

39th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time (Final Budget) – 24th February 2020

This is my thirty-ninth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 3rd January – 10th February 2020.

Executive Summary

Streatham incident statement

On 2 February, a man was shot dead by armed police in Streatham following an incident that is being treated as terrorism-related. A number of people are believed to have been stabbed.

I am in close contact with the Met Commissioner and local representatives, and want to thank our police, security and emergency services staff for their swift and courageous response. They truly are the best of us.

Terrorists seek to divide us and to destroy our way of life - here in London we will never let them succeed.

London is Open

On Friday 31 January, the day the UK left the EU, I worked with partners across the city to spread the message that London Is Open to Londoners and our international friends.

This day was particularly difficult for over one million European Londoners who have made our city their home. In order to support and reassure them that they will always belong here, I opened the doors of City Hall in the evening, hosting a special event that provided free legal advice on the EU Settlement Scheme and emotional support services. Over 400 EU Londoners and other Londoners attended the event to access those services. I made a speech at the event telling them that London would always be open to them.

To ensure the London Is Open message was carried across the city throughout the day, I worked with Transport for London to help share the positive message across their network. I was pleased to see London's cultural, business, and educational institutions join in sharing the message that our city will continue to welcome people from around the world through their social channels and digital assets. This included the CBI, Southwark Cathedral, The Royal Albert Hall, Sadlers Wells, Somerset House, the National Theatre, London City Airport and the Piccadilly Circus Lights.

On this day in history, we showed Londoners, especially those from EU countries, that London remains an outward-looking city that is open to people and ideas from across the globe.

TfL set to take over the operation of the Woolwich Ferry

The Woolwich Ferry is an important part of London's transport network, and I share passengers' frustration at the unacceptable closures they have faced over the past year. That is why, on 10 February, I was delighted to announce that Transport for London (TfL) will be taking over the

contract – bringing a renewed focus on Londoners’ needs including better reliability and customer service.

The Tulip development

On 7 February, I urged the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Robert Jenrick MP, to support my decision to reject plans for the development known as the Tulip.

I am supportive of developments which add important office space to the heart of the City, but the proposed development is an inappropriately sited visitor attraction which would make no economic or positive social contribution to London.

London City Resilience Strategy Launch

On 5 February, I launched the first-ever London City Resilience Strategy. The strategy, developed in partnership with 100 Resilient Cities, the Global Resilient Cities Network, sets out how London and Londoners can prosper in the face of complex future challenges, including acute shocks and long-term stresses.

It is vital that we continue to adapt and change to safeguard our city, our communities and the progressive values that bind us together.

462 new homes in Kensington and Chelsea

On 3 February, we approved a planning application for a piece of land in Earl’s Court to be transformed into 462 homes and a new leisure centre. Under the approved plans, some of the existing buildings on the site will be demolished to make way for eight new buildings, to include a public leisure centre, gym and pool, along with commercial and retail premises and new public spaces.

Tom Copley AM appointed as Deputy Mayor for Housing

On 31 January, I was pleased to announce Tom Copley as my new Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development. Tom will succeed James Murray, who recently left the post to stand successfully as a Member of Parliament.

We’ve begun making progress fixing the housing crisis in London, including starting the highest number of new council homes in the capital in 34 years. I know that Tom shares my ambition to go even further, working with all levels of Government to solve the housing crisis in London once and for all.

7,000 new street trees to be planted across the capital

On 29 January, I announced that I had secured over £2 million from the Forestry Commission’s Urban Tree Challenge Fund to plant 7,000 street trees across London by 2021. Working in partnership with 20 London boroughs, the funding has been matched by £1.2 million from my Greener City Fund, £280,000 from the Royal Docks Enterprise Zone, and over £1 million from local authorities.

The street trees will be planted in over 180 wards that currently have low tree canopy cover – less than 20 per cent – the majority of which are also areas of high deprivation. These new trees

will deliver multiple benefits to Londoners – improving air quality, providing shade, helping to cool the city and making our streets more beautiful. They will also help towards achieving my target to increase London’s existing tree canopy cover by 10 per cent by 2050.

Proposed council tax increase to tackle violent crime

On 29 January, I proposed increasing my share of council tax by 22p a week – with the vast majority going directly to tackle violent crime in the capital. The proposed increase will raise an additional £15.7 million for policing and crime reduction on top of my initial council tax proposals. This will allow us to fast-track funding to recruit 600 extra police officers in 2020/21, who would otherwise not have been recruited until 2021/22.

