

32nd Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 17 June 2015

This is my thirty-second report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 8 May until 3 June 2015.

Executive Summary

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Policing, Crime and Community Safety

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The roll-out will follow a procurement process and the completion of the MPS's formal trial ending this summer, which is the world's largest. In trials the cameras have shown their potential to reduce complaints and increase the number of early guilty pleas, helping to speed up the justice process. To date, the trial has seen around 1,000 body cameras used across 10 boroughs, as well as armed response teams, with around 6,000 videos uploaded per month.

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This announcement follows a positive public consultation in which eight out of ten respondents were supportive of the move. Signs to indicate areas where ANPR cameras are in use for policing purposes will now be appearing across London.

London Hate Crime Panel

On 19 May, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, convened the first meeting of the London Hate Crime Panel, which brings together MOPAC, the MPS and Crown Prosecution Service as key signatories to my Hate Crime Strategy, alongside a range of other community organisations. I am pleased to report that five of the key actions from the Strategy have already been completed and the remaining actions are well underway.

Police Officer Recruitment

On 21 May, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, attended a 'Recruitment Celebration' hosted by the MPS Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe. The

event marked the achievement of reaching around 32,000 officers and was aimed at thanking all those involved from across the MPS.

Digital Security Masterclass

On 26 May, MOPAC and the Federation of Small Businesses hosted the first of a series of free masterclasses on cyber security for small and medium sized businesses, as part of my Business Crime Strategy. This first event included advice on law enforcement and mobile security, and an introduction to the London Digital Security Centre concept.

Transport

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I will be pressing for Primary Legislation from the Government to enable TfL to cap the number of Private Hire Vehicle drivers operating in the capital, which are rising by more than 1,000 each month. Currently there are 78,690 minicab drivers in London and over the past year that number has risen by 12,268. At this rate, over the next two years, there will be an additional 26,526 minicab drivers, bringing the total number to more than 105,000. I am concerned that this unprecedented rise in numbers is causing increased congestion, particularly in central London, as well as more pollution and problems of illegal parking.

I will also press to obtain powers over the regulation of pedicabs, as I believe that these vehicles jam up roads in the West End and unnecessarily and consistently fail to ensure the safety of their passengers and other road users. Uniquely, London is not currently able to restrict or regulate pedicabs in any way, unlike the rest of the country.

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These services previously operated with National Rail pay as you go fares, which are generally higher than TfL fares. However, now that services have transferred, over 80 per cent of current rail journeys will reduce in price and the remaining 20 per cent of fares will remain unchanged. All TfL concessions and discounts that currently apply to London Underground, the Docklands Light Railway, and London Overground will now apply on these services.

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I approved the proposed revisions to fares on the National Rail services between Liverpool Street and stations in north and east London to be implemented from 31 May 2015. I also approved the Rail Services Penalty Fares Order 2015 for these services.

Santander Cycles App launched

Users of Santander Cycles now have access to a revolutionary new App that makes the cycle hire scheme ever easier to use. The new Santander Cycles App for Android and iOS smartphones is free to download for both members and casual users. In addition to viewing the nearest docking station and bike availability, the new App is able to send a 'bike release' code straight to a user's phone, which means they can hire a cycle without having to use the docking station terminal.

Customers just need to register with their bank card, use the App to 'hire now' from a nearby docking station, and just tap the code into a docking point to release a bike for use. The App also shows availability at docking stations, permits membership account management and confirmation of start and end of hire periods to help users manage costs.

New transport link to Barking Riverside moves another step closer

Following overwhelming support for plans to extend London Overground services to Barking Riverside, TfL has launched a public consultation to inform the preferred alignment of the extension.

Two different alignments are being considered as part of the consultation both of these will see the London Overground Gospel Oak to Barking line extended to serve a new station at the heart of the Barking Riverside development.

This extension will deliver a number of benefits:

- An essential rail link supporting east London's largest housing development site, serving both new and existing residential areas;
- Enabling 10,800 new homes to be delivered, many of which are affordable, along with a new school and healthcare facilities;
- Allowing the construction of a new district centre with commercial and leisure facilities; and
- Delivering four trains per hour, with an interchange at Barking with LU services on the District and Hammersmith & City lines and c2c services into Fenchurch Street station.

