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Greenwich awarded Future Fleet Forum 'most sustainable' award

The Royal Borough of Greenwich has bagged a top environmental award at the Local Authority Plant and Vehicles annual Future Fleet Forum awards.

The Royal Greenwich Fleet Development team won an award for 'Most sustainable fleet management department', beating entrants from all over the UK.

Fleet management in Royal Greenwich has undergone a number of changes and enhancements over the past few years, with the aim of surpassing legal compliance, improving safety and reducing its environmental impact. The borough contends with some of the most heavily polluted roads in London that are in excess of the legal limits.

By the end of February 2018, 7 new fleet management policies covering areas such as

dangerous and specialist goods and anti-idling will have been introduced.

The Royal Borough is also working with a number of partners, including Jaguar Land Rover, TRL, Bosch and DG Cities, to provide data for modelling autonomous vehicles as part of the MOVE_UK project. The research aims to reduce the time taken to test automated driving systems and bring them to market.

Councillor Danny Thorpe, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Sustainability, said:

“This is such a proud moment for Greenwich. We are determined to do all we can to make Royal Greenwich a cleaner, greener and more healthy place for our residents. Our Greener Greenwich Strategy, launched in 2016, includes creating more electric charging points across the borough, and a number of other initiatives to tackle air quality.”

The borough is investing over £17 million over the next 4 years to ensure that its fleet is fitted with the newest technology and achieves high standards of safety and environmental performance.

Councillor Jackie Smith, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Environment, said:

“I am delighted that our fleet team has won such an esteemed award. We are dedicated to understanding the impacts of autonomous driving technologies and the opportunities they will provide to local residents and businesses in the future. This award recognises the work we are doing to ensure that our fleet is meeting the challenges of environmental impact, and leading the way in road safety innovations.”

Together with Magnetic Systems Technology and DG Cities, Greenwich helps leads the research of the first fully converted 26 tonne electric refuse collection vehicle (eRCV). The pioneering project aims to demonstrate the capability of the design whilst also producing zero emissions, reducing noise and extending the life of the asset, which was first registered in 2009.

Greenwich will only procure electric car derived vans from 2018, unless there are exceptional reasons for retaining a diesel alternative. The current replacement programme

looks to include up to 18 electric vehicles by the end of 2018. Simultaneously the council has installed 20 new electric charging points at its main operational depot to assist in the electrification of its fleet.

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The high-profile judging panel had a combined knowledge and expertise in fleet management:

- Keith Kerman - deputy commissioner and chief fleet officer, City of New York
- Eric Richardson - deputy fleet officer, City of New York
- Vince Dignam - business performance manager, City of London
- Arend Mouton - vehicle fleet manager, City of London Police
- Chris Ruane - public authority development officer, Chartered Institute Logistics and Transport
- Graham Sheen - business services secretary (benchmarking), Chartered Institute Logistics and Transport
- Ann-Marie Knegt - editor of LAPV and Fire and Rescue magazines

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