The Government’s settlement does not make up for the number of police officers lost since 2010, even though the capital’s population has grown. To make matters worse, the Metropolitan Police was told there would be a £9.1 million reduction in its capital grant and the Government has hit London with a new £7 million bill towards the cost of national IT programmes.

I am extremely concerned that Ministers are continuing to shift the burden of police funding from Government grant to Council Tax. The stark reality of the increase in violent crime that we have seen in London and around the country means that I have no choice but to increase the policing element of council tax by the maximum amount allowed.

Scrappage support boost for London’s van and heavy vehicle drivers

On 22 January, I announced that payments for my van scrappage scheme would double to £7,000, with £9,500 also now available to those switching to electric vans. The eligibility criteria has also been broadened to include small businesses. These changes will enable more van and minibus owners to switch to cleaner vehicles, while helping businesses, charities and sole traders to prepare for the expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to the North and South Circular roads next year, and the tightening of the London-wide Low Emission Zone standards this October.

Alongside helping van and minibus owners, I am also taking action to support small businesses operating heavy vehicles later in the year. Heavy vehicles, which include HGVs, coaches and buses that are not part of the TfL network, make up more than a third of the harmful pollution from transport. TfL is finalising the details of the scheme, but it is expected that it will be in the form of a grant of around £15,000 for each polluting heavy vehicle, up to a maximum of three vehicles.

Update on Grenfell Tower recommendations published

The Grenfell Tower fire was a national tragedy that shocked us all. We will never forget the 72 people who lost their lives in a fire that should never have happened.

On 21 January, I published the first report on the progress made since the Grenfell Tower Inquiry as part of a commitment to transparency and keeping the community and Londoners updated. The Inquiry’s Phase One report made 46 recommendations directed at the London Fire Brigade, other fire and rescue services, the emergency services, Government and owners and managers of residential buildings.

I am committed to doing everything I can, working closely with the new London Fire Commissioner, to ensure those recommendations are implemented fully and quickly. While I do not have powers over the Government or high-rise building owners, I am publishing the first regular progress report as part of my commitment to relentlessly hold to account those who need to take action.

As the next phase of the Inquiry begins, it's crucial that the Government, housing and building owners do not sit back and wait until it concludes before taking action in order to prevent another tragedy.

Mayor's visit to Poland

On 27 January I attended the commemoration to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, Auschwitz-Birkenau, in Poland.

Before the main commemoration, I met with two Holocaust survivors at Auschwitz, Renee Salt and Hannah Lewis, who are both Londoners. To hear their stories was incredibly moving. Following this, I unveiled London's name on the donor walls at the main entrance to Auschwitz. This was in recognition of our recent grant of £300,000 to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation to help preserve the concentration camps and the lessons they tell us for generations to come.

The commemoration itself was attended by heads of state, heads of government and European royalty including Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall. The day's proceedings took place within the grounds of the Birkenau extermination camp at the 'gate of death', where over a million European Jews, Roma, Poles, LGBTQ+ and others were murdered.

The guests of honour of the commemoration were the 200 Holocaust survivors in attendance. This was likely to be the last milestone anniversary attended by those who survived the horrors of the Holocaust and could still tell their stories first-hand. I heard moving speeches by four survivors who spoke during the commemoration, all of whom had a clear message to the world – we must never forget what happened at Auschwitz-Birkenau and the atrocities committed during the Holocaust, and we must always defend minorities from any form of persecution.

At the end of the commemoration I then had the honour of joining a procession, alongside survivors and heads of the state delegations, towards the Birkenau memorial. On behalf of all Londoners I laid a candle at the memorial and paid my respects to all those who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

People's Question Time – Haringey

On Thursday 21 January, I was pleased to hold the GLA's 39th People's Question Time, which took place at the Dominion Centre in Haringey. This public event had been postponed from November 2019 as a result of the general election. Chaired by Assembly Member for Enfield and Haringey, Joanne McCartney, both I and the Assembly Members answered questions on Transport, Housing, Air Quality and the Environment, and Growing London's Economy. The event had approximately 400 local residents in attendance.

Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony – Monday 20 January

On Monday 20 January, alongside the Chair of the London Assembly Jennette Arnold OBE, I was honoured to welcome survivors of the Holocaust and Bosnian genocide and guests to City Hall for a special service. The service marked the 75th anniversary of the liberation of

Auschwitz-Birkenau and the 25th anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia, and reflected this year's Holocaust Memorial Day theme, 'Stand Together'.