The Government has agreed to provide a loan of £55 million to support the extension to Barking Riverside and the provision of this loan means that funding is available to cover the full cost. The consultation began on 11 May and will close on 21 June.

Subject to the outcome of the consultation, TfL will make a Transport and Works Act Order application for powers to build and operate a railway extension in December 2015. If approved by the Secretary of State for Transport, construction could begin in early 2017, with trains running by the end of 2020.

TfL launches tender for 'London Landscape' digital roadside advertising estate

On 12 May, TfL launched the tender for 'The London Landscape', a new premium network of roadside digital advertising sites.

TfL is looking for commercial partners to install, market, sell and manage a portfolio of digital underpass advertising sites. This is part of TfL's plans to use its assets to generate £3.4 billion in non-fare income over the next decade to reinvest back into the transport network to deliver improved services for customers and users.

Over the last two years, TfL has been working with Wildstone, the largest outdoor advertising consultancy in the UK to identify advertising sites across the capital.

TfL's network of digital advertising sites will also enable it to communicate information to motorists to warn them of pre-planned events and heavily congested areas.

The new advertising locations will provide long distance, head-on viewing with significant audience impact. The portfolio is expected to be operational by autumn 2015 and will permanently enhance the London Landscape, whilst generating vital revenue for TfL to reinvest back into London's transport network.

TfL launches new Taxi and Private Hire counter service and first ever online application service

On 1 June, TfL launched a new counter service as part of plans to improve and modernise taxi and private hire licensing services in the capital. In addition, a brand new online application service on the Taxi and Private Hire pages of the TfL will launch towards the end of June.

The new counter service is being reintroduced as a direct result of requests from the taxi and private hire trades. The service, based at Chancel Street, SE1, will be by appointment only and is principally for customers who need help with driver or operator application process. The new online application functionality will go live later in June. This is a significant step in the modernisation of TfL's taxi and private hire licensing service and will make applications quicker and easier to complete.

Route 73 to be served by New Routemaster buses

The next bus route to be served entirely by New Routemaster buses will be route 73. A phased conversion of the route, which is operated by Arriva and runs between Victoria and Stoke Newington, is now underway. The route, and the N73 route, will be running entirely with New Routemaster buses from July. During peak hours, 53 of these state of the art buses will be in passenger service to carry the 35,000 people who travel on the route each week day.

Thirteen routes in London are currently operating with New Routemasters. Once route 73 has fully converted there will be over 500 of these bespoke buses in passenger service. The conversion of route 73 will be another step towards the delivery of 800 New Routemasters on London's streets by 2016, reducing CO₂ emissions in the capital by around 27,500 tonnes a year.

TfL has also recently awarded contracts to convert routes 149 and 168 to New Routemasters with exact dates for conversions to be set later this year.

Number of London Underground stations with manual boarding ramps up by 50 per cent

On 19 May, TfL announced that the numbers of Underground station fitted with manual boarding ramps has risen by 50 per cent.

Manual boarding ramps were first introduced to the Tube as a trial to help make the 2012 Games the most accessible ever. Since then they have been permanently installed at many more stations and with 28 more stations over the past year, the total now stands at more than 50.

Alongside other innovations such as permanent 'platform humps', which raise a section of the platform to be level with the train, and new low-floor trains on the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines, the ramps are helping to revolutionise step-free travel in the capital.

Plans for Dingwall Road loop to deliver extra passenger capacity and improved reliability

On 19 May, TfL published more detailed plans of the proposed new tram loop in Croydon, the next step of improvements to the tram network designed to meet increasing passenger demand.

The proposed Dingwall Road loop would see the trams routed anticlockwise via Dingwall Road and Lansdowne Road, which was the most popular option following a public consultation in November 2014. Views are now being sought on these more detailed plans which add important passenger capacity without contributing additional congestion in Croydon town centre.

The Dingwall Road loop has been developed closely with Croydon Council, and would support one of the largest town centre regeneration projects in London. The development is expected to create over 5,000 permanent local job opportunities and deliver between 400 and 600 new homes, with the number of passengers using the tram network in the area expected to double by 2030. The public consultation will run from 18 May until 28 June 2015.

