleaning problem sites, locations identified by Contract Monitoring Officers and rotational work on problematic industrial and other land uses.

Better Haringey and Going Green

We have successfully finalised and launched the Greenest Borough Strategy which is now the key driver of Better Haringey. The Going Green Conference in February attracted over 120 residents and partners and provided an opportunity for engagement, as delegates learnt about projects currently in place and work that will deliver the Greenest Borough Strategy. It was also an opportunity for residents to discuss their priorities for the coming 12 months.

Better Haringey has led the council-wide Green Champions project. This promotes environmental considerations in the workplace. Currently there are 60 champions who are focussing on four main themes of Transport, Recycling, Energy and Waste.

The Better Haringey outdoor campaign will now have a greener theme and has begun with energy efficiency. Over the year the campaign will cover sustainable food, recycling, transport, climate change, waste and water.

New Contracts on Highways and Streetlighting

We have carried out a thorough evaluation of the tenders for the new highways and street lighting contract and this will be reported to Procurement Cabinet on 28 April 2009. There has been a good response, with 5 contractors tendering for highways and 7 for street lighting.

The terms of the new contract are significantly different to the existing contracts. New features include:

- Performance indicators based on quality of workmanship, safety, consideration to the public, delivery within time requirements, innovation and sustainability
- Contractor required to develop a Sustainability Action Plan
- Required to register under the Considerate Constructor Scheme
- Corporate Livery to enhance partnership working
- Quality Plans submitted become part of the contract

The value of the contract is in the region of £10m per year: £8m for highways and £2m for street lighting. It covers reactive maintenance, planned maintenance and transport schemes. There are two separate lots, one for highways and one for street lighting. The length of the contract is 4 years starting 1 July 2009 with the option of four annual extensions.

New Nuisance Vehicles contract agreed

We have also agreed a new Nuisance Vehicle contract which will start on 1 June 2009. This contract brings together clamping and removal, untaxed vehicle enforcement, abandoned vehicles and the operation of the Councils Smartcars. The contract gives the Service a new and flexible approach to enable the contractor to deal with all types of nuisance vehicles on street to improve the environment and to keep traffic flowing. This contract will provide efficiencies in service provision and deliver savings.

Highways Works Plan delivered and agreed for 2009/10

We have delivered the Highways Works Plan for 2008/9, an investment of almost £11m in Haringey's roads, pavements and bridges. We have also agreed the Highways Works Plan for 2009/2010.

Tottenham High Road improvements

One of the most significant highway improvements was the £1.9m investment in the Tottenham High Road refurbishment. This has been well received by residents and traders and nominated for a Transport Times award for public realm improvement.

Crouch End CPZ completed with positive feedback

Another major achievement has been the completion of the Crouch End CPZ. Through a thorough consultation exercise and ongoing dialogue with local members and residents, a range of parking controls were introduced and came into force in March 2009. The department has received several compliments from local residents within the new zones.

Improving lines and signs

We have carried out extensive work on to ensure that our existing parking controls meet all the relevant legal requirements. This has covered taxi ranks, yellow box junctions, the Seven Sisters and Finsbury Park CPZ areas and work is continuing in the Tottenham Hale CPZ and other areas in 2009.

Pothole Blitz an ongoing success

In response to Road to Improvement consultation, we introduced the pothole hotline in April last year and provided dedicated funding to address potholes in the borough. This has been very successful with over 2700 defects being repaired.

Priorities for the next six months

A new Public Transport Forum

A new forum for the discussion and consultation on transport issues will be set up from May. This will be open to the public and interested organisations. It will provide a forum for discussion with all organisations responsible for the delivery of highway and transport services in Haringey on key issues of concern on public transport and traffic in the borough.

Recycling – action to meet our stretch target of 32%

A challenge as we go into the next financial year is meeting our recycling target. In 2008/9 we achieved 25%, against a target of 28%. This was due to a reduced tonnage of recycled materials apportioned to Haringey by the North London Waste Authority (NLWA), and changes to the methodology for calculating the household/non-household waste split.

The target for 2009/10 is 32%. This is a Local Area Agreement (LAA) stretch target. A Recycling Action Plan is making sure that we deliver this target. Key actions include:

- Ensure the same high standard of recycling service across the borough, including:
 - Provision of the full mixed material recycling service (including plastic bottles and cardboard, as well as food and garden waste collections) to final 4000 kerbside properties remaining on the original kerbside service.
 - Provision of the mixed material recycling service to remaining private blocks of flats (all Council-managed estates were provided with services in 2008/09).
 - Provision of the mixed material recycling service to flats above shops.
 - Provision of food waste collections to 10 schools (all schools were provided with the mixed material recycling service in 2008/09).
- Participation drive to increase participation in recycling services and the amount recycled, and ensure value for money is achieved from the services provided.
- Deliver awareness raising campaigns to reduce waste, increase composting and reduce contamination.
- Improve the range and amount of materials recycled or reused through the Reuse & Recycling Centres.
- Promote and develop local re-use and waste reduction schemes.
- Introduce on-street recycling bins for public places and review the network of bring banks
- Engaging with local businesses by establishing an environmental information scheme.

Tougher action on dumping

Cleanliness has improved but dumping remains an issue. We are good at picking up reported dumps and at issuing FPNs on dumping, but recognise that we need a more sophisticated approach to the problem of dumping and to address it on a number of fronts. Our action plan includes for example: working with traders to improve collection and putting up more signs about timed collections; working with ENCAMS to do a detailed survey of individual households in a small area to find out what influences dumping behaviour and what we can do to change it; working with private landlords on waste management issues.

Developing the new Waste Management Contract

Now that we have delivered the new Highways and Streetlighting contract, we are focussed on procuring a new Integrated Waste Management contract. This will cover Waste Management, Recycling and Street Cleansing. The existing waste management contract with Enterprise, due to end in December 2009, will be extended to April 2011 to allow time for procurement.

Key aims for this new contract are:

- To deliver first class waste management services, which will demonstrate continuous improvement throughout the contract period and meet London top quartile and or CAA upper threshold performance targets.
- To deliver Value for Money Waste Management Services with the ability for ongoing efficiency improvements year on year.
- To deliver savings in the range £0.8 to £1.2m/year.
- To deliver sustainable waste management services reducing the Council's carbon footprint aiming for a carbon neutral service (using offsetting measures) thereby, demonstrating that the Council is leading by example.

Delivering our Highways Investment

A key priority will be delivering the additional £2m investment in roads and street lighting. There will be £2m of pavement improvements and £800,000 for resurfacing borough roads, which will make a big difference to the condition of some roads and footpaths. In addition to £2m for new street lighting on public roads we will also be delivering a big street lighting programme for Homes for Haringey which will make an impact throughout the borough.

Developing the Highways Asset Management

We have been awarded £50,000 in funding from the DfT for developing our Highways Asset Management Plan. Some of this might be for condition assessment and some for completing our inventory. This will put us in a better position for planning for 2010/11 and beyond.

Better Haringey Green Fair 12 and 13 June 2009

Better Haringey will hold the 2009 Green Fair on Ducketts Common on Friday and Saturday 12 and 13 June. Over 360 children will take part in the schools day with up to 4000 expected for the public day which will be the biggest and greenest yet. It is Better Haringey's flagship event and one of the only opportunities to attract new found interest in the environmental agenda. This year the fair is being organised in partnership with the community.

We will also be focussing on delivery of some of the key projects in the Greenest Borough Strategy with our partners through the Better Places partnership.