We were privileged to hear moving accounts of personal experiences from Lily Ebert BEM and Sabit Jakupović, survivors of the Holocaust and Genocide in Poland and Bosnia respectively and an impactful address by Rabbi Marcus MBE. Young Ambassadors reflected on their experiences of the Holocaust Educational Trust's 'Lessons from Auschwitz' Project and students from London read a 'Statement of Commitment'.

London's diversity is its greatest strength, but with a worrying rise in anti-Semitism at home and abroad, this year's theme, 'Standing Together' could not be more important. Progress in opposing hatred and promoting equality must never be taken for granted. As the years pass, and we have fewer survivors to pass on their extraordinary stories, we must work even harder to ensure younger generations learn from history.

Brent London Borough of Culture 2020 Opening Show

Brent's year as London Borough of Culture coincides with EURO 2020. The world's eyes will be fixed on the borough as Wembley Stadium is set to host seven matches including the semi-finals and final of the prestigious tournament, creating an opportunity for Brent to reshape itself as a destination for creativity and culture.

On 18 January, I attended the opening show of Brent 2020; the London Borough of Culture, with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE. Hosted by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Butt. RISE was an outdoor spectacular featuring over 300 community dancers and attended by over 3,000 members of the public. A further 5,000 watched the show online via livestream. As part of Brent 2020 they have written a charter, made policy recommendations and designed a space for the Wembley Park development.

Joint venture to counter violent extremism and hate crime

On 14 January, I joined forces with Google.org to launch the new £800,000 fund to fight intolerance and extremism in the capital. This fund will empower communities to tackle violent extremism and a rise in hate crime offences in the capital.

Extremism, intolerance and hate crime of any kind has absolutely no place in our city and I have worked closely with the police and all communities across London as we battle against this scourge. I am determined to continue to lead from the front and do everything possible to keep Londoners safe. The fund is part of my new £1 million investment made after delivering the first ever London Countering Violent Extremism programme.

London Power launched

On 13 January, I launched the landmark green energy company, London Power - delivering on my manifesto commitment to ensure Londoners have access to energy that is always fair, always affordable, always green with excellent customer service.

The London Power primary tariff, my London fixed yearly plan, is a competitive 12-month fixed price plan which will be fairly priced at the point of sign up. For pre-payment customers, our tariff will always be at least 2 per cent cheaper than the price cap. At the time of launch, the average credit customer could save around £300 per year and the average prepayment

customer could save £160 per year by switching to London Power. For the first time we have a fair, affordable, green energy company specially designed for Londoners.

Urgent action needed to support young undocumented Londoners

On 9 January, I released figures that revealed an estimated 107,000 children and a further 26,000 18 – 24 year olds are living in London without secure immigration status.

Despite more than half being born in the UK, these young people are being excluded from life in London by Government policies that leave them unable to access higher education, open a bank account, apply for a driving licence, secure housing or employment.

It is vital that ministers provide financial support to advice services, cut extortionate immigration and citizenship fees and reinstate legal aid for children's immigration cases.

£1 million invested to support victims of domestic abuse

On 8 January, I announced a new £1 million investment in training doctors and healthcare professionals to boost their abilities in identifying the signs of domestic violence and offering earlier help to victims. This investment is a crucial part of London's Violence Reduction Unit and its work to deliver early interventions that break a cycle of violence and address the complex root causes behind violent crime.

Policing, Crime and Security

New funding to tackle domestic violence and abuse.

There is strong evidence of the links between domestic violence and other forms of serious violent crime, with City Hall data showing that 13 per cent of serious youth violence victims are also victims of domestic violence, while a third of female serious youth violence victims also victims of domestic violence and abuse.

On 8 January, I announced a new £1 million investment through the Violence Reduction Unit in training doctors and healthcare professionals to boost their abilities in identifying the signs of domestic violence and offering earlier help to victims.

Specialist training for doctors and GPs is currently available in ten boroughs. The new funding will expand the programme across 17 boroughs, providing two dedicated domestic violence advocates per borough, with the potential to support more than two million Londoners to access support and guidance. The programme has been developed by IRISi, a social enterprise which works to improve the response to gender-based violence in the health sector, along with partner organisations.

