

# AGENDA

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Wednesday 20 November 2013</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA</b>

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Darren Johnson AM  
Chair of the London Assembly

Roger Evans AM  
Deputy Chairman  
Tuesday 12 November 2013

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**Agenda**  
**London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)**  
**Wednesday 20 November 2013**

**1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements**

To receive any apologies for absence and any announcements from the Chair.

**2 Declarations of Interests** (Pages 1 - 4)

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- (a) Note the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, as disclosable pecuniary interests;**
- (b) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s); and**
- (c) Note the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at Agenda Item 2) and to note any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s).**

**3 Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)

**The Assembly is recommended to confirm the minutes of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 23 October 2013 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

The appendices to the minutes of the Mayor's Question Time meeting on 23 October 2013 (including the transcript of the question and answer session held at that meeting) have been circulated to Assembly Members separately. Transcripts and written answers for past meetings can be downloaded from <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly>

**4 Mayor's Report** (Pages 9 - 34)

**The Assembly is recommended to note the Mayor's Report covering the period from 10 October 2013 to 6 November 2013.**

A list of all the decisions taken during the same period is attached, for Members only, on pages 27 to 34, as a background complementary paper to the Mayor's Report (and as previously published). This document can also be downloaded at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly>

## **5 Questions to the Mayor**

(To be circulated separately)

### **Part A:**

The Assembly will put questions to the Mayor.

### **Part B:**

Motion submitted in the name of the Chair:

“That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked.”

(The list of questions to be put to the Mayor can also be downloaded at:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly>)

## **6 Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly will be the Plenary meeting which will take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 4 December 2013 in the Chamber, City Hall.

The next meeting will be used principally to put questions to the Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority and the London Fire Commissioner.

## **7 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent**

# Subject: Declarations of Interests

**Report to: Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 20 November 2013**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out details of offices held by Assembly Members for noting as disclosable pecuniary interests and requires additional relevant declarations relating to disclosable pecuniary interests, and gifts and hospitality to be made.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table below, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests<sup>1</sup>;**
- 2.2 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any disclosable pecuniary interests in specific items listed on the agenda and the necessary action taken by the Member(s) regarding withdrawal following such declaration(s) be noted; and**
- 2.3 **That the declaration by any Member(s) of any other interests deemed to be relevant (including any interests arising from gifts and hospitality received which are not at the time of the meeting reflected on the Authority's register of gifts and hospitality, and noting also the advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer set out at below) and any necessary action taken by the Member(s) following such declaration(s) be noted.**

## 3. Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 Relevant offices held by Assembly Members are listed in the table overleaf:

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<sup>1</sup> The Monitoring Officer advises that: Paragraph 10 of the Code of Conduct will only preclude a Member from participating in any matter to be considered or being considered at, for example, a meeting of the Assembly, where the Member has a direct Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in that particular matter. The effect of this is that the 'matter to be considered, or being considered' must be about the Member's interest. So, by way of example, if an Assembly Member is also a councillor of London Borough X, that Assembly Member will be precluded from participating in an Assembly meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about the Member's role / employment as a councillor of London Borough X; the Member will not be precluded from participating in a meeting where the Assembly is to consider a matter about an activity or decision of London Borough X.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Tony Arbour AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Jennette Arnold OBE AM	Committee of the Regions
Gareth Bacon AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Bexley
John Biggs AM	
Andrew Boff AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Victoria Borwick AM	Member, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea; Deputy Mayor
James Cleverly AM	Chairman of LFEPA; Chairman of the London Local Resilience Forum; substitute member, Local Government Association Fire Services Management Committee
Tom Copley AM	
Andrew Dismore AM	
Len Duvall AM	
Roger Evans AM	Member, LB Havering; Committee of the Regions; Trust for London (Trustee)
Nicky Gavron AM	
Darren Johnson AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Lewisham
Jenny Jones AM	Member, House of Lords
Stephen Knight AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Richmond
Kit Malthouse AM	Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise; Deputy Chair, London Enterprise Panel; Chair, Hydrogen London; Chairman, London & Partners; Board Member, TheCityUK
Joanne McCartney AM	
Steve O'Connell AM	Member, LB Croydon; MOPAC Non-Executive Adviser for Neighbourhoods
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	
Murad Qureshi AM	Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (Council of Europe)
Dr Onkar Sahota AM	
Navin Shah AM	Member, LFEPA; Member, LB Harrow
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM	Member, LFEPA
Richard Tracey AM	Chairman of the London Waste and Recycling Board; Mayor's Ambassador for River Transport
Fiona Twycross AM	Member, LFEPA

[Note: LB - London Borough; LFEPA - London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority; MOPAC – Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime]

3.2 Paragraph 10 of the GLA's Code of Conduct, which reflects the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011, provides that:

- where an Assembly Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered or being considered or at
  - (i) a meeting of the Assembly and any of its committees or sub-committees; or
  - (ii) any formal meeting held by the Mayor in connection with the exercise of the Authority's functions
- they must disclose that interest to the meeting (or, if it is a sensitive interest, disclose the fact that they have a sensitive interest to the meeting); and

- must not (i) participate, or participate any further, in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; or (ii) participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting

#### UNLESS

- they have obtained a dispensation from the GLA's Monitoring Officer (in accordance with section 2 of the Procedure for registration and declarations of interests, gifts and hospitality – Appendix 5 to the Code).

- 3.3 Failure to comply with the above requirements, without reasonable excuse, is a criminal offence; as is knowingly or recklessly providing information about your interests that is false or misleading.
- 3.4 In addition, the Monitoring Officer has advised Assembly Members to continue to apply the test that was previously applied to help determine whether a pecuniary / prejudicial interest was arising - namely, that Members rely on a reasonable estimation of whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, could, with justification, regard the matter as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.
- 3.5 Members should then exercise their judgement as to whether or not, in view of their interests and the interests of others close to them, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA. It remains the responsibility of individual Members to make further declarations about their actual or apparent interests at formal meetings noting also that a Member's failure to disclose relevant interest(s) has become a potential criminal offence.
- 3.6 Members are also required, where considering a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom they have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25 within the previous three years or from the date of election to the London Assembly, whichever is the later, to disclose the existence and nature of that interest at any meeting of the Authority which they attend at which that business is considered.
- 3.7 The obligation to declare any gift or hospitality at a meeting is discharged, subject to the proviso set out below, by registering gifts and hospitality received on the Authority's on-line database. The on-line database may be viewed here:  
<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/gifts-and-hospitality>.
- 3.8 If any gift or hospitality received by a Member is not set out on the on-line database at the time of the meeting, and under consideration is a matter which relates to or is likely to affect a person from whom a Member has received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25, Members are asked to disclose these at the meeting, either at the declarations of interest agenda item or when the interest becomes apparent.
- 3.9 It is for Members to decide, in light of the particular circumstances, whether their receipt of a gift or hospitality, could, on a reasonable estimation of a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, with justification, be regarded as so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. Where receipt of a gift or hospitality could be so regarded, the Member must exercise their judgement as to whether or not, they should participate in any given discussions and/or decisions business of within and by the GLA.

## **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The legal implications are as set out in the body of this report.

