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A MAYOR FOR ALL LONDONERS

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Mayor's Foreword



In May 2008, I became Mayor of what is the best big city in the world to live in. Since then I have been working to increase that lead.

I was elected to make London safer, cleaner and greener, to make our capital easier and more convenient to get around. It is now just over half way through this Mayoral term and it is a good opportunity to do a

stock take: to see where we are and where we are going.

London is emerging from recession and the GLA has eased the burden by ending wasteful spending and bearing down ruthlessly on costs, enabling me to freeze the GLA's part of the council tax for two years running after eight continuous years of rises.

However, the debt crisis the new coalition government has inherited is going necessarily to mean a further tightening of the purse strings and some very difficult decisions will have to be made. The public sector will

increasingly have to learn to do more with less.

Under my administration, the GLA has led the way in becoming more efficient and ensuring maximum taxpayer value and we will continue to find more ways to save money and therefore protect the front line services all Londoners depend on.

In just over two years, the world's eyes will be on London as we host the Olympic and Paralympic Games. When we welcome the world, what will it find?



A city that has used the regenerative power of the Games to re-orientate our capital to the east, a city that has ensured that the Games leave a lasting legacy. As well as incredible facilities built to last and one of Europe's largest parks the city will have gained a 115m high permanent visitor attraction – Anish Kapoor's ArcelorMittal Orbit – towering over the Olympic Park, drawing thousands of people long after the Games.

Londoners and their visitors will find a city that is undergoing a transport revolution. They will find thousands of cycles for hire, with the first 30 minutes



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free, from hundreds of docking stations across central London. They will see a half-dozen Cycle Superhighways, safe, fast and direct routes from outer London into the centre and more on the way.

London will be a safer city. Over the past two years, notifiable crimes have declined by over five percent, with youth violence down by over 10 percent. But there is always work to be done. With more police officers in 2012 than 2008, there will be an increased uniformed presence on the capital's streets to deter crime.

My Time for Action programme, which seeks to solve the root causes of why some of our young people go so badly off the rails, will be paying dividends. I sincerely hope that, although every incident is an appalling tragedy, we will

be hearing of fewer senseless violent teenage deaths.

Our capital will have become Europe's electric car capital. We will be well on way to having 100,000 electric cars on the city's streets and with 25,000 electric car charging points installed, no Londoner should be more than a mile away from one.

There will be signs across the capital of the largest civil engineering project in Europe as Crossrail is delivered. When it's finished in 2017, London's rail capacity will be increased by 10 per cent in one fell swoop.



It will be a cleaner and greener city with 10,000 more street trees in 40 priority areas across the city. More of the public realm schemes will be completed, giving

Londoners and visitors alike much improved spaces for people to meet, talk, eat and drink or simply pass through. Cleaner buses and taxis and the implementation of Phase 3 of the Low Emission Zone will make London's air cleaner for the athletes and spectators.

With a record 50,000 new high quality affordable homes delivered in one Mayoral term, the capital will be beginning to address the housing shortage.

We have the strategies now in place to deliver this vision and the Annual Report spells out what we have achieved in the past year and the challenges

ahead. In the next two years, I and everyone in the GLA group will be working flat out to deliver them and make us an Olympic Host City all Londoners can be proud of.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

London is only now emerging from the worst recession in a generation. The Mayor's Economic Recovery Plan has helped London's businesses through the downturn. By cutting down on waste, the Mayor's part of the council tax has been frozen for the second year running, easing the burden for Londoners' taxpayers.

The Mayor's Economic Recovery Action Plan outlines a range of short and long-term measures to support SMEs through these trying times including a new £10 million investment fund to help SMEs access loans.

The current economic climate means we must do more with much less. The Mayor's 2010/11 budget provides for over £550 million savings and efficiencies across the GLA group, rising to over £2.4 billion in total by March 2013.