Consultation launched on night bus services to complement introduction of the Night Tube

On 19 May, TfL began a consultation into proposed changes to the night bus network ahead of the introduction of the Night Tube, which will transform night-time journeys in London from this September. This follows a comprehensive review of TfL's night bus services which looked at demand for new links on weekend-nights from suburban stations for passengers travelling to and from central London on the new Night Tube.

From 12 September, the start of the Night Tube service, TfL is proposing to continue all night bus services and introduce 20 new services and one extended service, to help customers travel to and from Night Tube stations. Seventeen of the new services would run on Friday and Saturday nights, with three running seven nights a week. All of these new services would follow the same route and run between the same points as the day service.

These proposed new routes will contribute to the continuing year on year increase in the number of night buses on the road at weekends. This includes improvements to services on

corridors not affected by the Night Tube, which have already taken or will take place during the year.

The review has also identified opportunities to increase the efficiency of the night bus network. On some current night bus services TfL runs extra buses on Friday and Saturday nights to meet increased weekend demand. Based on detailed analysis of Oyster card and passenger survey data, it is anticipated that some passengers will choose to use the Night Tube instead once this becomes available in September. As a result, TfL is proposing that it would no longer be necessary to run as many extra buses at weekends on 17 out of 117 existing night bus routes. These 17 services would continue to operate at their standard weekday frequency or more, providing a local, fully accessible service to all stops along the route.

The public consultation will run from 19 May to 1 July and TfL will carefully review all the responses before final decisions are made.

First pan-London Car Club Action Plan launched to boost take up in the capital

On 21 May, the first London-wide Car Club action plan was launched with the aim of encouraging residents and businesses across the capital to sign up to car club schemes as an alternative to direct car ownership.

The new action plan, jointly developed by TfL, London Councils, the GLA, and a coalition of car club operators and key stakeholders, is designed to encourage the growth of car clubs into a mainstream alternative to the private car for essential car journeys in London. This will help to address a number of challenges faced in the coming years, including population growth, congestion and environmental issues.

London is already one of the leading car club cities in Europe, 85 per cent of UK car club members are in the capital, and the new action plan will help take this further by developing and promoting car clubs and setting an example for other global cities to follow. Encouraging further use of car clubs was a key recommendation from my Roads Task Force, which was set up in July 2012 to help deliver a template for world-class streets and roads fit for the future.

Crossrail Visit

On 19 May, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, visited the Crossrail construction site on my behalf. Crossrail is the largest construction project in Europe and is an important addition to London's infrastructure.

Regeneration, Business, Enterprise and the Economy

High Street Fund

The second wave of funding for my High Street Fund is now open to applications. This is part of my High Street Fund community projects pilot, where local community groups, business associations, charities and schools can propose projects via the crowdfunding website Spacehive. The deadline to get projects up online is 29 June and I will announce the projects I wish to support in August.

I have already agreed the following for earlier applications to the High Street Fund:

- The grant award of £7,713,000 to the 25 highest ranking large-scale applications;
- The grant award of £314,452 to the 17 highest ranking applications made via the my High Streets Space Hive online platform;
- To delegate to the Executive Director – Development Enterprise & Environment, decisions for the expenditure of a further £285,548 for at least one further wave of High Streets Space Hive applications;
- Expenditure of up to £40,000 for the evaluation of High Street Fund projects upon completion; and
- To delegate to the Executive Director – Development Enterprise & Environment, decisions for the expenditure of £400,000 to establish a ‘commissioning fund’

London Festival of Architecture

On 1 June, the London Festival of Architecture began, with my Regeneration team playing a central role in supporting this celebration of the built environment. This year sees a series of events, exhibitions, talks and workshops, all based around the theme ‘work in progress’. As part of the programme, officers have put together a series of guided walks around some of London’s most interesting places of work. Highlights include the Kodak factory in Harrow, Park Royal, one of Europe’s largest, thriving industrial estates, and the boatyards of Brentford.

There will also be a workspace match ‘Pecha Kucha’ event, bringing together developers and workspace providers to re-think opportunities to incubate new start-up businesses within housing-led development.