## 5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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List of Background Papers: None
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# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly  
(Mayor's Question Time)**  
**Date: Wednesday 23 October 2013**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's  
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

Copies of the minutes may be found at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/whole-assembly>

**Present:**

Darren Johnson AM (Chair)	Jenny Jones AM
Roger Evans AM (Deputy Chair)	Stephen Knight AM
Tony Arbour AM	Kit Malthouse AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM	Joanne McCartney AM
John Biggs AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Andrew Boff AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Victoria Borwick AM	Murad Qureshi AM
James Cleverly AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Tom Copley AM	Navin Shah AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Richard Tracey AM
Len Duvall AM	Fiona Twycross AM
Nicky Gavron AM	

## **1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Valerie Shawcross CBE AM and Gareth Bacon AM.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM on her return following the recent birth of her son.
- 1.3 The Chair welcomed to the gallery students from Ilford County High, Westminster Kingsway College, St Laurence University (New York), Parkhill Junior School, Sullivan Primary School, City University and News Associates.

## **2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

### **2.1 Resolved:**

**That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.**

## **3 Mayor's Report (Item 3)**

- 3.1 The Assembly noted the Mayor's Report covering the period from 29 August to 9 October 2013.
- 3.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is set out at **Appendix 1**.

## **4 Questions to the Mayor (Item 4)**

- 4.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.
- 4.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting are attached at **Appendix 3**.
- 4.3 During the course of the question and answer session, the Chair proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.
- 4.4 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chair, namely:

**"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked".**

## 5 Date of Next Meeting (Item 5)

- 5.1 The next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Plenary meeting which was due to take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 6 November in the Chamber, City Hall.

## 6 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 6)

- 6.1 The Chair agreed, in accordance with section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), to admit a motion as an item of urgent business.
- 6.2 In accordance with Standing Order 3.12, the Chair asked the Assembly to decide whether to permit consideration of the motion in his name.
- 6.3 Upon being put to vote, the Assembly unanimously agreed to consider the urgent motion in the Chair's name.

### Urgent Motion (Item 6a)

- 6.4 Darren Johnson AM moved and Roger Evans AM seconded the following motion:

"This Assembly sends Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion today of the christening of their great grandson, Prince George, and wishes the family good health and happiness in the years to come.

and that

This Assembly sends greetings to Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the occasion today of the christening of their son, Prince George, and wishes the family on this joyous day good health and much happiness in the years to come."

- 6.5 Upon being moved, the motion in the name of Darren Johnson AM, namely:

**"This Assembly sends Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion today of the christening of their great grandson, Prince George, and wishes the family good health and happiness in the years to come.**

**and that**

**This Assembly sends greetings to Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the occasion today of the christening of their son, Prince George, and wishes the family on this joyous day good health and much happiness in the years to come."**

was agreed.

## 7 Close of Meeting

7.1 The meeting ended at 12.42 pm.

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Chair

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Date

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**London Assembly  
MQT – 20 November 2013  
16th Mayor’s Report to the Assembly**

This is my sixteenth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 10 October to 6 November 2013.

## **Executive Summary**

### **Trade mission to China**

On 13 October, I led a delegation on an official visit to China where I was promoting London as the best destination for Chinese investment, students and tourists.

There’s a huge appetite for London in China and this visit has proved to me that Chinese investments such as those into the Royal Docks and Crystal Palace are just the start of a new wave of significant, vitally needed investments.

### **Chair of Ethics Panel**

On 10 October, I announced that Lord Carlile of Berriew, QC, the former Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, had been appointed as chair of a new MOPAC Ethics Panel.

### **Gangs Panel**

I have appointed Stephen Greenhalgh, Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime and Ray Lewis, my Mentoring Advisor, as co-chairs of a new Gangs Panel to oversee work aimed at tackling gangs and steering London’s vulnerable young people away from crime.

### **World Islamic Economic Forum in London for the first time**

On 28 October, I welcomed the arrival of the World Islamic Economic Forum to London. The first time this major international conference has been held outside Asia.

### **TfL improves transparency and accountability by publishing more data**

Transport for London is reinforcing its commitment to improve transparency for customers and stakeholders by making a range of previously unpublished information available on its website. This is consistent with TfL’s commitments given as part of the London Assembly Oversight Committee’s report into Transparency across the GLA family.

### **Haringey - Britain’s first electric bike borough**

Electrically-assisted bicycles will become a common sight on the streets of North London after the borough of Haringey was chosen to trial Britain’s first electric cycle hire scheme.

## **Policing and Community Safety**

### **Chair of Ethics Panel**

On 10 October, I announced that Lord Carlile of Berriew, QC, the former Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, had been appointed as chair of a new MOPAC Ethics Panel.

The MOPAC Ethics Panel, which will complement the existing structures in place to oversee the way the city is policed, will examine issues of public concern around the ethics and quality of policing and make recommendations. This will help to provide reassurance and boost public confidence in policing. The role of the Chair will be to act as an independent, public-facing figurehead to lead the work of the MOPAC Ethics Panel.

### **The MPS return to Whitehall**

On 14 October, I announced that renowned architects Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM) have been chosen to redesign London's new police headquarters. The MPS are moving to more modern, cost effective offices at the iconic Curtis Green building on the Victoria Embankment in 2015.

The sale of the current MPS HQ - New Scotland Yard - will provide significant capital to reinvest in frontline policing.

### **Southwark Police cadet visit**

On 30 October, I joined Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the MPS Commissioner, on a visit to Walworth Academy to inspect and address Southwark police cadets, including their new youth cadet unit for 10-13 year olds.

The Volunteer Police Cadets are a key part of my Police & Crime Plan's aim of reconnecting the police with the public by boosting volunteering and growing the police family. The aim of the cadets is to teach life skills, encourage social responsibility and build positive relationships between young people and the police.

### **Gangs Panel**

I have appointed Stephen Greenhalgh, my Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime, and Ray Lewis, my Mentoring Advisor, as co-chairs of a new Gangs Panel to oversee work aimed at tackling gangs and steering London's vulnerable young people away from crime.

The panel will bring together the police, key stakeholders and voluntary sector groups, and its findings will feed into the London Crime Reduction Board.

### **Annual Police Bravery Awards**

On 17 October, the Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime attended the Police Bravery Awards. This event recognises the most outstanding acts of courage by the police service in England and Wales, who place themselves in harm's way to protect the public. It was a night to celebrate the courage, commitment and sacrifice of the officers in the Metropolitan Police and all of Britain's police forces.

## **MOPAC Challenge**

On 22 October, I chaired the latest Quarterly MOPAC Challenge, where we heard the good news that London has reached the highest ever record for effective trial rates of 61.3%. I also heard that the MPS was doing a substantial job in bringing down crime faster than police forces across the rest of the country and in 6 out of the 7 key neighbourhood crime types, we were seeing progress that put the MPS on course to achieve the 20% Challenge I have set them.

## **Visit to Oceana nightclub in Kingston**

On October 25, Stephen Greenhalgh, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, visited Oceana nightclub in Kingston, a year to the day since the tragic stabbing of a clubber and the temporary closure of the venue. In the same week Kingston was named the capital's safest borough in the latest Metropolitan Police figures and Stephen congratulated staff and officers on the dramatic 85 per cent reduction in crime at the venue. Stephen was given a demonstration of the Scan Net system, which has been credited with helping reduce crime in Oceana significantly since last year.