A new grassroots fund to tackle hatred and extremism

On 14 January, I addressed an event at Google's London offices, announcing a new fund to empower communities to tackle violent extremism and the rise in hate crime offences.

The programme is funded with £400,000 investment from City Hall, match-funded by Google.org – Google's philanthropic arm. The new fund, run in partnership with the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD), will be invested in local communities and grassroots groups because evidence shows they are best placed to counter hate, intolerance and extremism. Organisations will have the opportunity to bid for grants up to £50,000.

I was also pleased to announce a new network of civil society groups who wish to stand up to hate and extremism. Groups will be invited to join and benefit from free capacity-building opportunities and best practice information sharing, irrespective of how successful they are in bidding for this fund.

This funding is on top of the £6 million I have already invested in tackling all forms of hate – more than any other Mayor – and is the next phase of my Countering Violent Extremism programme, set up in 2017.

Police funding announcements

On 22 January, the Government finally announced police funding allocations for England and Wales. The delays to this announcement had caused significant problems for forces, with the uncertainty over future funding frustrating efforts to recruit officers.

While I welcome the additional funding, the Government's settlement does not make up for the number of police officers lost since 2010, even though the capital's population has grown. To make matters worse, the Metropolitan Police was told of a £9.1 million reduction in its capital grant and the Government has hit London with a new £7 million bill towards the cost of national IT programmes.

Both the Commissioner and I will continue to push the Government to give us the 6,000 extra police officers our city needs, and a proper long-term funding commitment in order to recruit and support them.

But more police officers to deter and catch criminals is just one half of the equation - we also need to be tough on tackling the root causes of crime. Sadly there is little sign that the Government will reverse their huge cuts to youth services, schools, councils and community facilities that caused crime to rise in the first place.

On 29 January, I put forward my budget proposals for the year ahead. This includes a proposed increase in the share of council tax I can raise by £11.56 a year – 22p a week - from April, meaning that an average Band D household will pay £332.07 to City Hall.

Of this increase, £10 (19p a week) will go directly towards policing and tackling violent crime in the city. This is the maximum amount by which the Government allows me as Mayor to increase the share of council tax that goes directly to policing and crime reduction. The proposed increase will raise an additional £15.7 million for policing and crime reduction on top of my initial council tax proposals. This will allow us to fast-track funding to bring forward 600 extra police officers into 2020/21, who would otherwise not have been recruited until 2021/22.

I am extremely concerned that Ministers are continuing to shift the burden of police funding from Government grant to Council Tax. The stark reality of the increase in violent crime that we have seen in London and around the country means that I have no choice but to increase the policing element of the council tax by the maximum amount allowed.

Sharing learning and best practice on tackling violence with other global cities

Tackling violent crime is a key priority in global cities around the world and on 31 January, I was pleased to address the Institute for Global City Policing (a collaboration between MOPAC, the MPS and University College London) Dealing with Violence Conference, developed with support from the London VRU and the Home Office.

The conference, also addressed by my Director of the London VRU, Lib Peck, and Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, brought together practitioners, policy makers and community representatives with academics from the global cities of London, New York and Chicago to discuss research evidence in this area and to identify what actions policing and other partners can take to reduce violence.

We are keen to continue to build strong relationships and learn from with our counterparts in other major cities and conferences like this are a vital element of that work.

Transport

Changes to some London Overground ticket offices in response to customer needs

Transport for London (TfL) has announced that the hours at some London Overground ticket offices are being changed to better match the times customers use them.

With the significant reduction in office-based ticket sales, it had been proposed that ticket offices at many stations on the London Overground network would have permanently closed. TfL listened to concerns raised by the trade unions, and has worked with Arriva Rail London, the operator of London Overground, who conducted a station-by-station review of the network, including consulting its staff for their views. Following this, a decision was taken to keep ticket offices staffed during those times of day when customers need them most.

Safety and security remain the top priority for TfL. All stations will continue to be staffed from 15 minutes before the first train of the day until 15 minutes after the last - a continuing commitment that makes London Overground stations stand out on the national rail network. Staff will continue to be available at all London Overground stations to provide customers with any help and assistance needed, including journey planning and ticketing.

TfL investment to create nearly 8,000 new cycle parking spaces

Transport for London (TfL) has announced the award of more than £3.5 million of investment to 30 London boroughs to create 7,800 new cycle spaces in town centres, stations, schools and residential areas.

This investment will enable thousands more cycle journeys to take place each week by ensuring more journeys begin and end with a place to park, with the first spaces set to be in place by the spring. The investment has been carefully targeted to add spaces where they are most needed.

