

Headline Indicators and Targets

1. Cleaner, Greener and Healthier

NI 197 - To bring 15 out of 31 (48%) of wildlife sites in the borough into active ecological management by 2011

By the end of March 2009, 11 out of 31 sites (35%) had ecological management plans.

Work with landowners and in partnership with others will be crucial to achieving long-term biodiversity goals, as 14 of the borough's 31 wildlife sites are not owned by the council. Ecological management plans set out the actions that need to be taken (or avoided) to conserve the wildlife value of the site in the long term.

NI 195 – Local Environmental Quality: to reduce the litter, detritus, graffiti and flyposting levels on streets and public areas - as measured by survey

Sample surveys of the Borough are carried out three times a year to identify areas with unacceptable levels of cleanliness.

In the 2008/09 surveys, unacceptable levels of litter were found in 9% of the Borough, detritus in 21%, graffiti and flyposting in 4%.

NI 198 – to continue to reduce the % pupils in Wandsworth schools travelling to school by car (and ensure that all schools have an agreed travel plan by 2012)

25% of pupils in the borough travelled to school by car in 2008/09 and 79% had an agreed travel plan.

Local indicator - to implement and regularly update an air quality action plan to meet National air quality standards

2. Reduced carbon dioxide emissions

NI 185 - To reduce carbon dioxide emissions from council operations by 10% by 2015 and 20% by 2025 from 2008/09 levels.

This has been set at a challenging, yet realistic level, given that reductions of at least 10% have already been achieved since 1990 – the Kyoto baseline year from which national and international targets are set.

In 2008/09, 40,849 tonnes of carbon dioxide were emitted in delivering council functions.

Most of the emissions are as a result of the energy used in council premises, including school buildings and for street lighting. About 8% of the total was due to emissions from fleet and staff travel on business.

Shorter-term targets to be set.

NI 186 – to reduce the CO2 emissions per person in the Borough

This indicator relies on centrally produced statistics to estimate CO2 emissions in the area from a range of sources including business, the public sector, housing and transport.

The most recent result is for 2006 and shows that 5.46 kt CO₂ was generated for each person in the borough, down from 5.47kt the previous year.

NI 187 – Tackling Fuel Poverty – to avoid an increase in the % people receiving income-based benefits living in poorly insulated/ energy inefficient homes.

Survey results indicate that In 2008/09, 13% of those on income-based benefits lived in poorly insulated homes (SAP < 35), while 30% occupied homes of a good standard or higher (SAP>65). The overall SAP rating of homes in the Borough has increased from 72 in 2006/07 to 78 in 2008/09.

3 Resilience to the effects of climate change

NI 188 – to plan to adapt to the effects of climate change, reaching a Level 3 score by 2011

We aim to embed management of climate risks and opportunities across the all services, plans and estates. We will produce a climate change adaptation plan by March 2011 that sets out how we will do this.

Wandsworth achieved Level 1 by March 2009 – indicating that a public commitment to identify and manage climate-related risk has been made and that we have an understanding of significant vulnerabilities and opportunities from weather and climate. We are beginning to set out steps to address these internally and with partners.

NI 189 – implement all actions in flood risk management plans

The aim of this indicator is to record the progress of local authorities in undertaking actions to manage flood risk.

The 2008/09 result for Wandsworth was 100% of actions implemented, as agreed with the Environment Agency.

4. Consumption of resources and pollution

NI 191 – To reduce the amount of residual household waste to 519 kg per household by 2012.

“Residual” waste is that which is left over after recycling and composting.

During 2008/09, 591 kg per household was sent to landfill.

NI 193 – to reduce the amount of municipal waste land filled to zero by 2011

In 2008/09, 76% of municipal waste was landfilled. Municipal waste is household waste, plus commercial waste collected by the council.

From 2011, Wandsworth’s waste will no longer be landfilled, but will be sent to an energy from waste plant, Belvedere, for incineration. Landfilling is a waste of resources and biodegradable waste in landfill generates 40% of the UK’s methane emissions. Methane is a greenhouse gas, 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide

NI 195 – to increase levels of recycling and composting of household waste to 29.1% by 2012.

Our 2008/09 recycling and composting rate was 26.6%. Almost 100,000 tonnes of household waste was collected during the year, equivalent to the weight of over 200,000 African elephants. 25,800 tonnes was recycled and nearly 500 tonnes

composted centrally (over 5,000 elephants). The remainder is transported by barge to a landfill site in Essex.

NI 170 – Previously developed land that has been vacant for five years or more as a % of developed land in the Borough.

Our 2008/09 result was 0.4% due to vacant land at the Battersea Power Station site.

5. Community leadership on sustainability

There are no national indicators on this. The following is proposed.

Local Indicator - To assist a further 200 business in improving their environmental performance by 2012.

At the end of the “Go Green” programme (March 2009), 190 small businesses in the Borough had been helped to improve their environmental performance. Following a successful partnership European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) bid, an additional 400 small businesses in South London will have a green “healthcheck” and receive at least 12 hours of support each as part of the “Go Green Plus” programme. At least 200 of these will be from Wandsworth.

Environmental Management Indicators (Internal)

A selection to cover:

- Fleet performance
- Energy Management
- Waste minimisation and recycling
- Green Champions
- Paper use and purchasing
- Contracts with environmental conditions