

<b>Report Title</b>		Report RL 04/12/19 - 06
Flats initiative		
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<b>Summary</b>
This paper presents an update on the flat project activities in line with the Resource London programme delivery plan.

<b>Recommendation</b>
To note the contents of the report.

<b>Risk Management</b>	
<b>Risk</b>	<b>Action to mitigate risk</b>
N/A – no decisions being made	

<b>Implications</b>	
<b>Legal</b> N/A – no decisions being made	
<b>Financial</b> N/A – no decisions being made	
<b>Equalities</b> N/A – no decisions being made	
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### Supporting Report

<b>Purpose of the paper</b>
To provide the Partnership Board with a progress report on the development of the flats project.

**Report**

Existing purpose-built flats

Output indicator	1	2	3	4
Deliver a project focused on existing purpose-built flats to improve quality and quantity of recycle	G	G	A	

The Resource London Peabody Flats Recycling report and accompanying case studies and toolkit for how to improve recycling in purpose-built flats are currently being finalised with input from key stakeholders. The report will be launched on one of the estates involved in the project early in the New Year. Officers will give a short presentation on the report findings at the meeting.

Further work coming out of the Peabody project includes:

**15-34-year-old audience insights:** The Peabody work has showed the importance of residents' age profile on recycling performance. Specifically, it showed that populations with more people aged between 15 and 34 tend to recycle less. This finding is supported by evidence from the Recycling Tracker. More work is required to better understand why this is the case and what measures might be used to improve results with this age group.

**Flats modelling:** This study looked at purpose-built flats on 12 estates in London owned and managed by Peabody. Further work is required to understand the waste and recycling performance of other types of flats in London including the potential of the Flats Recycling Package<sup>1</sup> to make improvements. Officers are working with a research and evaluation expert to develop a methodology for gathering waste and recycling performance data that is representative of all types of flats in London and expect to report on this by the end of 2020.

**Existing case studies:** Officer are meeting in December to consider the value and viability of continuing to monitor the existing case study estates in June/July 2020 which would look at the stability of the improvements in recycling performance and the impact of introducing food and textile collections on some of the estates.

New Build Flats:

Output indicator	1	2	3	4
Deliver a project focussed on recycling in new build flats	A	A	A	

Officers are working with an inner London borough with the second highest number of new households due to be built over the next 20 years to develop

<sup>1</sup> nee. Flats Minimum Standard

supplementary planning guidance for waste in new build purpose-built flats that could be used as a template for other authorities.

Resource London are currently in discussions with the GLA about feeding into revisions of housing guidance and other related planning documents.