## **Conference in the Netherlands**

The 2013 Grand Conference on Building a Resilient Digital Society took place on 5 November, organised by the Dutch department of Cyber Resilience. The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime attended and shared experience with civic leaders, industry and law enforcement from many leading Smart cities in Europe. The aim of the conference was to underline the importance of leadership on cyber resilience to help protect people, businesses and infrastructure in large cities.

## **Transport**

### **First fully-segregated Barclays Cycle Superhighway opened**

On 6 November, I launched the first fully-segregated section of Barclays Cycle Superhighway and unveiled plans for similar improvements elsewhere on the road network. I also committed to a major upgrade of existing Cycle Superhighway routes and an entirely new north-south segregated cycle route through Central London.

The new section of Barclays Cycle Superhighway 2 (CS2), between Bow and Stratford, has just under 2 miles of new cycle track, almost entirely physically separated from traffic, along with "bus stop bypasses" to protect cyclists. Similar bus stop bypasses already exist in other parts of London, such as on Pinner Road in North Harrow, and in Brighton.

Transport for London have also announced that over 100 additional designers, engineers and traffic modellers will be sought to help deliver the massively-expanded cycling programme, which will see new routes and improvements across London, as part of a wider initiative for improving the capital's roads.

### **TfL improves transparency and accountability by publishing more data**

Transport for London is reinforcing its commitment to improve transparency for customers and stakeholders by making a range of previously unpublished information available on its website.

These improvements include:

- Proactive publication of the information regularly requested by customers and stakeholders;
- Lowering the threshold for the publication of all expenditure from £500 to £250;
- Publication of all contracts above the appropriate OJEU threshold.

This is all consistent with TfL's commitments given as part of the London Assembly Oversight Committee's report into Transparency across the GLA family.

TfL has examined the thousands of information requests received under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and from London Assembly Members to identify the information for which it is regularly asked.

As a result, data will now be published each quarter on: Oyster card deposits, balances and incomplete journeys; road safety; Congestion Charge payments and penalty charges, including outstanding payments from embassies; Barclays Cycle Hire usage and availability; and performance on responding to FOIA requests.

All expenditure of more than £250 will also be published, allowing even greater scrutiny of how money is spent. The previous reporting threshold was £500.

In addition, all contracts with a value above the appropriate OJEU threshold entered into as a result of an Invitation to Tender issued after 1 September 2013 will now be published within 20 days of being signed. Older contracts will be published on request and any contract announced in a press release will also be published.

### **Haringey - Britain's first electric bike borough**

Electrically-assisted bicycles will become a common sight on the streets of North London after the borough of Haringey was chosen to trial Britain's first "Barclays Bike-style" electric cycle hire scheme.

A fleet of e-bikes will operate from a network of docking stations in the area around Muswell Hill. Anyone will be able to use them to take the pain out of cycling (or walking) up the area's hills.

Following bids from boroughs to become 'Mini-Hollands', Haringey was identified as being an optimum location for this e-bike trial, due to particularly hilly areas in the borough and the potential to use e-bikes to link in with public transport.

The trial scheme is likely to operate in a similar way to the existing Barclays Cycle Hire scheme in inner London, with users riding between docking stations, though it will be completely self-contained and bikes will not be interchangeable with the main scheme. The scheme will provide a valuable supplement to the buses that are the area's only public transport.

Electric bikes are exactly like normal bikes except that there is a small, battery-powered motor to help you pedal. They are especially useful in hilly areas, or for people who need to ride without breaking sweat, or for people who are older or less fit.



## **Route 9 becomes third route to served by iconic New Bus for London**

On 26 October, Route 9 became the third in the capital to be served entirely by New Bus for London vehicles. The route, which is operated by London United, runs between Hammersmith and Aldwych, and will see at its peak 22 of the new buses in passenger service to carry the 16,000 people who travel on the route each day.

## **TfL helps ex-Armed Forces members back into employment**

Transport for London is to create 30 paid work placements to help ex-Armed Forces members back into employment.

TfL has been working with the Armed Forces resettlement support groups and Remploy, and has identified that many of the personnel who are leaving the Services have useful skills that can be transferred to the transport sector which has a shortfall of skilled engineering and planning staff. As a result, a pilot of four six-month work placements took place between 2010 and 2012, with three out of the four ending up with permanent positions at TfL or its suppliers.

Following the success of the trial a wider rollout of 30 six month placements will see people working in engineering, planning, project management and operational roles. These placements will provide ex-Service men and women with an opportunity to develop further work experience and skills that are transferable within the transport industry to help them onto permanent employment at the end of their placements. They will also receive training in interview techniques and CV writing skills to enable them to have the confidence to apply for future roles in the industry.

## **TfL and Crossrail graduate trainee programmes**

TfL and Crossrail have now welcomed 140 new graduate trainees into their organisations, working in areas that include engineering, project management, transport planning, commercial, information management, finance and marketing roles. Applications for the 2014 schemes have now opened and a similar number of graduates are expected to be recruited.

Projects that they will be working on include contributing to the improvement of the reliability of the Tube and to making TfL's network more accessible for passengers. All TfL graduate trainees will also spend time in frontline roles across TfL's network to get a firsthand experience of providing Tube, Bus, rail and other services to customers.

## **TfL and the MPS cut cycle theft across the capital**

Transport for London has joined forces with the MPS in a special operation titled Project Cycle Ops in a move to cut cycle thefts across London. Since the start of the new initiative in October 2012, bike theft has fallen by 11 per cent across the capital with over 2,000 fewer offences.

The number of bike thefts in London from October 2012 to the end of August 2013 was 19,052, compared with 21,488 in 2012 and 20,411 in 2011 over the same time period. Against a three-year average (used to flatten out fluctuations caused by spells of extreme weather) bike theft is down by 10.3 per cent.

Activity to tackle bike crime has included bike marking and registration events, educating cyclists, high-visibility policing patrols to discourage thieves, surveillance, and special

undercover policing tactics. During the course of Project Cycle Ops police have security marked and registered over 40,000 bikes on BikeRegister.com.

### **Crossrail awards Paddington New Yard contract**

Crossrail has announced its intention to award the contract for Paddington New Yard to Costain Limited.

The contract includes the construction of a new 180m long elevated bus deck which will connect to Westbourne Park Bus Garage, the relocation of an existing concrete batching plant, and preparatory works for the installation of new rail track and associated systems for Crossrail in Paddington New Yard.

### **New landmark Abbey Wood station gets the green light**

Plans for a brand new station have been approved by the London Borough of Bexley and the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

The new two-level station will open in 2017 and will be built above two new dedicated Crossrail tracks and those used by North Kent services. The station will include a bright, spacious concourse that leads directly onto a wide forecourt connecting the station to the Harrow Manorway dual carriageway which runs above the current station; two new 'island' platforms for Crossrail and North Kent services and lifts to help passengers get around the station and to provide step-free access to every platform.

Work on the temporary station, which will be situated in the current station car park and open in autumn 2014, will get underway next month. It will provide an accessible route to all platforms throughout the build programme via platform lifts. Demolition of the existing station will begin once the temporary station opens.