London Institute of Civil Engineering Awards

On 14 May, my former Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, spoke on my behalf at the London Institute of Civil Engineering (ICE) Awards. The annual awards celebrate outstanding engineering achievement in the capital.

Super Connected Cities Programme 2015-16 Delivery

I have approved:

- The GLA’s entry into a grant funding agreement with BDUK for its provision of funding to enable continued delivery of the connection voucher scheme in 2015/16;
- The reallocation of the existing funding to meet the current project requirements for scheme administration, marketing and software licensing;
- Allocation of an additional £38,000 revenue budget to support marketing activity, subject to agreement by the LEP and identification of funding from existing LEP resources;
- A revised London Super Connected Cities Programme (SCCP) administrative staffing structure, with the existing two Grade 4 posts and the new Grade 6 post contracted up to end September 2016; and
- The extension of the GLA’s contract for the provision and maintenance of the existing automated software solution used for the voucher scheme.

Funding London Business Plan 2014/15 and Governance Changes

I have approved the changes proposed to Funding London's Articles of Association and approved the Funding London Business Plan 2014-15.

I have consented to the choice of appointment (by Funding London) of Harvey McGrath as the new Chair of Funding London.

Approval of matters concerning the establishment of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

I have approved the Scheme of Allowances for OPDC Board Members and the OPDC's Expenses and Benefits Framework for them and OPDC staff. I have also approved the proposed arrangements for shared services between OPDC and the GLA, following consultation on the principle with the London Assembly at the GLA Oversight Committee.

World Expo 2025

I have approved expenditure of up to £150k to conduct a second feasibility study phase for World Expo 2025, this time focusing on the assessment of the site for London Expo 2025.

Housing and Land

Updated guidelines on building quality homes for Londoners

On 3 June, I released updated planning guidance that aims to maximise the construction of quality homes for Londoners, a vital step in achieving the goal of building 49,000 houses a year in order to keep up with London's booming population.

Interested parties are being invited to comment on the new guidance, which includes detail on building specifically for long-term private rentals, the potential introduction of affordable housing targets in new areas, and more details on vacant building credits for developers.

The latest revision of my Supplementary Planning Guidance for Housing is an important framework for new housing development in the capital and is open for consultation until August 7. It recognises that in the drive to increase housing capacity in London, quality is just as important as quantity.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/consultations/draft-interim-housing-supplementary-guidance>.

Plans for Albert Island as the latest development opportunity in the Royal Docks

On 21 May, I announced plans to redevelop Albert Island, a slab of land owned by the GLA in London's Royal Docks, where there is the potential to create hundreds of new jobs and build vital new marine facilities.

Developers are being asked to respond to my vision of a development that would include industrial space, plus a working boatyard and marina facility, with the potential for a small amount of housing.

Any successful development would be expected to improve transport links to the Gallions Reach and King George V DLR stations, provide better cycling and walking routes, and make improvements to the river frontage, with an aim of integrating the site into its surrounding communities.

Regeneration of Albert Island would contribute to growth in the local area and beyond by attracting new employers and increasing the availability of training and services. Marine facilities will help to support an expected increase in the use of the river over the next five years as promoted by my River Action Plan.

Environment

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The Low Emission Neighbourhood scheme is a new way of tackling the challenge of air quality in London, encouraging boroughs to look at a comprehensive set of solutions tackling various sources of emissions, changing behaviour and raising awareness. These could include measures to encourage more walking and cycling, reducing through vehicle traffic, reducing the impact of freight and servicing, and using smarter parking charging.

My Air Quality Fund has already produced a number of initiatives from its first round, including pollution-capturing green walls and support for zero-emission electric car clubs. It is a key part of promoting the growth of the clean tech industry in our city, which in turn creates more jobs for Londoners.

Boroughs are invited to apply for the Low Emission Neighbourhoods scheme by the end of July, with the first two schemes expected to be up and running by June 2016. The measures introduced are expected to be visibly transformative, and could include significant redesign of roads and urban features.