The Mayor will continue to fight for London's fair share. He feels it is necessary to maintain vital investment in infrastructure projects such as transport and housing so we can recover from recession best placed to compete with the world. The regeneration potential of the Olympic and Paralympic Games must be maximised. That's



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why the Mayor has set up the Olympic Park Legacy Company to ensure that London is left with a lasting legacy after the Games. Great progress has been made and we are on target to host a world-beating Olympics without spending beyond our means.

CRIME

It is the Mayor's top priority to make London safer. Since being elected he's brought the Met under new leadership and has had some success in reducing crime with a five per cent drop in notifiable offences, while youth violence is down by over ten per cent.

The Mayor is alarmed by the increased reporting of serious sexual offences and is quadrupling rape crisis provision in the capital. When the Mayor was elected, London had just one Rape Crisis Centre in Croydon, but after an investment of £1.4 million, there will be four by the end

of this year, one in the north, south, east and west of London.

While youth violence is declining, it remains a serious concern, and the Mayor intends to tackle the problem at its roots through his Time for Action programme.

Met Police and British Transport Police figures show that crime on the bus network fell eight per cent in 2009/10, while crime on the Tube/DLR fell by four per cent, and violent crime by eight per cent.

There are a number of tough new strategies to tackle crime.



This includes Met Forward, our policing strategy; Time for Action, our strategy to turn young people away from crime; and The Way Forward, our strategy to end violence against women.

TRANSPORT

An efficient transport system doesn't just keep London moving, it helps maintain our competitive edge and has a huge impact on our daily lives.

That's why investment in our transport infrastructure is key. This year has seen the arrival of the East London Line early and on budget. Crossrail and the Tube upgrades must now be delivered as well as maintaining our world-class bus network.

The Mayor's Cycling Revolution also comes to the fore with the launch of the Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme and the first Cycle Superhighway opening as well



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as several 'Biking Boroughs' encouraging cycling in outer London.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The Mayor was elected to help make London a cleaner, greener and more pleasant city in which to live, work and bring up a family. We are investing in over 50 public space projects, ranging from redesigned streets to reclaimed green spaces and waterways.

With the completion of schemes like Windrush Square and Braham Street Park, London's public realm is being transformed.

The capital's favourite parks, voted by 100,000 Londoners, are also being refurbished with GLA grants, while the Mayor is

already over half way towards delivering the 10,000 street trees he promised.

Affordable housing is another priority, and the Mayor is on target to deliver 50,000 new affordable homes by 2012. This will be a record number in a single Mayoral term.

The Mayor is also committed to reducing the capital's carbon footprint by 60 per cent by 2025 from 1990 levels with a number of carbon-cutting programmes.

Electric vehicles will help reduce transport emissions and the



Mayor wants London to be Europe's electric car capital. To encourage electric vehicles 25,000 electric car-charging points are being installed, so no Londoner should be more than a mile away from one. There are currently 1,700 electric vehicles in London, and the

Mayor wants to increase this to 100,000 (five per cent) of the capital's fleet as soon as possible.

The Mayor has invested £6 million from publicity budgets to improve London's parks and make them more attractive and safer for local communities. Over 110,000 Londoners voted for their ten favourite parks in the Help a London Park scheme, with the winners awarded £400,000 each. The Mayor also provided £2 million towards the regeneration of Burgess Park in Southwark.

Over the next three years, the Mayor is supporting the

investment of over £225 million in public spaces. This ranges from improving local parks to reclaiming London's waterways and redesigning local high streets and town centres.

London will be one of the leading low carbon capitals of the world by 2025. The Mayor will achieve this through measures such as low carbon zones, investing in the low carbon economy, improving the energy efficiency of London's buildings and supporting decentralised forms of energy.

YOUTH

The Mayor is concerned that the recession has had a disproportionate effect on young people. He is working to encourage businesses to recruit apprentices, with the GLA group leading the way with a range of apprenticeship schemes.