### **Network Rail awards two major Crossrail contracts for west London and Berkshire**

Network Rail has awarded a contract to VINCI Construction UK Ltd for the design and upgrade of 13 stations in west London and Berkshire and a separate contract for overhead line equipment to Balfour Beatty.

The stations contract covers significant improvements to stations from Acton Main Line to Maidenhead. Many of the stations on the route are being refurbished or partially rebuilt in preparation for Crossrail.

Proposed improvements along the line include new station buildings and ticket halls, new lifts to deliver step free access and longer platforms. The detailed design phase will start at the end of 2013 and main works will take place between mid-2014 and 2018.

The contract awarded to Balfour Beatty involves the installation of electric overhead line equipment between Airport Junction and Maidenhead across all tracks facilitating the delivery of Crossrail services as well as new high speed Intercity Express trains on the Great Western route.

## **Four new campaigns launched to cut death and injury on London's roads**

Pedestrians, drivers and motorcyclists are being targeted in four new campaigns to improve road safety in London.

Starting from 21 October for six weeks the campaigns will use various tactics to raise safety awareness among different road users. Teenagers, who are a particularly vulnerable group on the roads, will be urged to stay safe in film clips featuring the cast of Channel 4's 'Top Boy' and comedian & Choice radio presenter Kojo.

Earlier this year I launched a new road safety plan which set out a clear path towards helping to reduce accidents on London's roads. These new campaigns will build on the progress already made and aim to cut road accidents even further.

## **Transport for London celebrates schools' commitment to active and safer travel**

Transport for London recently celebrated London's schools' success in promoting sustainable and safer travel. At an annual event at City Hall the highest performing schools across London were brought together as part of TfL's STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active Responsible Safe) school travel plan accreditation scheme.

Forty per cent of London schools are 'STARS' equating to 1,248 primary and secondary schools across all London boroughs, up 16 percent from 2012. These schools are making a significant difference to their communities by implementing safer and sustainable travel initiatives, resulting in reductions in car use and increases in walking and cycling on the journey to school as well as more responsible use of public transport. Schools earn accreditation at three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold, achieving a higher level of accreditation based on the number of travel initiatives and their effectiveness in delivering a move away from car use.

## **Armed forces concession - Transport for London**

I have approved the proposed provision of free travel on TfL services for current members of the UK regular and reserve Armed Forces whilst in uniform. I have delegated to TfL the power to make this concession.

## **Business, Enterprise and the Economy**

### **Trade mission to China**

On 13 October, I led a delegation on an official visit to China where I was promoting London as the best destination for Chinese investment, students and tourists.

The main objective of my visit was to raise the profile of London, and showcase our strengths, in the minds of potential investors, students, tourists and the country's key political decision makers – crucial at this time as diplomatic relations between China and the UK continue to improve.

Altogether my visit took in the country's three primary cities of Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong over six days. My itinerary in each city was packed with over 30 meetings and engagements and included:

- Meetings with the Mayor of Beijing, Vice Mayor of Shanghai and the Chief Executive of Hong Kong
- Speech to Peking University alongside the Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Meetings with many businesses and investors who expressed their on-going commitment to London
- Experiencing the high speed rail link between Beijing and Shanghai
- Promoting the new bus for London in Hong Kong
- Speaking at the London & Partners 'Go Global' event
- Visit to Hong Kong's new airport and the old city centre airport site

With the levels of media interest that this visit generated in China, it has really delivered on the two goals of raising people's awareness of London as a welcoming city for Chinese tourists and students, and leaving China with the understanding that London means business, that we're open, and that we encourage them to invest, visit and study here. There's a huge appetite for London in China and this visit has proved to me that Chinese investments such as those into the Royal Docks and Crystal Palace are just the start of a new wave of significant, vitally needed investments.

### **Increase in London Living Wage announced**

On 4 November, at the start of National Living Wage Week, I announced the annual increase in the London Living Wage taking the hourly rate from £8.55 to £8.80 per hour.

I have been working with the Living Wage Foundation, part of London Citizens, over the past year to encourage even more employers in the city to sign up to the scheme. The number of accredited employers in London paying the Living Wage, which includes both the Greater London Authority and Transport for London, has soared 174 per cent from 78 to 214. Major new sign ups include the National Portrait Gallery, Pearson and Oxfam.

Since 2005, the London Living Wage has put around £235 million into the pockets of lower paid Londoners.

### **World Islamic Economic Forum in London for the first time**

On 28 October, I welcomed the arrival of the World Islamic Economic Forum to London. The first time this major international conference has been held outside Asia.

The 9th annual WIEF conference brought together government leaders, captains of industry, academic scholars and regional experts to discuss opportunities for business partnerships in the Muslim world and beyond. The conference has attracted 2,300 attendees, its largest number to date, from 120 countries. Staging this prestigious international event gave London an ideal platform to promote its credentials as a leading hub for Islamic finance. London is both the largest Islamic financial centre in the West and the ninth-largest in the world.

### **Skills Supplier Team – project continuation 2013/14**

I have approved expenditure of up to £370,000 (£210,000 in 2013/14 and £160,000 in 2014/15) with Transport for London as the Greater London Authority's contribution towards the total project costs of delivering the Supplier Skills Team project in these two years.

## Environment

### Capital Clean Up

This autumn my Capital Clean-up campaign, in partnership with Team London and McDonald's, has awarded 17 grants and 35 'Clean-up Kits' to Friends of Parks groups, schools, youth groups and other community organisations across 17 boroughs in London. A second round of grants will be available in January, and more 'Clean-up Kits' are still available. I urge groups from across London to apply and join this ever expanding community of Capital Clean-up champions' who through volunteering their time to clean and green their neighbourhoods make London a better place to live, work, and visit.

## Social Inclusion and Health

### Over 50s contribute £53 billion boost to the economy

The GLA Economics report – The Economic Contribution of Older Londoners – presented by my Deputy Mayor of London, Victoria Borwick, at the Positive Ageing in London "Supporting Older People's Contributions" event on 17 October, revealed that older Londoners contribute an impressive £53 billion to the economy.

In addition to a £47 billion contribution to the economy through paid work, they also provide £4.7 billion, as a result of caring for other adults and £600 million providing childcare for their grandchildren. Older Londoners contribute a further £800 million through volunteering activities.

### London Ambulance Service event

On 22 October Victoria Borwick, my Deputy Mayor, attended an event hosted by the London Ambulance Service to explore options for LAS to work strategically with partners to ensure a high quality, effective and efficient emergency and urgent care system for London in the future.

### Launched Breast Cancer Campaign strategy

On 30 October Victoria Borwick, my Deputy Mayor, together with London Breast Cancer Ambassador, Zandra Rhodes CBE, hosted a reception in London's Living Room to mark the culmination of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event was held in partnership with Breast Cancer Campaign whose new research action plan, *Help us find the cures*, sets out its ambitions for the future for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer.

### 'Physical and mental health – one agenda' conference

On 10 October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended the 'Physical and mental health – one agenda' conference in Euston. The conference, held by the Royal College of General Practitioners, explored the gap between physical and mental healthcare.

## **Cheapside Hoard Exhibition**

On 10 October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended the Cheapside Hoard Exhibition at the Museum of London, London Wall.

## **London Health Board**

On 15 October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, met with Claire Goodchild, the new Chief Officer for the London Health Board at the headquarters of London Councils. Victoria and Claire discussed the operating arrangements and secretariat matters for the new Board.