London Tree Week

On 26 May, I planted the final tree in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park's new orchard at Mandeville Place to mark London Tree Week. The orchard is made up of 55 new fruit trees, including one for each of the Team GB gold medal winners at the London 2012 Paralympic games. I was joined by Paralympic gold medallist Jessica-Jane Applegate, who has a Norfolk Beefing apple tree planted in her honour. The orchard officially opened to the public on 27 May as part of the London Tree Week celebrations.

On 27 May, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, welcomed tree volunteers to City Hall as he handed out this year's London Tree and Woodland Awards, which recognised the individuals, organisations and projects that have helped improve the conservation and management of London's trees and woodlands.

Licence Lite

On 13 May, I commenced the procurement of Licence Lite through the publication of an advert on TfL's Electronic Tendering web site. I invited those generators with an interest to prequalify to receive the invitation to tender documentation to apply.

My aim is to use the licence to give decentralised generators a better price for their electricity to encourage their proliferation.

Environment Team work programme 2015-16

I have approved expenditure up to a maximum of £917,000 to deliver the Environment Team's 2014-15 work programme and, related exemptions from the requirement of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code to seek three or more written quotes in relation to the awarding of contracts to:

1. Greenspace Information for Greater London (GiGL) for the management and analysis of Green Infrastructure and natural environment data for London, at a total cost of up to £60,000 (£20,000 per annum);
2. The Ellen MacArthur Foundation for the GLA's membership of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation Circular Economy 100 Cities Programme and to take 10 SMEs through the programme at a total cost of £17,500; and
3. C40 (working with participating C40 cities) to develop datasets to quantify the size and nature of the Low Carbon and Environmental Goods and Services sector in London at a cost of up to £30,000.

Social Inclusion and Health

Social Supermarkets

On 14 May, I visited a social supermarket, Community Shop in West Norwood, where I announced £300,000 of funding for new social supermarkets that reduce food waste by selling stock at low prices to local people who are on low incomes and are struggling with food poverty. The food is in-date and wholesome and would otherwise be thrown away by big retailers for a variety of reasons, including items packaged and weighed incorrectly and over-production.

London boroughs can apply for a share of the fund to help set up pilot supermarkets which can help families on lower incomes and offer a range of supportive community services.

Lambeth & Southwark Community Reception

On 12 May, I attended the Lambeth and Southwark Community reception in London's Living Room. These community receptions are an ideal way to recognise the important contributions individuals make to their local communities through local projects that seek to make a positive impact.

I was delighted to present seven Team London certificates for outstanding contribution to improving the lives of Londoners to residents and charities based in Lambeth and Southwark, including Trinity Hospice and local charity GoodGym.

Healthy Schools Visits, Redbridge and Waltham Forest

On 14 May, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, visited Whitefield Schools and Centre, Waltham Forest, which has achieved a Healthy Schools London Silver Award and Churchfields Infant School, Redbridge, which has achieved a Healthy Schools London Bronze Award.

Education and Youth

English the Key to Integration in London programme

On 13 May, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, attended an event at Harrow Civic Centre, showcasing the success and impact of 3 English Key to Integration projects from Barnet, Brent and Harrow. Beneficiaries from the projects presented to an audience of over 40 people, including Maurice Wren CEO of the Refugee Council, Jon Morgan from the Home Office and, Councillor Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder Children, Schools and Young People, Harrow Council.

The English Key to Integration Programme has 13 projects delivering across London focusing mainly on the following two areas: developing teachers' skills in teaching pupils whose first language is not English and integrating third country national mothers in the school community.

Budget, Finance and GLA Organisation

Treasury Management Strategy for 2015-16

I have approved the following:

- Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2015-16;
- Treasury Management Policy Statement;
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement;
- Prudential Code Indicators and Treasury Management Limits;
- Group Investment Syndicate (GIS) Investment Strategy; and
- Treasury Management Practices: Main Principles

Mayoral Scheme of Delegation

I have approved the revised Mayoral Scheme of Delegation for 2015-16.