The funding is part of TfL's Cycle Parking Implementation Plan, published last year, which showed that thousands of new parking spaces are needed to keep up with increased levels of cycling. TfL is working with councils, schools, universities and hospitals across the capital to ensure the number of cycle parking spaces can meet demand.

The Plan sets out an aspiration to ensure that all stations outside Zone 1 have a minimum of 20 cycle parking spaces within 50 metres of the station and a minimum of 30 per cent spare capacity. Ten stations will be brought up to this new benchmark in the coming year.

TfL unveils plans to build a major new Cycleway in southeast London

TfL has launched a consultation on a new high quality 6.5km Cycleway, between Greenwich and Woolwich. This would connect to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's future Liveable Neighbourhood plans for Greenwich Town Centre and to Cycleway 4 to create a continuous safe cycling route from Tower Bridge to Woolwich.

TfL is asking people to have their say on the first phase of this route, between Charlton and Woolwich, with plans including:

A new two-way, fully segregated high-quality 2.5km Cycleway, which would run along the A206 Woolwich Road

Six new pedestrian crossings will be created, with improvements to several others along the route, serving key local communities, schools, the Woolwich Ferry and Warspite Road, where a person walking was tragically killed in a collision in 2018

Extending the existing bus lanes to make journeys by bus quicker and easier. Half of all trips along Woolwich Road are currently made by bus

New Routemaster buses to become front-boarding only

Transport for London (TfL) has announced that all New Routemasters will be converted to make the middle and rear doors exit only, following a successful pilot on the route 8 that reduced fare evasion without affecting the reliability of the route.

The New Routemasters currently allows boarding through all doors, but this has seen fare evaders deprive London's transport network of millions of pounds of vital revenue. Fare evasion on New Route masters is more than double the rate of other buses, with TfL estimating that more than £3.6 million is lost each year on New Routemasters. The current system also means that customers with accessibility needs cannot always board buses first.

Early indications suggest that fare evasion dropped by more than half during a trial of front-door-only boarding on route 8, with no adverse effect on service efficiency. The pilot, which started in August, was successful in communicating the change and encouraging people to board through the front doors – reducing fare evasion and improving accessibility.

The changes, beginning on 25 January and continuing over the coming months, will also make using buses in London simpler for all, as boarding arrangements for New Routemasters will now be the same as on other London buses. All drivers have undergone training to improve their customers' experience, and by boarding at the front, it will be easier for passengers to interact with drivers.

TfL and Santander launch a year of celebrations to mark ten years of London's flagship cycle hire scheme

This year, Transport for London (TfL) and Santander will celebrate the tenth anniversary of cycle hire in the capital, with a series of events, competitions and offers throughout 2020.

TfL launched London's flagship cycle hire scheme on 30 July 2010 across eight London boroughs with 315 docking stations. Now there are more than 12,000 bikes available from 781 docking stations. In the past decade users have made more than 87 million hires, with over 10 million hires in 2019 for the fourth year in a row and 34,500 hires on Christmas Day. New docking stations around parks and extra capacity at busy rail stations has helped ensure another strong year of hires.

This spring, five new docking stations will open along Cycleway 4 in Southwark and there are plans to expand docking stations along Cycleways going forward. New docking stations are already in place at Blackfriars, Victoria, Queensway and Paddington railway stations and extra capacity has been added recently around London Bridge station.

Freight innovation challenge launched to tackle congestion and keep goods moving

Transport for London (TfL) has begun a search for the best innovators to apply for an innovation challenge, London FreightLab, to develop new ways of tackling some of the biggest issues associated with freight and servicing in London.

This new challenge is part of the Civic Innovation Challenge, which brings together London's public and private sector with tech companies to develop solutions to the most pressing problems facing the city, delivered in partnership with Microsoft and the Social Tech Trust.

London FreightLab is looking to offer funding, land sites, and subject matter expertise during the pilot stage for up to six innovative ideas, which could be further developed and tested through the London FreightLab challenge. Ideas should help make the way goods move around London safer, cleaner and more efficient.

Applications are open to everybody and full details are available at:
<http://www.tech.london/challenges/tackling-congestion>.

TfL using artificial intelligence to help fuel London's cycling boom

Transport for London (TfL) has been working with Vivacity Labs, an innovative London tech firm, on a UK-first trial of artificial intelligence technology, which could make it much easier to plan and operate new cycle routes in the capital.