## **Breakthrough Breast Cancer**

On 29 October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, met with Chris Askew, the Chief Executive of Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Victoria and Chris discussed the recent achievements of the charity, its investment in London and the potential to work with the Mayor in future.

## **C Hoare and Co Lunch**

On 30 October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended and spoke at a lunch at C Hoare and Co in Fleet Street.

## **Education and Youth**

### **London Schools Excellence Fund**

On 8 October, I announced that £7m from my London Schools Excellence Fund had been awarded to thirty schools and education organisations. My £24m London Schools Excellence Fund is designed to support teaching excellence and help students achieve better results through expert teaching, improved subject knowledge, and subject specific learning methods.

Grant agreements are now being concluded for this first round of LSEF grants which could potentially reach up to 1,000 London schools, involve around 8,000 teachers and boost the teaching of around 250,000 pupils in computer science, literacy, maths, science and technology, and modern foreign languages.

Two further funding rounds have been advertised: the second round for small grants launched in July and round three opened in October on 'English: The Key to Integration in London'. Both have closing dates of 15 November 2013.

### **Opening of the Royal Greenwich University Technical College**

On 24 October, as Chairman of Transport for London, I joined the HRH The Duke of York in opening the Royal Greenwich University Technical College (UTC). TfL is a non-financial sponsor of the UTC providing expertise and equipment as part of its offer to 14-18 year olds. Other sponsors are the Royal Borough of Greenwich, the University of Greenwich and the developer Wates Group.

The curriculum will include engineering, construction and design, alongside core GCSEs and A-Levels. Students will be able to work in an environment which has £1.5million-worth of

industry standard technical equipment to help them develop techniques required for future careers.

## **Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport**

### **New pedestrian bridge at Olympic Park**

As part of the ongoing transformation work at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, a new pedestrian bridge has opened to the public linking Hackney with the Park. The bridge, which connects Wallis Road in Hackney to Waterden Road by the Copper Box Arena, will help improve access to the Park for local residents.

### **Sports Aid**

On 18 October, youth sports charity SportsAid filled the Copper Box Arena with an inspiring array of athletes for the Duchess of Cambridge's first official engagement as the charity's patron.

The event saw more than 70 SportsAid athletes past and present, including several Olympians and Paralympians, demonstrate their skill at CP football, badminton, wheelchair basketball, fencing and volleyball.

### **Whizz-Kidz**

London Legacy Development Corporation sponsored the use of the Copper Box Arena for Whizz-Kiz on 22 October, as their "Bikes for Trikes team", who had raised nearly £200,000 to provide trikes for disabled children, undertook their first handover of trikes.

### **Advance Payment under s.52 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 in relation to land acquired under Olympic and Legacy CPO 2005**

I have granted approval for payments in relation to the named claimants, who had land acquired under compulsory purchase powers arising from the London Development Agency (Lower Lea Valley, Olympic and Legacy) Compulsory Purchase Order 2005.

## **Culture and Events**

### **Diwali Festival**

Our Diwali Festival took place on 27 October at Trafalgar Square, with an audience of approximately 30,000 throughout the day coming together to celebrate. Londoners from all communities, as well as visitors to the capital, were invited to attend the free event, which featured a line-up of traditional and contemporary music and dance including Sitar player and composer Anoushka Shankar. The event also featured a number of stalls selling delicious food and drinks and activities for children to enjoy. The stage programme was presented by the event media partner Zee TV and organising partner Diwali in London Committee.

## **Peoples Question Time**

On 5 November, I held a People's Question Time meeting at The Great Hall, Imperial College in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. These meetings help to increase the transparency and accountability of our work at City Hall.

## **NFL Fan Rally**

On 26 October, I supported the National Football League (NFL) Fan Rally at Trafalgar Square with free use of the venue. This popular celebration of American football took place in advance of the game at Wembley Stadium between San Francisco 49ers and Jacksonville Jaguars the following day. The free event attracted more than 20,000 people, including fans from both teams, Londoners and visitors to a programme with appearances by NFL players, special guests, cheerleaders and live music.

## **Tour de France 2014**

On 23 October, I hailed the return of the world's cycling superstars to the capital as the final Tour de France 2014 route was unveiled in Paris. A million cycling fans are expected to turn out to see the Tour de France when it reaches London on 7 July 2014 as part of a three-day visit to Britain.

## **Big Dance Shorts**

Leading British and Brazilian choreographers and film-makers have been commissioned to make a series of short films for Big Dance. The five new films explore the creative relationship between the UK and Brazil and are set to be screened in each country and on Channel 4 as part next year's Big Dance Week which takes place from 5-13 July 2014. Big Dance Shorts is run in partnership with the British Council and Channel 4 in association with BAFTA.

## **Frieze Art Fair**

On 15 October, my Head of Culture attended the Frieze Art Fair, now one of the most important international art fairs globally. The continued success of Frieze underlines London's significance as a centre of the international art market.

## **57th BFI London Film Festival**

On 15 October, I joined screen legend Sir Christopher Lee to celebrate his BFI Fellowship at this year's London Film Festival gala screening of *Inside Llewyn Davis*. Though I was sadly overseas in China for the screening, BFI ran a pre-recorded message where I reiterated my support for this fantastic festival and took the opportunity to claim the genius Coen Brothers for London.

## **Mayor's Music Fund breaks £1.7m barrier**

On 8 October, I spoke at a breakfast to raise money for the Mayor's Music Fund. The event at Mansion House was attended by 190 leaders of the business community. As patron of the Fund I took part in a lively conversation with Jon Snow, after which two of the Mayor's Music Fund scholars performed with great distinction.

The Mayor's Music Fund has now raised over £1.7m and benefitted 14,500 young people across every London borough. Intensive support has been provided to 230 children in financial



need who have received four-year music scholarships. Thousands more have been inspired to continue their studies by taking part in workshops, master-classes and performances alongside London's top professional musicians.

### **Launch of Bonhams new auction house**

On 24 October, I opened Bonhams new auction house in Bond Street. Bonhams is bringing jobs, growth and investment to our city – and renown to London as the leading cultural, artistic and auctioneering capital of the world.

The building was opened to the public with an exhibition showing some of the outstanding artworks that Bonhams will be offering worldwide over the coming months. This new development represents the company's commitment to London as a global centre for art.

## **Volunteering**

### **Team London programmes**

Team London is partnering with Free The Children UK to deliver our flagship programme, Team London Young Ambassadors. The programme was launched at a conference for schools at the end of September and aims to be in 400 schools by the end of this academic year and up to 1,000 schools by the end of 2015. Over 100 schools are already signed up to the programme.

Team London continues to deploy volunteers to major events across London, including the recent Diwali celebration and is currently recruiting for the Christmas deployment of the Visitor Welcome programme and the New Year's Eve event.

On 25 November, I will be presenting awards and certificates to recognise over 80 volunteers across London who have made a huge difference in their local communities at our second Team London Awards ceremony.

## **Planning and Development Control**

### **Demolition of all existing buildings at Stephenson Street, in LB Newham**

I have approved the demolition of all buildings on the site known as Stephenson Street (owned by GLA Land and Property Limited), in order to remove a significant rates liability.