The GLA Business Plan 2015-17

I have approved:

- The GLA Business Plan for 2015-16 to 2016-17;
- The GLA budget lines for 2015-16 contained within the directorate sections of the Business Plan, including the allocation of £10 million of additional revenue funding;
- The re-profiled LEP / CITB Construction Growth Project (Greater London) Programme

Budget;

- A delegation to the Executive Director of Resources to agree GLA budget carry forwards from 2014-15 to future years, on the basis that the agreed carry forwards will be reported to a future meeting of the Investment and Performance Board;
- The schedule of GLA fees and charges for 2015-16;
- Expenditure of up to £0.8 million per annum in 2015-16 and 2016-17 for the accommodation of GLA staff at the LFB headquarters in Union Street; and
- Expenditure of up to £0.1 million in 2015-16 on IT infrastructure and equipment to enable GLA staff to operate from Union Street.

Appointments

Roger Evans takes up new role as Deputy Mayor

On 13 May, Roger Evans AM formally took up his new role as my Deputy Mayor. I previously announced this appointment on 25 March, following the decision of Victoria Borwick AM to step down from the role.

Chair of London Legacy Development Corporation

I have stepped down as Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation and my former Deputy Chair, Neale Coleman, is now the newly confirmed Chair, formally taking on the role in May. I will still continue to play a prominent role in developments in and around Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport

UCL East winner

On 13 May, it was announced that LDA Design had won the competition to develop a master plan for a new 125,000 sq m campus for University College London (UCL) on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. This location will allow new and exciting initiatives to be developed by UCL, one of the world's leading universities.

The first phase of UCL East is expected to feature a collection of innovative knowledge centres, bringing together cross-disciplinary expertise from the arts and humanities, engineering, design, culture and social sciences.

Olympicopolis – Disposal of Long Leasehold to University College London

Under delegated authority from me, my Chief of Staff Sir Edward Lister:

- Noted that the agreement for Lease with UCL for three sites on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, as part of the Olympicopolis initiative, is a 'land transaction' as defined by clause 2 of the National Lottery Funding Repayment Agreement (NLFRA) and, under paragraph 4.5 of the GLA's Corporate Governance Direction to the Legacy Corporation, such 'land transactions' can only be entered into by the Legacy Corporation with the Mayor's prior consent;

- Noted that the agreement for Lease will commit the Legacy Corporation to a disposal of land for less than best the consideration that can reasonably be obtained and that, under section 209(1) of the Localism Act 2011, the Legacy Corporation may not dispose of land for less than best the consideration that can reasonably be obtained unless the Mayor consents; and
- Consented to the Legacy Corporation entering into the Agreement for Lease with UCL.

Stratford Waterfront winner

On 19 May, it was announced that multi-award winning practice Allies and Morrison had teamed with RIBA Gold Medal winner O'Donnell & Tuomey and other renowned studios to win the international competition for Stratford Waterfront, part of the Olympicopolis development.

The competition was launched in September 2014, with interest registered by over 125 architects, master planners, engineers and landscape designers from around the world. Five other finalists were shortlisted to design the new culture and university complex.

The winning team comprises: Allies and Morrison with, O'Donnell and Tuomey, Josep Camps/Olga Felip Arquitectura, Gustafson Porter, Gustafson Porter, Buro Happold and Gardiner and Theobald.

Approval of the LLDC's Ten-year Business Plan incorporating 2015-16 Budget

I have consented to London Legacy Development Corporation Board's decision to approve the Legacy Corporation's updated Ten-year Business Plan, incorporating its capital and revenue budgets for 2015/16.

Fire

Appointment of the next London Fire Commissioner

I have directed LFEPA to secure my Chief of Staff's participation in the process of appointing the next London Fire Commissioner

Culture and Events

London's New Year's Eve celebrations

On 20 May, I announced that for the second year running, people wanting to watch London's New Year's Eve fireworks celebrations will need a ticket to attend. To help those coming from far away, or needing to plan ahead, a limited number of tickets are being released on 19 June, priced at £10 per person. The bulk of tickets will be released in September.

People wanting to find out more and sign up for updates about ticketing and this year's event should visit the website at www.london.gov.uk/nye.

Victory in Europe

I was pleased to support a number of activities in London to celebrate VE Day, including the lighting of a special beacon at the Tower of London, which was part of a simultaneous event across the UK.

My events team also curated two exhibitions, one at Trafalgar Square and one at City Hall, which brought together a collection of unforgettable images which captured the capital celebrating Victory in Europe in 1945.

