

Key Issues Briefing Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation Frontline Services

Key achievements in 2009/10

New contracts

The implementation of new Highways and Street Lighting contracts has now commenced (as of 1st July 2009). The contracts have officially been awarded to Volker Highways Crowley.

The implementation of a new Nuisance Vehicle contract has now commenced (as of 1st June 2009). The contract has yet again been officially awarded to On-Time Parking Solutions.

The Transport Forum

Sustainable Transport has initiated a Transport Forum which takes place bi-monthly. Those invited to attend include London Transport services, Metropolitan Police, Emergency Services and Stakeholders including Councillors, local residents and traders. The Forum is an open meeting that is an opportunity to provide and share information such as how to influence changes in transport provision and to discuss transport policies and priorities for Haringey.

Parking working in partnership with the police

As part of Parking Services response to an increasing number of assaults on Civil Enforcement Officers, we have now introduced a progressive prosecution policy in partnership with Haringey Police following recent successful convictions. In addition to this we are currently proposing 'side-by-side' partnership working with the police, particularly in areas where there have been a number of instances of assault, criminal damage and racial abuse, this is currently being negotiated.

Recycling 'Weekend Blitz' Campaigns

The Environmental Resources team has been delivering a number of projects relating to waste reduction, energy efficiency and water conservation. The Participation team have undertaken a program of door knocking known as 'Weekend blitz' which aims to educate and improve recycling participation. The blitz involves recycling operatives and the Environmental Resources Participation team knocking on all doors in a particular area to give out recycling containers to residents, as well as providing service leaflets and answering queries. The first Weekend Blitz was carried out at the Coldfall Estate in Muswell Hill, which has over 350 households, over half the residents spoken to directly. A survey was carried out before the blitz to measure the number of households participating in recycling services, another survey and follow up door knocking will be carried out in future to assess the success of the scheme.

Watch your Waste Week 2008 - short listed for National Recycling Awards

The North London Waste Authority's 'watch your waste week' campaign from 2008 has been short listed for a National recycling award in the waste minimisation category. This campaign involved all seven of the North London Boroughs coming together to deliver a week of activities that promoted the message of waste prevention. 'Watch your Waste week' will return in October 2009 in partnerships with the Greater London

Authority. A range of activities will also be taking place in schools and the wider community during the week.

Recycling Depot short listed for North & West London Business Awards 2009

The Recycling Depot has been voted one of the finalists in the category for Training and Development in the North and West London Business awards 2009, sponsored by HSBC for training and developing staff at the Recycling Depot, Haringey's in-house Recycling service. Although we did not win, we were highly commended, in addition as a result of working in partnership with Haringey Adult Learning Service (HALS) the service has been nominated for the Learning Skills Council's London 'Train to gain' Employer of the year award, for which we were the only Local authority short listed.

Recycling Team short listed for Health & Safety Best Practice Award

The Recycling Operations Team has been short listed for the Chartered Institute of Waste Management (CIWM) Awards for Environmental excellence in the category of Health and safety best practice. We are the first council in the UK to introduce a system of lifting equipment and loading bins that not only allows operatives to reduce the amount of manual handling associated with the collection of recycling containers, but also enables them to safely carry the bins whilst in transit. These innovative practices have significantly improved staff morale, helped to reduce manual handling related injuries and delivered tangible efficiency gains. These advancements could now be replicated in other collection schemes around the country.

Haringey joins Carbon Management programme for Local Authorities

We have successfully joined the Local Authority carbon Management programme in partnership with the Carbon Trust. The programme will support us in achieving carbon reductions from our operations (as measured by NI 185) including building management, schools and transport. The Council has already set its own carbon reducing target of 10% by 2010/11 for its own operations. Through the programme the council will receive support from the Carbon Trust in the form of technical and project management advice and will be able to share best practice with other authorities in the programme.

Carbon Reduction Scenario Modelling

Ten North East England Councils recently signed the European Covenant of Mayors, a European Commission led project which unites over 300 towns and cities (including London) in a commitment to go beyond the objectives of EU CO2 reduction policy. Environmental Resources was invited by the council's and associated regional bodies to explain how Haringey Council has used Vantage Point software to produce a carbon reduction scenario to achieve a 40% CO2 reduction target. Councils in the North East plan to use the same software to help them to develop a Sustainable Energy Action Plan, which is required by European Covenant of mayors.

