

# A Cleaner Greener Greenwich

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## Key Messages

### Recycling

- The recycling rate has reduced as a result of the hot dry weather over the summer and corresponding reduction of green waste generated.
- Contamination levels within the mixed dry recycling have risen, and are now above the target of 10%.

### Fleet

- There has been a 1.50% increase in the percentage of Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) compliant vehicles. London-wide changes will affect the emissions standards required of the borough's HGV and van fleet in 2020 and 2021, respectively. Procurements are being developed to ensure the vehicles are compliant ahead of the deadline.

## External Updates

- The Royal Borough manages and maintains the trees in Borough's parks, open spaces and woodlands and maintains the trees on the Borough's highways and housing estates. The Mayor of London has a policy to support additional tree planting and increase the area of tree canopy in London. In addition there is an objective within the Royal Borough's Corporate Plan to plant 2020 new trees by 2020.

## Service Updates

### Road Cleanliness

- The number of fly tips removed has reduced in Q2, but there has been a substantial increase in the tonnages collected. This is mainly due to three articulated trailers of waste that were fly tipped in Horn Park, Plumstead and Thamesmead. These were reported to the Environment Agency, as they are collating evidence on these incidents which they have termed as 'organised crime'.
- There has been an increase in the number of roads cleansing on the scheduled day.

### Parks & Open Spaces

- PEOS have submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Future Parks Accelerator scheme for £679,267 for refurbishment and conversion for commercial/social use of 4 redundant, semi-derelict former park public toilets, at Bostall Gardens, Maryon Wilson Park, Queenscroft Park and St.Alfege Park. This scheme is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Trust and will require a £75,500 match funding contribution if we are successful.
- The Directorate of Regeneration Enterprise and Skills (DRES) have published the Towards a Greener Greenwich document on the Council's Website and DRES and PEOSs officers have attended a Greenwich Wildlife Advisory Group meeting to discuss the content of the report. A local panel will need to be set up in early 2019 to ratify the Site of Importance for Nature Conservation assessments contained within the report.
- PEOS officers are currently supporting a small group of residents to develop a new Park Friends Group for Bostall Gardens in the Abbey Wood Ward.
- 8 Park Friends Groups including the Friends of Maryon Wilson Park, Avery Hill Park, Eltham Parks, Fairy Hill Park, Coldharbour Open Spaces, East Greenwich Pleasaunce, Plumstead Common have submitted Neighbourhood Growth Fund bids. These bids include, 2 playground improvements schemes, a proposal to resurface a set of park tennis courts, a proposal to improve a set of park toilets (including creating disabled access), a proposal for improvements at Maryon Wilson Animal Park, a proposal for a drinking water fountain, a proposal for improvements for access and an assembly area

and a proposal for 5 mixed park tables (including 2 picnic tables, 2 table tennis tables and 1 chess table) and a container.

- 26,000 spring bulbs have been distributed to Park Friends Groups and Groups have been undertaking the bulb planting. Some planting days have involved school groups.
- PEOS officers have supported the Twinkle Park Trust with the restoration of the pond in Twinkle Park. The Trust secured the majority of the funding required for the restoration from the Veolia Environmental Trust and the Council provided the match funding element from S106. This site is classified as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and restoration of the pond will help restore the site's SINC status to "favourable".
- A new artificial cricket wicket has been installed in Avery Hill Park that was funded by the London Cricket Trust. This initiative includes a 5 years maintenance programme funded by the Trust.
- Consultation has taken place with Allotment site representatives to aid the development of the Allotments Action Plan.
- 2018/19 Tree planting will commence in the third quarter of the year

Subject Area	Indicator	Value	Previous Value	Target	Comparator
Public Realm	Number of trees planted (needs to include Parks and Housing)	403 (2017/18)	470 (2016/17)		
	Net number of street trees in the Borough (individually recorded assets, excludes plantations and groups of trees)	12,660 (2017/18)			
	Number of fly-tips reported (by the public) removed	733 (Q2 18/19)	737 (Q1 18/19)		
	Total number of fly-tips removed	4177 (Q2 18/19)	4614 (Q1 18/19)		
	Total tonnage of fly-tips removed	337 (Q2 18/19)	243.03 (Q1 18/19)		
	Allotments % vacant	2% (Q2 18/19)	5% (Q1 18/19)	95% occupancy	
	Allotments number vacant	16/810 (Q2 18/19)	28 (Q1 18/19)	95% occupancy	
	Parks cleanliness score (APSE land audit measurement)	96% (Q2 18/19)	95% (Q1 18/19)	85% at A and B standard	Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) has a target of 66.67% at A or B standard
	Number of Green Flag awards	12 (Q2 18/19)	12 (Q1 18/19)	a) 12 for 2018/19, b) 13 for 2019/20	
	Percentage of residential road cleansing schedules completed	97.00%	95% (Q1 18/19)	99% (higher is better)	
Recycling	Percentage household recycling rate (Rolling year)	32.71% (Q2 18/19)	34.7% (Q1 18/19)	35% (higher is better)	33% - (London recycling rate 16-17)
	Contamination of recycling	12.86% (Q2 18/19)	9.75% (Q1 18/19)	10% (lower is better)	
Air Quality	Fleet % ULEZ Compliant	18.4% (Q2 18/19)	15.4% (Q1 18/19)	36% (higher is better)	
	Proportion of sites where air pollution levels remained within the Government's Air Quality Strategy Objective	81.82% (Q2 18/19)	72.73% (Q1 18/19)	44%	81.82%