On 9 May, my former Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick AM, attended a Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Greater London (GLRFCA) event marking the 70th Anniversary of the 1945 German Surrender. She met with the Air Cadets and In-Pensioners who were in attendance.

On Sunday 10 May, visitors to Trafalgar Square were able to grab a deckchair, wave the union flag and watch the spectacular Band of the Grenadier Guards performing 1940's hits.

Concert Hall

Further to my announcement earlier this year alongside the Chancellor, I have now agreed £500,000 towards a feasibility study for a new Centre for Music in London that will serve the whole country as a base for inspiring musical performance, digital development, participation and learning. The study is co-funded by DCMS.

Busk In London

I have confirmed £120,000 to deliver this year's Busk In London programme, which turns London into a stage for new musicians and breaking talent. My Gigs competition to discover new music talent continues to grow in quality and audience numbers and this year we have introduced a brand new Busking Code of Conduct which has been agreed by the police and local council officers.

Through the Busk in London programme I want the busking experience in London to be the best in the world for both performers and public.

Volunteering

Team London Young Ambassadors

May has proved to be a very busy month for schools engaged in my Team London team's Young Ambassadors programme, which inspires and supports young people to take social action all across the capital.

On 21 May, pupils from Oasis Academy Johanna in Southwark were busy planting a herb garden to aid the transformation of a strip of wasteland into an urban farm, which will provide vulnerable members of the community with valuable learning experiences. Oasis Farm Waterloo officially launches on 5 June and our young volunteers are busy supporting getting it ready to launch.

On 22 May, 200 pupils from Jo Richardson School took a vow of silence to raise awareness for

causes they were passionate about, including racism, self-harm and bullying. The pupils marched over Tower Bridge with banners to show the causes for which they were silent and congregated in the Scoop at More London and in City Hall as part of a We Are Silent protest.

Also on the 22 May, pupils from Copenhagen Primary School, a Team London Young Ambassadors primary school in Islington, created an edible garden and outdoor classroom. In celebration, the school held an assembly with presentations from school eco-counsellors, the local Mayor and local MP. The young people then released 'wish balloons' at the end of the assembly.

I am delighted to see so many of the Young Ambassador projects coming to life. I hope that through engagement with the programme, more and more young people will become aware of the issues affecting both their local communities, and build their own skills whilst leading projects to tackle them.

Planning and Development

Publishing guidance for planners on meeting social needs of Londoners

On 21 May, I issued detailed planning guidance to ensure the capital has the schools, hospitals, open spaces and places of worship it needs to flourish. Aimed predominantly at planners and developers, the Social Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance builds on policies in my London Plan that aim to tackle some of the city's biggest challenges regarding health, education, sport and faith.

The guidance aims to enhance the health and wellbeing of London's population, which has now increased to more than 8.6 million people, with the latest projections estimating that the city will be home to 11 million people by 2050.

The Supplementary Planning Guidance advocates places that are designed to be inclusive regardless of age and argues that they best promote positive community involvement. These so-called 'lifetime neighbourhoods' incorporate facilities such as health, education, community, cultural, play, recreation, sports, faith and emergency facilities to reflect changing lifestyles and create places where people can live their whole lives.

To view the Social Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance please visit:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Social%20Infrastructure%20...>

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Harefield Grove, 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.

The Russell School, LB Richmond

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

Woolwich Central Phase 4, RB Greenwich

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

Higgs Industrial Estate, LB Lambeth

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

Land South of Osiers Road, London Borough of Wandsworth

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

Kent Wharf, Deptford, LB Lewisham

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

Delegated Stage II Decisions

The Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning, under powers I delegated to him, has sent letters in response to the following statutory referrals:

Hounslow House, 714-746 London Road, LB Hounslow

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Hounslow stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

98 York Road, Battersea, LB Wandsworth

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Former Walkabout Inn, Shepherd's Bush Green, LB Hammersmith & Fulham

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Land Opposite Econ House, LB Bromley

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Bromley stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

