

## **Borough Fleet Actions**

### **22. Join the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) for the borough's own fleet and obtain Gold Accreditation.**

FORS is an over-arching scheme that encompasses all aspects of safety, fuel efficiency, economical operations and vehicle emissions. Gold accreditation is only awarded to exceptional operators who have met exacting targets. FORS gold operators will actively promote the FORS Standard to their supply chain and produce a case study documenting their progression through to the top level of accreditation. Ealing's own fleet is not large, with Parks having the largest fleet. Other boroughs are FORS accredited with City of London having completed the FORS audits for silver and gold standards. Ealing doesn't directly operate enough fleet vehicles to qualify for FORS but WestTrans has secured FORS Champion status for LBE as recognition of the procurement practices – including FORS accreditation requirements for any procured freight/fleet function.

### **23. Increasing the number of hydrogen, electric, hybrid, bio-methane and cleaner vehicles in the borough's fleet.**

The first step would be to join FORS (action 22 above) and then through the FORS programme to undertake an audit of the current fleet. Any alternatively fuelled vehicles could act as a demonstrator to other businesses and the general public (through events etc.) and hence assist in a wider modal shift to alternatively fuelled vehicles. The provision of an appropriate refuelling infrastructure for the alternatives fuels concerned would also be required.

### **24. Accelerate the uptake of new Euro 6/VI vehicles in the borough fleet.**

In 1992 the European Union introduced new emissions standards (Euro standards) for vehicles. These have progressively tightened limits for the main atmospheric pollutants. Euro VI has been the standard for Heavy duty vehicles since the end of 2013 and for cars. Euro 6 came into force in September 2014. Capital costs for introducing Euro 6/VI vehicles is potentially high.

### **25. Smarter Driver Training for drivers of vehicles in Borough Own Fleet i.e. through training of fuel efficient driving and providing regular re-training of staff**

Smarter Driving or eco-driving can be an easy way to reduce fuel consumption from road transport so that less fuel is used to travel the same distance. In the last decades, engine technology and performance of cars has improved rapidly, while most drivers have not adapted their driving style. Reported average fuel savings following training are usually over 10%, representing a potential emissions and cost saving to organisations. Within the Council, eco-driving training was undertaken 2 years ago, but this will be re-visited in light of this action plan.