Work in progress for 2009/10

New Integrated Waste Management and Transport contract

The aim is to provide an integrated refuse and recycling service, including street cleansing, winter maintenance and other services. This is currently ongoing and progressing on target for completion by April 2011.

Implementation of Traffic Management Act (TMA) permit scheme for utility companies

This scheme is a new form of licensing, which is being rolled out across all London boroughs, ensuring consistent working. All documents have been submitted to the Department of Transport, with an expected implementation date being 31st March 2010 at the latest.

Local Implementation Plan 2010/11

We have submitted our transport proposals to Transport for London for funding in 2010/11. Transport projects are now proposed for three main areas: Corridors (main roads in the borough), Neighbourhoods and Smarter Travel based on a formula agreed between TfL and the boroughs.

- The first area is **Maintenance** and this will be allocated on a needs basis, using information on the condition of TfL controlled Principal Roads and Bridges. In the past we have usually received in the region of £400,000 for Principal Roads maintenance and we expect to receive a similar amount for 2010/11.
- The second area is **Corridors** and we have defined these as the 'A' roads in the borough. TfL is looking for holistic schemes for key corridors that address issues relating to the smoothing of traffic flow, bus reliability, safety, cycling (inc cycle parking and Olympic cycle networks), public realm and removal of clutter. The maximum funding that the Council could expect for this category would be £1,341,000.
- **Neighbourhoods** is the third area for funding. Here and in this section TfL are looking for local area improvements including CPZs, 20mph zones and also work on Legible London programme of innovative street signage, reduction of street clutter and an expansion of the number of electric charging points. The maximum funding that the Council could expect for this category would be £1,068,000.
- The fourth area is **Smarter Travel** which includes travel plans for schools, hospitals and businesses, plus more travel awareness initiatives potentially integrating with corridor or neighbourhood programmes. The maximum funding that the Council could expect for this category would be £298,000.
- The last area is **Area Based Schemes (ABS)** where there is a bidding process for funding for larger schemes costing over £250,000. We already have funding for two ABS, Wood Green Station Access project and Wood Green Town Centre feasibility study.
- There is also additional flexibility in being able to transfer up to 20% to different programme areas as well as £100,000 for the Council to use on any transport scheme of its choice.
- The total funding which could be allocated is £2.807m. This does not however include Maintenance, which is allocated on a needs basis and Area Based Working, which has a separate bidding process.

Street Lighting

£2m is being invested in 2009/10 which will result in the replacement of approximately 1,400 street lighting columns, the proposed distribution is as follows;

Muswell Hill N10 – N2 £180k
Bounds Green £205k
Highgate N6 £200k
Tottenham Hale £205k
White Hart Lane £375k
St Ann's £210k
Bruce Grove £170k
Crouch End £160k

Works have commenced on a new lighting scheme on Ferry lane from the borough boundary to The Hale. This scheme will provide a new night time entrance to the borough alongside the new Hale Village project and will enhance this important route and provide an improvement to the night time safety.

EU funding bid for Decentralised Energy Study

The Environmental Resources Team and Planning department have submitted a bid to the EU Intelligent Energy Europe fund, which aims to support the development of renewable district heating and cooling systems (DH&C) in the borough.

Haringey's submission forms part of a pan-European bid, led by the German Ministry of Finance and GTZ. If successful the project will begin in August 2010 and last for 3 years. It will aim to assess the feasibility of increasing renewable DH&C systems in terms of planning policy, financing and potential management models for delivery companies, as well as delivering awareness raising and training to increase support for implementation of DH&C systems amongst developers and the community.

The implementation of DH&C systems could play a major part in meeting the borough's long term carbon reduction targets and help the heating sector to move away from the use of fuels that result in greater carbon emissions. The bid builds on a previous European funded project, REGENERGY which we participated in.

Procurement of new Graffiti contract

Environmental resources are currently reviewing the need to secure a 12 month contract, as the new waste management contract will incorporate Graffiti removal. The current arrangements will continue until the new contract commencement in August 2010.