The Mayor has committed that the GLA group will offer 3,000 apprenticeships by 2012. The group has made good progress despite challenging economic circumstances. In the year 2009/10 the group created 884 apprenticeships, with considerable impact achieved within the supply chain.

The London boroughs have made similarly good progress achieving 971 apprenticeship starts against a target of 600.

Youth violence is another concern, and while the Mayor has had some success in reducing it he wants to address the root causes of why some young people go so badly off the rails. His Time for Action programme is a multi-faceted strategy aimed at turning young people away from the culture of gangs and violence. Since Blunt 2 was launched, more than 9,500 knives have been seized and 18,000 arrests made. Youth homicide has fallen significantly

since 2008, with knife murders in particular down. However, the Mayor is not complacent and this remains a key priority.

The LDA is taking forward the Mayor's Academies programme to boost educational achievement with interested boroughs and educational partners. The first two academies, Turin Grove and Gladys Aylward, are due to open in Enfield this September.

MAYOR FOR ALL LONDONERS

The Mayor was elected on a platform to lead the most open and accountable administration. In May 2009, he published a corporate governance framework for the GLA group to enhance transparency, strengthen coordination across the group and improve services for Londoners.

He has declared all GLA spending over £1,000, as well as making data publicly available for free. The London Datastore is pioneering an information revolution in the capital as City Hall released huge realms of previously unavailable data for everyone to

see and use free of charge. The Datastore, launched in January 2010, is a key part of the Mayor's ongoing campaign to boost transparency and accountability in London, and he is hoping other public sector organisations will follow suit.

The Mayor is committed to providing the public with as many possible ways to engage with him as he can, both by harnessing the benefits of new technology for Londoners and by providing more public meeting opportunities.

The Mayor held statutory People's Question Time events



in November and March, as well as four issue-based events around London, which focused on the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the economy, young people, and the environment.

The tenth Annual London Survey was published, and shows that the capital's ret

One of London's great strengths is its amazing diversity. The Mayor wants to represent all Londoners, with the GLA supporting a range of events that help to bring us together.

The Mayor successfully delivered a range of cultural events in major venues across London including New Year's Eve fireworks, Chinese New Year, St George's Day, St Patrick's Day, Chanukah and Vaisakhi in Trafalgar Square. He also supported various cultural events with partners, including the Mayor's Thames Festival, Notting Hill Carnival and the London Mela.

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Greek

Αν θέλετε να αποκτήσετε αντίγραφο του παρόντος εγγράφου στη δική σας γλώσσα, παρακαλείσθε να επικοινωνήσετε τηλεφωνικά στον αριθμό αυτό ή ταχυδρομικά στην παρακάτω διεύθυνση.

Turkish

Bu belgenin kendi dilinizde hazırlanmış bir nüshasını edinmek için, lütfen aşağıdaki telefon numarasını arayınız veya adrese başvurunuz.

Punjabi

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Hindi

यदि आप इस दस्तावेज की प्रति अपनी भाषा में चाहते हैं, तो कृपया निम्नलिखित नंबर पर फोन करें अथवा नीचे दिये गये पते पर संपर्क करें

Bengali

আপনি যদি আপনার ভাষায় এই দলিলের প্রতিলিপি (কপি) চান, তা হলে नीचे फोन नम्बर বা ঠিকানায় অনুগ্রহ করে যোগাযোগ করুন।

Urdu

اگر آپ اس دستاویز کی نقل اپنی زبان میں چاہتے ہیں، تو براہ کرم نیچے دئے گئے نمبر پر فون کریں یا دیتے گئے پتے پر رابطہ کریں

Arabic

إذا أردت نسخة من هذه الوثيقة بلغتك، يرجى الاتصال برقم الهاتف أو مراسلة العنوان أدناه

Gujarati

જો તમને આ દસ્તાવેજની નકલ તમારી ભાષામાં જોઈતી હોય તો, કૃપા કરી આપેલ નંબર ઉપર ફોન કરો અથવા નીચેના સરનામે સંપર્ક સાથો.