

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN – BROMFORD LIVING – 2009/2010

SECTION 1		Target date	Actions/Progress	Champion
GENERAL				
1.1	'Celebrate World Environment Day'	Summer 2010	Identify at least 4 x estates across BL & identify partnerships to be involved by Spring 2010	Elaine Browne/Michele Campbell
1.2	Apply for the Cleaner Safer Greener Network 'Green Flag Awards for Parks and Open Spaces' - consider for 'Turves Green' Public Open Space in Birmingham and Normacott Grange in Stoke.	July 2010	Attending the CSG Green Flag Awards Academy in Birmingham on 23.09.09 to obtain more information.	Elaine Browne/Michele Campbell

SECTION 2		Target date	Actions/Progress	Champion
LAND USE				
2.1	<p>Further develop the Bromford Allotments initiative by the provision of tool loan schemes in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Street, Wolverhampton • Eyton View, Telford • Bromwynd, Wolverhampton 	31 March 10	Tools have been provided to Cross Street and Eyton View residents so far.	Michele Campbell
2.2	Work with residents on the Rea Valley area to promote the use of allotments.	31March 10		Michele Campbell
2.3	Support the Stoke Gardening Club to revitalize shared community areas by providing plants and tools.	31 March 10	Various initiatives have been carried out including providing plants, tools and utilizing the gardens clubs expertise to improve green spaces on other schemes such as Lichfield Street in 2007.	Michele Campbell
2.4	Work with local residents in Eyton View to supply water butts and monitor their impact.			Michele Campbell
2.5	Work with local residents on Bronze Into Gold Estates to incorporate environmental improvements throughout the BIG workbook.	March 2010	BIG workbook to be launched across BL throughout September 2009.	Neighbourhood Investment Managers/Team Leaders

2.6	Support residents at Wychall Farm, Birmingham, to revitalize shared community areas by resourcing materials/planting etc	Summer 2010	Three potential areas across estate of which one communal area has received substantial investment and engagement from residents – will use as best practice for other areas.	Elaine Browne
2.7	<p>Launch the 'Wychall Gardening Club'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in partnership with new Community Center to become base for the club • Develop community volunteers and support them through setting up the club. • Club to provide 'Tool Hire' and educational workshops with tips and techniques for maintaining gardens. • Guidance to be developed by volunteers to be incorporated into sign up packs for new customers on maintenance of shrubs/plants. <p>Eco Homes Excellent standard has been achieved on the development - Club to promote the environmental incentives that have been incorporated into the build i.e.: use of water butts.</p>	March 2010	A full Consultation is due to take place on 26 th August 2009.	Elaine Browne

2.8	Develop a set of 'Estate Standards' – to become a national leader in estate and tenancy management and apply the principals of BVPI 199 to make our estates cleaner, safer, greener places to live.	December 2009	BL have set up Working Group to work on 'Estate Standards' – initial meetings have taken place to develop action plan and standards. BL will look to develop these standards and align across group throughout 2010	Trish Webb
2.9	To develop a 'Green Agenda' as part of the Estate Caretaking review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulching Mowers • Environmentally friendly weed killers • Flail mowers • Recycling of Wood Chippings • Recycling of grass cuttings • Recycling of old garden tools 	March 2010	BL have set up working group to review the Estate Caretaking Service.	Nick Woods
2.10	Support requests from four estates in Moseley, Birmingham who have requested a 'Gardening Competition' for Spring/Summer 2010.	Spring/Summer 2010	Requested by local residents through joint residents meetings.	Elaine Browne
2.11	Utilize Improvement Budgets i.e.: Relaunch, Estate Improvements & Additional Gardening to promote and support environmental initiatives across BL.	March 2010	Already in progress throughout the year with improvement programmes in place.	Neighborhood Investment Managers/Housing Managers

2.12	<p>Continue to work with Junior Warden Scheme at Wychall Farm to promote educational and environmental projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch 'Phase 2' of the Junior Warden Scheme incorporating 3 other local estates within Northfield & Kings Norton Ward. • Promote Junior Warden scheme across Group and share best practice with other areas. • Identify and apply for an Award to give recognition and promote youth engagement in green initiatives 	April 2010	Long-term strategy is being developed to introduce a 'Leaders Scheme' for 16 to 18 year olds, working in partnership with Bournville College & Connexions	Elaine Browne/Wychall Family Club
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SECTION 3		Target date	Actions/Progress	Champion
EXISTING BUILDINGS				
3.1	Use the award winning scheme at Cross Street, Wolverhampton to showcase Bromford's achievements and share best practice.	Regular Monthly organized events throughout the year		Michele Campbell
3.2	<p>Work with Graiseley Primary school in Wolverhampton to hare learning from the Cross Street project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a resource pack • Roll out the pack to other local schools • Promote the use of the Cross St DVD in local schools • Promote the use of he Cross St Education Centre • Develop the project to recycle plastics with Graiseley School 		<p>A resource pack is available.</p> <p>One other school has visited in 2008 along with a local environmental educational group.</p> <p>Copies of the DVD have been circulated to local schools.</p> <p>This has been promoted to local interested groups.</p>	Michele Campbell
3.3	Work with local residents on Bronze Into Gold Estates to incorporate environmental improvements throughout the BIG workbook.	March 2010	BIG workbook to be launched across BL throughout September 2009.	Neighbourhood Investment Managers/Team Leaders

3.4	Apply for 'Dulux Trade Grant' who is launching its 'Transforming Communities' campaign – a chance for providers of social housing to win a makeover for a community area at one of their properties/estates.	October 2009	Property Services team (Gill Stokes) has approached Advance to set up a partnership approach involving Connaughts to transform a Community. Choose estate that will benefit from the project and apply for grant to resource project by end of September 2009.	Elaine Browne/Michele Campbell
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SECTION 4		Target date	Actions/Progress	Champion
WASTE				
4.1	Work with local residents in Eyton View to supply water butts and monitor their impact.			Michele Campbell
4.2	<p>Promotion of Green/efficiency measures within the workplace: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued use of recycling bins for plastic and tin. • Use of Fair Trade tea and coffee at both offices • Recycling of toners and print cartridges and batteries from Friars Gate. • Recycling of paper and confidential waste from Friars Gate <p>Turning off lights, photocopiers at the end of each day</p>	March 2010		Friars Gate
4.3	Encourage colleagues to turn off equipment when not in use, and use reminder "stickers".			Angela Hill

SECTION 5		Target date	Actions/Progress	Champion
TRANSPORT				
5.1	A Residential Travel Plan has been produced for Wychall Farm, which includes measures to actively promote the use of more sustainable transport choices for local residents.	March 2010	Residential Travel Plan is part of the planning conditions – initial meetings with Central Networks to develop plan and ongoing throughout remainder of the year.	Elaine Browne/Steve Smith
5.2	Promote the use of homeworking to reduce the need for unnecessary travel, by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of Citrix gateway • telephone transfer facility • fax by pc 			Angela Hill
5.3	Promote the use of video conferencing to reduce the need for travel between places of business for meetings.			Angela Hill
5.4	Review Housing Manager 'patches' to reduce the need for travel.	July 09	Achieved	Team Leaders
5.5	Encourage lift sharing to reduce our impact on the carbon footprint.			Angela Hill