Until now, TfL has relied mainly on manual traffic counts to work out how many people are cycling on any given road. This helps assess demand for new cycle routes and helps TfL improve how it operates the road network for the growing numbers of people cycling. Manual traffic counts, which are carried out at limited locations on London's road network, are only able to give a snapshot of road use on the given day or time.

Since 2018, TfL has trialled using Vivacity Labs sensors at two busy locations along Millbank. The sensors use artificial intelligence to detect road users and decide which mode of transport they are using. The competitive trial, which is the first time the technology has been used within London, showed that the Vivacity sensors are up to 98 per cent accurate.

The sensors gather data around the clock, which provides a significantly more detailed picture of how London's roads are being used by everyone 24/7. All video captured by the sensors is processed and discarded within seconds, meaning that no personal data is ever stored. TfL is in the process of introducing 43 more Vivacity sensors at 20 central London locations to gather data and further test to understand the full range of capabilities the technology has to offer

Safety features now in place on more than 8,000 lorries

Transport for London (TfL) has announced that it has issued more than 8,000 Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Safety Permits, as part of the Direct Vision Standard since it launched in October 2019. Freight operators are required to obtain a free Safety Permit, which is needed to be compliant with TfL's world-leading scheme, before enforcement commences on 26 October 2020.

The number of permits issued so far is encouraging. However, TfL estimates that there are around 250,000 HGVs entering London each year that will need to apply for a permit by the October deadline. Every HGV over 12 tonnes will require a permit and it is possible to apply for

multiple vehicle permits in a single application, making it easier for operators with larger fleets. Almost 6,000 of the permits issued so far have been done through this process.

Operators are encouraged to apply for a free HGV Safety Permit now ahead of enforcement beginning on 26 October. Operators with vehicles rated zero star will need to allow extra time to apply for their permit as Safe System measures, including cameras and sensors, need to be installed and evidenced for a permit to be issued.

HGV operators who fail to meet these new minimum safety standards and obtain a permit will be issued a penalty charge of £550 a day for driving in the capital. The Direct Vision Standard will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will be enforced within the Greater London Boundary.

TfL and local boroughs work together to improve six local high streets

Transport for London (TfL) is working with borough council partners to enhance high streets in six locations across London, as part of its commitment to create healthy streets across the capital.

TfL and the boroughs are using creative low-cost ideas from local communities to improve busy high streets in Barnet, Croydon, Islington, Southwark, Tower Hamlets and Wandsworth, with the aim of creating better environments for the local areas. Improvements include refreshing road markings, repainting and planting new trees. Some areas will also receive new cycle parking, water fountains and pavements will be cleared of clutter.

TfL and boroughs are also working with local communities in each area to give the high streets local branding and identity. This includes welcome signage, wayfinding to local points of interest such as markets and artwork championing subjects of local significance.

Fire and Resilience

Meeting with Her Majesty's Inspector of the Fire & Rescue Services Matt Parr CB

On 6 January, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, and London Fire Commissioner, Andy Roe, met with Her Majesty's Inspector of the Fire & Rescue Services, Matt Parr CB, to discuss the findings of the Inspectorate's report on the London Fire Brigade.

Care Quality Commission meeting

On 16 January, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, met with Alison Murray, Head of Inspection, Care Quality Commission (CQC), to discuss the CQC's collaboration with the London Fire Brigade on fire safety in care homes.

Meeting with the London Fire Brigade's Counselling and Trauma Service Team

On 20 January, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, met with the London Fire Brigade's Counselling and Trauma Service Team to discuss the support they provide to London Fire Brigade staff.

Fire Diversity Champion Network

On 22 January, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, spoke at and chaired the launch of the Local Government Association's Fire Diversity Champion Network. The purpose of the Network is to bring together Fire and Rescue Authority members to highlight the importance of culture, diversity and inclusion within the fire and rescue services.

Fire Commission - Local Government Association

On 24 January, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, spoke at the Local Government Association Fire Commission about the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 report's recommendations and their implications for fire and rescue services nationally and the need for culture change both at London Fire Brigade and across the sector.

Edmonton Fire Station visit

On 31 January, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, visited Edmonton fire station with Assembly Member, Joanne McCartney.

London Resilience Forum

On 6 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, chaired the London Resilience Forum.

Plumstead Fire Station visit

On 7 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, visited Plumstead Fire Station with Assembly Member, Len Duvall OBE, and London Fire Commissioner, Andy Roe.

