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Update on the Better Places Partnership

Following the local elections in May 2004 Councillor Brian Haley has become the Chair of the Better Places Partnership. Councillor Haley is looking forward to working with partners on the Better Places Partnership. The improvement of the environment, work on the climate change agenda and recycling will be key priorities for the borough.

Work with the Community Engagement Forum has continued to be a focus. In particular the Community Engagement Forum has concentrated on the work programme around climate change and they have made a considerable contribution to this work. Climate change features on the agenda for the Next Better Places Partnership meeting.

The Groundwork Trust will provide a presentation to the next meeting of the Better Places Partnership. The Groundwork Trust are an organisation who work with communities to improve the environment. For example landscaping and gardening projects on estates. Their presentation will give a run down of the projects they will be managing in the second phase of their work within Haringey.

The role of volunteering is becoming increasingly more important. This is reflected in the work around parks and open spaces. Increasing the engagement of volunteers has become a performance indicator and improving this area of work will become a more important aspect of the Better Places Partnership