I have also approved the allocation of a Capital budget of £538,000 to cover the total cost of the demolition works and the procurement of a demolition contractor through the existing approved Estate management contractor (GVA).

Finally, I have delegated authority to appoint the demolition contractor to the Executive Director of Housing and Land.

### **Publication of the Revised Early Minor Alterations to the London Plan (REMA)**

I have considered the response of 13 August 2013 of the Secretary of State CLG to his submission of the Revised Early Minor Alterations to the London Plan as intended for

publication, in accordance with sections 337 and 341 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 ("GLA Act", as amended) and regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000.

I have considered the outcome of the Extraordinary Plenary meeting of the London Assembly held on 3 September 2013 at which the Revised Early Minor Alterations to the London Plan were considered, in accordance with section 42B of the GLA Act (as amended).

I have considered representations made after the publication of the EiP Inspector's report on 14 August, in accordance with section 337 of the GLA Act (as amended).

I have approved publication of the Revised Early Minor Alterations to the London Plan (REMA) as my spatial development strategy, in accordance with sections 337 and 341 of the GLA Act (as amended) and regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000. I have also taken account of the Sustainability Statement on the preparation of the Revised Early Minor Alterations to the London Plan which will be published at the same time.

Finally, I have authorised expenditure of up to £7,000 from the Planning Unit's budget on placing the statutory notices of publication.

### **Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)**

*Reed House, 82-84 Piccadilly, City of Westminster*

I have written to the City of Westminster stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*University of London Halls, LB Camden*

I have written to the London Borough of Camden stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Galaxy House, LB Croydon*

I have written to the London Borough of Croydon stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Plot MO401 Greenwich Peninsular, LB Greenwich*

I have written to the London Borough of Greenwich stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Battersea Power Station, LB Wandsworth*

I have written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Former Mulberry Business Centre, LB Southwark*

I have written to the London Borough of Southwark stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*251-258 Tottenham Court Road, LB Camden*

I have written to the London Borough of Camden stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Parkway Trading Estate, LB Hounslow*

I have written to the London Borough of Hounslow stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Copley Close Estate, LB Ealing*

I have written to the London Borough of Ealing stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Former Dairy Crest Site, LB Hillingdon*

I have written to the London Borough of Hillingdon stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Land to the rear of ARK Academy, LB Wandsworth*

I have written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Former Queen Elizabeth Hospital, LB Tower Hamlets*

I have written to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*67-71 Dalston Lane, LB Hackney*

I have written to the London Borough of Hackney stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Swakeleys House, LB Borough Hillingdon*

I have written to the London Borough of Hillingdon stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Convoys Wharf, LB Lewisham*

I have written to the London Borough of Lewisham stating that I will act as the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the planning application.

## **Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)**

I have asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- Site We4B, Western Gateway, LB Newham
- Former Goswell Bakeries and Moss Electrical Sites, LB Newham
- Mast Pond Wharf, LB Newham
- Hayes and Yeading Football Club, LB Hillingdon
- Land at South Grove, LB Waltham Forest
- Canterbury Hotel, LB Lambeth
- 263-289 Holloway Road and 2-16 Eden Grove, LB Islington
- Audit House, City of London
- Sleaford Street Industrial Estate, LB Wandsworth
- Keybridge House, LB Lambeth
- 206-214 Stratford High Street, LLDC
- Eastbury House, LB Lambeth
- 111 Upper Richmond Road, LB Wandsworth
- Former Contractors Compound, LB Hillingdon

- Kirtling Wharf, LB Wandsworth
- 26-30 Holborn Viaduct, City of London
- Queens Wharf and Riverside Studios, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- London City Airport, LB Newham

## **Development Plans**

I have written to the following Councils giving a response to their development plan consultations:

- Lewisham Council Local Development Framework/LDF Consultation Response, LB Lewisham

## **Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning**

- Compost Site on and Land Off Cookham Road, LB Bromley
- St Pauls School, LB Richmond
- Tavern Quay Commercial Centre, LB Southwark
- Former Putney Hospital, LB Wandsworth
- Bentley Priory, LB Harrow
- 210-218 Old Street, 70-100 City Road, 32-37 Featherstone Street & 13-15 Mallow Street, LB Islington
- Riverlight (Former Tideway Industrial Estate, LB Wandsworth)

## **Key Engagements**

Among my additional engagements since my last report were the following:

- I attended the 2013 UK Bioscience Forum at the Royal College of Surgeons on 10 October
- I met with Sir Phillip Green, CEO of the Arcadia Group, on 10 October to discuss London's economy and investing in London
- I met with Michael Gutman, Westfield, on 10 October to discuss London's economy and investing in London
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 10 October
- I attended the London Transport Museum Fundraising reception on 10 October
- I attended the funeral of PC Duncan on 11 October
- I visited China and Hong Kong from 13 to 18 October
- I spoke to Ron Dobson, LFEPA, on 15 October to discuss the FBU industrial action
- I had a brief introductory meeting with the Mayor of Mecca on 21 October
- I had my regular meeting with James Cleverly AM and Ron Dobson, LFEPA, on 21 October
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Deputy Commissioner Craig Mackey, Metropolitan Police Service, on 21 October
- I attended the MOPAC Challenge on 22 October

- I attended the House of Lords Committee Evidence Session on 22 October to answer questions on Legacy from the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- I held my regular "Ask Boris" Twitter session on 22 October
- I attended a viewing of Sir Tim Rice's new show, From Here to Eternity, on 22 October
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 23 October
- I met & presented certificate to a year 7 pupil, Libby Coyte, from Kingsley Academy on 23 October
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 23 October
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London and Crossrail on 23 October
- I hosted a reception for members of the British Society of Magazine Editors on 23 October
- I attended the opening of the Greenwich UTC with HRH The Duke of York on 24 October
- I met with Sir John Armit, Chair of the Olympic Delivery Authority, on 24 October to discuss Olympic Legacy
- I had an introductory meeting with the new US Ambassador, HE Matthew Barzun, on Thursday 24 October
- I attended the opening of Bonhams new headquarters on 24 October
- I hosted a conference call about the St Jude's storm and its impact on London on 28 October
- I attended the London Global Cities Initiative on 28 October
- I attended the London Councils Executive Committee on 29 October
- I had an introductory meeting with HM the King of Jordan on 29 October
- I visited the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park with the Rt Hon David Willetts MP, Minister of State for Universities and Sciences, on 29 October
- I chaired the London Legacy Development Corporation Board meeting on 29 October
- I hosted a meeting of the Growth Borough Leaders & Mayors on 29 October
- I had an introductory meeting with the Crown Prince of Bahrain on 29 October
- I attended the World Islamic Economic Forum reception on 29 October
- I addressed the World Islamic Economic Forum at Excel on 30 October
- I attended the Google hangout on 30 October
- I hosted a conference call with James Cleverly AM and Ron Dobson, LFEPA, on 30 October to discuss the FBU industrial action
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 30 October
- I visited the Southwark Police Cadets on 30 October with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner
- I attended the Shanghai Pudong Development Bank reception on 30 October
- I met with Hugh Mitchell, Shell, on 31 October to discuss investing in London
- I met with the Rt Hon George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on 31 October to discuss the economic development of London
- I had dinner with Sir Peter Hendy, Transport Commissioner, on 31 October
- I attended the London Living Wage event on 4 November
- I had my regular meeting with Dame Ruth Carnall on 4 November
- I addressed the CBI Annual Conference on 4 November
- I hosted my regular monthly Ask Boris Phone in with Nick Ferrari on 5 November
- I attended an event to launch London Poppy Day on 5 November
- I hosted a lunch for the New Schools Network on 5 November
- I met with the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health, on 5 November to discuss Health in London