Growth, Skills and Regeneration

Crowdfund London

January marked the deadline for applications to the latest round of my Crowdfund London programme; offering funding and support to community-led projects that promote active participation in regeneration. We received 65 applications and I'll be announcing the projects we're supporting in March.

High streets and town centres guidance and support

As part of my Good Growth by Design programme, on 21 January, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, and Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, launched our new guidance, 'High Streets - Adaptive Strategies'. High streets are vital to our communities and local economies but face a range of challenges. In response to this, my London Plan advocates a strategic approach to enable town centres to adapt and diversify. The new guidance showcases the great work taking place across London and sets out the investment case for high streets. It will support London's boroughs, high street custodians and communities to deliver innovative strategies and projects for high

street renewal. Almost a quarter of a million pounds worth of funding will be available this summer to support boroughs to prepare adaptive strategies of their own for their local high streets.

Making London Child-Friendly Guidance

As part of my Good Growth by Design programme, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, launched our new guidance, 'Making London Child-Friendly – designing places and streets for children and young people' on 27 January. The design of the built environment has a huge impact on the physical, social and mental development of children and young people, so the report advocates for a holistic approach to planning and designing cities that puts young Londoners at the forefront.

My new London Plan requires developments to increase opportunities for play and informal recreation and emphasises the creation of safe, accessible routes for children and young people to move freely and independently within their neighbourhoods. The guidance sets out indicators, principles and best practice approaches to help local authorities, commissioning clients and designers to create opportunities for young Londoners to be independently mobile and make London child-friendly. The guidance will be followed by a new piece of Supplementary Planning Guidance to cover child-friendly approaches to city making, including independent mobility, play and recreation.

Apprenticeships for Londoners and National Apprenticeship Week

My Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, announced plans to support the creation of apprenticeship opportunities for Londoners at an event on 4 February, during National Apprenticeship Week. The event marked the public launch of the London Progression Collaboration, a two-year initiative to create over 1,000 apprenticeships delivered by the GLA and the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), with financial support from J. P. Morgan.

We also announced that Croydon College and Local London had been successful in their bids to deliver two additional three-year projects worth £786,000 as part of my Apprenticeships for Londoners programme. These projects will support businesses to use more of their apprenticeship levy to increase participation in apprenticeships, particularly for Londoners from disadvantaged backgrounds. This is part of my commitment to ensuring all Londoners can access the opportunities a quality apprenticeship provides, and that the apprenticeship system better meets the skills needs of the capital's employers.

Housing

Lewisham Rough Sleeping and Homelessness Services Visit

On 10 January, I visited a site in Lewisham where I fund services to help people who have been sleeping rough, and who are on various stages of their journey away from the street. It was great to see my Life Off the Streets programme in action, made possible by the dedicated staff at St Mungo's. I was able to see the fantastic new No Second Night Out Hub, a safe place for new rough sleepers from where they receive further support and a bespoke plan for a

sustainable route off the streets. I also saw the new 'staging post', individual rooms, for people waiting for longer-term accommodation to become available.

I'm proud to have funded the construction of these two vital services, and to be continuing to fund them to help rough sleepers get in from the street for good. The stories of the people I met will stay with me for a long time – they show how crucial it is to keep fighting for more funding to help this vulnerable group.

My Winter Programme for people sleeping rough

As part of my Life Off the Streets programme, I am funding 300 extra beds in temporary accommodation from January through to the end of March. This is thanks to my inaugural Winter Programme, which is aimed at getting more people sleeping rough off the street and into my support services.

I am proud to say that in January, 315 people were accommodated through this programme, in addition to the various other services that I provide along with my partner charities and faith-based groups. Anyone helped by this instant accommodation solution will then be offered a support plan, potentially containing longer term accommodation or other solutions to get them off the streets for good. The temporary bed space will then be free for another person who has been sleeping rough to ensure we're helping as many people as possible. As ever, I'm committed to do all I can to help end rough sleeping and homelessness in London.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

Business Advisory board meeting at Transport for London

On 15 January, I chaired my Business Advisory Board meeting. I invited the TfL Commissioner, Mike Brown MVO, and TfL Chief Finance Officer, Simon Kilonback, to present TfL's five-year Business Plan. The Board discussed how best to ensure continuous investment into our transport system and infrastructure to safeguard London's global competitiveness. I called on the Board to join me in making the case for London to Government – that if the UK is to retain its status, they need to invest in the capital too.