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

- 420-424 Seven Sisters Road, LB Hackney
- Former Linpac Site, Richmer Road, Erith, LB Bexley
- One Crown Place, LB Hackney
- Ilford County High School, Freemantle Road, Barkingside, LB Redbridge
- Old Deer Park, LB Richmond
- Land adjacent to Main Road, Biggin Hill, LB Bromley
- Woodlands, 80 Wood Lane, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
- Marine Wharf East, LB Lewisham

- Hounslow High Street (Key Site 1), LB Hounslow
- Land at Mapleton Crescent, LB Wandsworth
- St George's Hospital, Hornchurch, LB Havering
- Royal Russell School, Coombe Lane, LB Croydon
- Footzie Social Club, Station Approach, Lower Sydenham, LB Bromley
- Tesco at Tolworth (Hook Rise South), Surbiton, RB Kingston
- 70-73 Piccadilly, Mayfair, City of Westminster
- Stockley Park Data Centre, Plot 3, West Drayton, LB Hillingdon
- Potters Farm, Turpington Lane, LB Bromley
- St Michael's Square, West Croydon, LB Croydon
- Triangle Site and Olive Morris House, LB Lambeth
- 346 Queenstown Road, Battersea, LB Wandsworth

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- GLS Supplies Depot, Ferry Lane, LB Haringey
- Former BBC Woodlands, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
- Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, 748 High Road, LB Haringey
- Beckton Sewage Treatment Works, Jenkins Lane, LB Newham
- Hillingdon Court, 108 Vine Lane, LB Hillingdon
- St Pauls School, Lonsdale Road, LB Richmond
- 213-215 Warwick Road, RB Kensington and Chelsea

Supplementary Planning Guidance

I have approved publication of the following Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) documents:

- Draft Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance – Housing Standards Policy
- Bexley Growth Strategy/Opportunity Area Planning Framework

Minor Alterations to the London Plan

I have published for consultation two Minor Alterations to the London Plan on parking and housing standards.

Key Engagements

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

- I attended the VE Day 70th Anniversary Day of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on 8 May
- I attended a party hosted by Evgeny Lebedev on 9 May
- I attended the VE Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration Service at Westminster Abbey on 10 May

- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 11 May
- I hosted my regular monthly “Ask Boris” Phone in with Nick Ferrari on 12 May
- I met with Richard Tsai, Vice Chairman of Fubon Financial Holding, on 12 May to discuss inward investment.
- I hosted a community reception for the LBs of Southwark and Lambeth on 12 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 13 May
- I met with AC Mark Rowley on 13 May to discuss policing and security
- I visited the Community Shop in West Norwood on 14 May
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 14 May
- I met with David Skorton, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 15 May
- I had dinner with the Rt Hon George Osborne MP, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on 18 May
- I met with David Wood, ICOMP’s Legal Counsel, on 19 May to discuss the EU competition investigations concerning Google
- I held my regular “Ask Boris” Twitter session on 19 May
- I hosted a meeting of the Mayor’s Advisory Group on 19 May to discuss the proposed Network Rail strike
- I attended London Council’s 50th Anniversary reception on 19 May
- I attended the opening of Photo London on 20 May
- I met with Housing Association representatives on 20 May to discuss the proposal to extend Right to Buy
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 20 May
- I attended Mayor’s Question Time on 21 May
- I had my regular meeting with representatives from the taxi trade on 21 May
- I met with Lord Davies on 21 May to discuss the Garden Bridge
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 21 May
- I planted the final tree in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park’s brand new orchard, Mandeville Place, to launch London Tree Week on 26 May
- I met with the Rt Hon Theresa May MP, the Home Secretary, on 26 May to discuss policing in London
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Craig Mackey, the Deputy Police Commissioner, on 26 May
- I met with Sir Peter Hendy, the Transport Commissioner, on 27 May
- I had lunch with Sir Paul Deighton on 27 May
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London and Crossrail on 28 May
- I spoke to Mark Carne, Chief Executive of Network Rail, on 28 May to discuss the proposed Network Rail strike
- I travelled on a new improved train of the new London Overground service on the West Anglia route on 1 June
- I opened the new Warwick Business School facilities at the Shard on 2 June
- I chaired the London Enterprise Panel meeting on 2 June
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 2 June
- I appeared before the London Assembly on 3 June to answer questions on policing in London

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