- I attended People's Question Time in Kensington & Chelsea on 5 November
- I chaired the Transport for London Board Meeting on 6 November
- I opened the new section of Cycle Super Highway 2 at Stratford High Street on 6 November
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 6 November
- I had an introductory meeting with Steve Varley, UK Chair of Ernst & Young, on 6 November
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 6 November

**Ends**

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Background Document – List of decisions between 10 October 2013 and 6 November 2013

The Part 1 of Mayoral Decisions (from 6 April 2009) and Director Decisions (from 1 November 2010), and the non-confidential facts and advice supporting those decisions, are published on the GLA website within one working day of approval, unless deferred.

\* = previously deferred publication.

Ref	Decision	Date	Approved by/ Mayoral Advisor	Financial Implications
MD1278	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The delegation to Transport for London the exercise of the Mayor's power under sections 30 and 34 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to further the promotion of social development in Greater London and do such things as may be considered facilitative and conducive to that purpose in order that it may undertake certain activities (including wrapping a Circle line tube train, an over ground train, a Metropolitan line train, a Croydon Tramtrack tram and up to ten buses with poppy livery, displaying poppies on all tube, DLR and over ground trains, placing advertisements and making announcements to recognise the invaluable contribution of service men and women in London have made to the protection of Greater London and its inhabitants).</p> <p>2. The direction to TfL to procure and incur up to £101,000 to wrap a Circle line tube train, an over ground train, a Metropolitan line train, a Croydon Tramtrack tram and up to ten buses with poppy livery, displaying poppies on all tube, DLR and over ground trains, placing advertisements and making announcements and related activities for the period between 26 October and 11 November 2013.</p>	31/10/13	Boris Johnson/ Sir Edward Lister	The costs referred to above will be borne by TfL (although this is a cost neutral exercise, the £101,000 expenditure being met by third party sponsorship revenue generated by TfL) and there are no financial implications for GLA.

MD1276	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The (appended) revised Mayoral Scheme of Delegation to come into force on 1 November 2013 under sections 38 and 380 of the GLA Act.</p> <p>2. Under section 28 of the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013, the following post holders to exercise the functions of giving a direction under section 2A(1) or (1B) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and determining such applications under section 2A or 2B of that Act on the basis set out in the revised Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief of Staff;</li> <li>• Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land &amp; Property;</li> <li>• Deputy Mayor for Transport; and</li> <li>• Deputy Mayor for Education &amp; Culture.</li> </ul> <p>3. That the Head of Paid Service to amend the provisions of the revised Scheme, including those relating to GLA Subsidiary Companies and the Company Director Delegation, for the purpose of improving its operation, effective administration and efficiency in so far as such changes do not significantly or materially alter the basis upon which Mayoral powers have been delegated.</p>	05/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Sir Edward Lister	There are no direct financial implications arising for the GLA from this decision.
MD1275	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The Greater London Authority's entry into the Living Wage accreditation agreement with the Centre for a Civil Society Limited.</p>	05/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Kit Malthouse	In accordance with clause 3 of the accreditation agreement, the GLA must pay an annual accreditation fee of £400, which will be funded from the existing Economic and Business Policy budget within the Development, Enterprise and Environment Directorate.



MD1274	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. To authorise Transport for London under section 38(1) GLA Act to exercise the Mayor's power under section 30(1) GLA Act to further the promotion of social development by transferring data comprising the names and contact details of 18+ Student Oyster photo-card applicants to the GLA for the purpose of providing information about Team London volunteering opportunities, in accordance with the terms of the delegation annexed to the Mayoral decision form.</p>	28/10/13	Boris Johnson/ Veronica Wadley	There are no direct financial implications for the GLA.
MD1259	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £370,000 (£210,000 in 2013/14 and £160,000 in 2014/15) with Transport for London as GLA's contribution towards the total project costs of delivering the Supplier Skills Team project in these two years.</p>	05/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Kit Malthouse	The GLA will contribute £210,000 in 2013-14 and £160,000 in 2014-15, which will be funded from the existing GLA Group Supplier Skills element of the Economic and Business Policy Unit budget.
DD1133	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The extension of the Gigs Project Management Contract, with Kate F Jones Ltd, from 31 October 2013 to 31 March 2014, at a cost of £15,000, to a total value of £58,000.</p>	31/10/13	Jeff Jacobs	The £15,000 cost of the contract extension will be funded via commercial income secured by the Culture Team for the GIG's Programme in 2013-14.
DD1131	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. A contract variation between the GLA (Team London) and M-IS Plc, permitting Team London to pay M-IS Plc up to a maximum additional £31,000 over and above the original agreed contract value of £80,000 (agreed by DD1048). This sum is allocated to cover £23,150 of additional costs incurred from the need to redesign the central London Ambassador pods at short notice and £7,850 for the servicing and storage of all the units until March 2014 ready for future deployment (Christmas 2013 and Summer 2014).</p> <p>2. Retrospective approval of £23,150 expenditure (forming part of the £31,000 requested above).</p>	25/10/13	Jeff Jacobs	The additional contract costs of up to £31,000 will be funded from the 2013-14 Team London Programme budget as approved by MD1177.

DD1129	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The GLA's award of grant funding, with an aggregated value of up to £661,466 capital funding to the 20 successful applicants set out in Appendix 1 of the decision form, as the Pocket Parks Programme contribution to their projects.</p>	31/10/13	Fiona Fletcher-Smith	The proposed capital spend of £661,466 during 2013-14 can be undertaken within the current 2013-14 budget profile.
DD1121	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Spend of £70,000 to (i) review the existing Haringey Heartlands site and development values, (ii) undertake intrusive site investigation works to assess the ground conditions, (iii) undertake legal work to complete outstanding legal agreements currently in draft form and (iv) site marketing costs.</p> <p><i>Part 2 of this report is confidential under the FOI Act</i></p>	31/10/13	Jamie Ratcliff	The costs and budget requested as part of this Director's Decision are revenue in nature and can be contained within existing budgets and should be monitored as such during the budget monitoring process.
DD1113*	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The allocation and expenditure of a maximum of £70,000, to be funded from the Planning Smoothing Reserve to meet the costs of services required to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment and a separate Habitats (Appropriate) Assessment.</p>	03/09/13	Fiona Fletcher-Smith	The work is due to be completed by the end of November 2013. This will be funded from the Examination in Public element of the 2013/14 London Plan programme budget via a transfer from the Planning Smoothing reserve.
DD1105*	<p>Approved (in relation to the GLA ESF Youth Programme):</p> <p>1. A maximum of up to £996,362 grant funding to Working Links for Project Delivery.</p> <p>2. A maximum of up to £80,389 in respect of services required to evaluate the ESF 2011-13 Youth programme, distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £25,315 to The Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion for an interim evaluation of the Excluded from School theme;</li> <li>• £25,649 to SQW for an interim evaluation of the Learning</li> </ul>	13/08/13	Jeff Jacobs	As detailed within the decision form, the successful applicant for the YO2 project will receive £996,362 (£498,181 GLA funding, matched by an equivalent sum of ESF funding on a 50:50 basis, of which £88,811 will be allocated to 2013-14. £25,000 of the full cost will be retained by the GLA and added to the ESF Evaluation allocation of £175,000, which was

	<p>Difficulties and/or Disabilities theme; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £29,425 to CESI for an interim evaluation of the Young Offenders theme; and</li> </ul> <p>3. An increase in Management &amp; Administration allocation of £46,143.</p>			approved by DD964.
ADD96	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The purchase of 2013 Aerial Photography data for London from GeoInformation Group for £24,000 to be met by the existing GIS budget for 2013/14.</p>	01/11/13	Andrew Collinge	The cost of this contract is £24,000 and will be funded from the existing GIS budget for 2013-14 held within the Intelligence Unit.
ADD94	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The allocation from the Media Monitoring Budget held in Press Office, External Affairs Directorate of £13,725 (£4,575 per annum for three years) for a media and stakeholder interaction system.</p> <p>2. A related exemption from the requirement to seek three or more competitive quotations /make a call off from an accessible framework to allow the GLA to enter into a contract with AIMediacomms for the use of its media and stakeholder interaction system.</p> <p><i>Part 2 of this report is confidential under the FOI Act</i></p>	23/10/13	Samantha Hart	<p>The proportion of the annual subscription fee (£2,287.50) for the first year that falls in the 2013-14 financial year will be met from the 2013-14 Mayor's Media Relations budget within Press Office (External Affairs Directorate).</p> <p>Future years are to be funded from the same budget, subject to the annual budget process.</p>
ADD92	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £50,000 on specialist valuation and economic advice required for consideration of proposals for the development of the 'Business East Science and Tech Park' project in respect of which Growing Places Funding is sought.</p>	16/10/13	Debbie Jackson	Provision has been made against the Growing Places Fund for £50k for the specialist valuation and economic advice required for consideration of proposals for the development of the 'Business East Science and Tech Park' project.

ADD91	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. To write off two debts totalling £3,644.42:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damilola Taylor Trust £2,954.00</li> <li>• Daniel Moss £ 690.42</li> </ul>	28/10/13	Doug Wilson	<p>The bad debt provision currently stands at £357,444 and is therefore sufficient to fund the proposed write offs. The provision is reviewed annually to ensure that adequate provision is maintained.</p> <p>VAT of £590.80, previously paid over to HMRC, will be reclaimed under the Bad Debt Relief scheme.</p>
ADD90	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £14,000 towards the 2013 London Healthy Workplace Charter award ceremony, including the production and delivery of three short films promoting the Charter.</p>	10/10/13	Amanda Coyle	<p>The estimated cost of this proposal is £14,000 (£4,000 catering and £10,000 film project), which will be funded via a budget virement from the Central Programme budget to the Health Programme budget for 2013-14.</p>
ADD88	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £13,875 (£4,625 per annum payable in advance) for this service, from the existing 2013/14 Scrutiny budget.</p> <p>2. The entry into, and execution of, a 3-year contract AlMediaComms for the use of its Vuelio system from October 2013 to October 2016 for the provision of a database that monitors media impact and stores stakeholder information.</p> <p>3. A related exemption from the Authority's Contracts and Funding Code requirement to seek three or more competitive quotations.</p>	01/11/13	Katie Smith	<p>This ADD seeks approval for procuring and entering into a 3 year contract with Vuelio for a new Stakeholder and Media Management System Database, at a maximum cost of £13,875.</p> <p>The contract will be funded from within the existing 2013/14 Scrutiny budget.</p>
ADD87*	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of £15K from the existing GLA Land and Property (GLAP) budget to fund specialist consultancy work in relation to site</p>	03/10/13	Simon Powell	<p>The cost of this appointment can be met from the existing GLA Land and Property revenue budget for 13-14 and will be managed by the</p>

	disposals at Pontoon Dock, Stephenson Street and Silvertown Way.			Strategic Projects and Property team in Housing and Land.
ADD86*	Approved: 1. Expenditure of up to £30,000 on services required to deliver a social media strategy for the Greater London Authority.	07/10/13	Kevin Austin	The estimated cost to deliver the social media strategy is £30,000. This is to be met from the 2013-14 Marketing Programme budget held within the External Relations Unit.
ADD84	Approved: 1. An increase of up to £5,000 expenditure, in addition to the £5,000 previously approved, to provide an enhanced helpline support facility to the Team London Ambassadors for the 2013 visitor welcome programme and other subsequent deployments of Team London volunteers during the 2013/14 financial year as required. 2. An exemption from the requirements of section 3.6 of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code to seek three or more written quotes/call off required services from an accessible framework.	29/10/13	Natalie Cramp	The estimated contract costs of up to the value of £10,000 will be funded from the Team London Programme budget for 2013-14 as approved by MD1177.
ADD82	Approved: 1. Expenditure of £50,000 towards the legal and specialist advice necessary for the setting up of a new affordable housing programme for the period 2015 – 2018.	29/10/13	Jamie Ratcliff	The £50,000 for this work can be funded from the Housing and Land consultancy budget for 2013-14 and will be managed by the Investment and Operations unit within the Housing and Land directorate.
ADD77	Approved: 1. Expenditure of up to £25,000 in 2013/14 on services required for the GLA's 2013 employee engagement survey.	17/10/13	Juliette Carter	The total estimated cost is up to a maximum of £25,000 and will be funded from the Corporate and Learning Development 2013/14 budget, held within the Human Resources and Organisational Development Unit.

ADD75*	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £20,000 for the Site Investigation work at Stephenson Street, West Ham.</p>	13/09/13	Simon Powell	<p>The costs and budget requested as part of this Assistant decision are revenue in nature and should be monitored as such during the budget monitoring process. These costs may be met from future sales income within GLAP however the timing and quantity of these receipts are not yet known.</p>
ADD74	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The re-allocation of £20,000 budget to fund additional external IT support to complete the development of the GLA European Social Fund Participant Database (DIESEL).</p> <p>2. The issue of a contract variation which will i) cap the current services contract between the GLA and Softwire Technology Limited to up to £52,638 (including contingency) until 2015/16 ii) vary the current services contract to a fixed pricing model for any future work.</p>	01/11/13	Andrew Collinge	<p>Including the additional £20,000 proposed expenditure on the contract, officers are seeking to cap the proposed contract with Softwire Technology to a maximum value of £52,638.</p> <p>The £15,000 contingency allowed on the proposed contract as per paragraph 1.8 of the decision form will be funded from the ESF M&amp;A budget approved by DD964 (GLA cost £7,500 as 50% is match funded by ESF).</p>
GLRO16/01	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The appointment of Mark Roberts, Executive Director of Secretariat, under Section 35(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as deputy to the Greater London Returning Officer with power (subject to delegation by memo from the GLRO) to discharge all GLRO functions in respect of GLA Mayoral and Assembly elections.</p>	15/10/13	Jeff Jacobs	<p>The appointment will receive no remuneration or fee. There are no direct financial implications.</p>