Tourism Means Business

On 20 January, I attended London & Partner's annual 'Tourism Means Business Conference', speaking to around 300 of the capital's tourism and hospitality businesses on the importance of the sector to our economy. I highlighted key opportunities including EURO 2020 and reiterated my message that London Is Open. I announced the results of Domestic Tourism Consortium's 'Let's do London' campaign and the VisitLondon App hitting 1 million downloads. I called on the industry to join me in making the case for London to Government – that if the UK is to retain its status they need to invest in the capital too.

Meeting with Virgin Media on Connectivity

On 6 February, I met with the CEO of Virgin Media, Lutz Schuler, to listen to their plans for London and encourage them to invest in full fibre connectivity. I informed Lutz of my new London Plan and the impact that policy S16 will have on new developments in London. My Connected London team and Chief Digital Officer, Theo Blackwell MBE, were also in

attendance and will continue to work with Virgin Media and other providers in London to support with coordination between boroughs and share best practice. I also agreed that my team, with support from Virgin Media will host a CPD accredited workshop for London boroughs to learn about planning policies for digital connectivity ahead of the London Plan launch.

London Growth Hub

My London Growth Hub has now opened five physical Hubs where fully trained business advisers are ready to support local entrepreneurs and SME's to achieve their ambitions. The sites are at: Sussex Innovation Centre (Croydon); Woolwich Library (Greenwich); Huddle (Hammersmith and Fulham); 639 Community Enterprise Hub (Haringey) and; Tintagel House (Lambeth).

Businesses can find out more information and book appointments here:
<https://www.growthhub.london/get-support/>

Environment

London Power launched

On 13 January, I launched London Power, delivering on my manifesto commitment, to ensure Londoners have access to energy that is always fair, always affordable, always green with excellent customer service. The London Power primary tariff, my London fixed yearly plan, is a competitive, 12-month fixed price plan which will be fairly priced at the point of sign up. For pre-payment customers, our tariff will always be at least 2 per cent cheaper than the price cap. At the time of launch, the average credit customer could save around £300 per year and the average prepayment customer could save £160 per year by switching to London Power.

The creation of London Power is part of my commitment both to address the climate emergency and to alleviate fuel poverty in London. London Power supplies 100 per cent renewable electricity – all the electricity used is matched with power generated from renewable sources like the sun and the wind. London Power supports those in fuel poverty by offering affordable tariffs for the long term and by providing a gateway to support for vulnerable customers.

London Power is being delivered in partnership with Octopus Energy, the only 'Which?' recommended energy supplier in the UK, who will provide their customer service expertise.

To officially launch the company, I attended a ceremonial 'switch on' with Stuart Jackson (Co-Founder and CFO of Octopus Energy), as well as Adam Scorer (CEO of National Energy Action), and Nina Skorupska (CEO of Renewable Energy Association), important stakeholders in my work to reduce fuel poverty and tackle the climate emergency.

Visualising London's air pollution challenge

On 14 January, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, provided a keynote address at an event in Covent Garden hosted by the environmental charity Hubbub. The event launched Hubbub's 'Pollution Pavilion', an innovative and interactive installation

designed to help members of the public to understand the dangers of London's air pollution and encourage them to take action.

My Deputy Mayor outlined our work to help clean up London's air toxic air, including reducing emissions from transport and other sources. My Deputy Mayor explained that I want London to achieve World Health Organization (WHO) recommended targets on air pollution by 2030 but at present I lack sufficient powers to act on non-transport sources that make a significant contribution to London's PM2.5 pollution. I will therefore, continue to urge Government to support a legally binding target for meeting WHO levels of PM2.5 by 2030 in the forthcoming Environment Bill, alongside giving local leaders the powers and funds to achieve the target.

Encouraging more private investment in greener neighbourhoods

On 16 January, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at UCL's Bartlett Real Estate Institute (BREI) to discuss the changing nature of real estate investment. Research by BREI has indicated that investors in real estate should support developments that include more and better green infrastructure, in order to generate a more sustainable and secure return on investment. The seminar explored what is needed to leverage more private investment in order to support my ambition to make London an even greener city and the long-term benefits this provides.

Visit to Salisbury School to view success of the air quality audit programme

On 21 January, I visited Salisbury Primary School in Newham to view the success of my air quality audits, a policy now being expanded to state run schools in some of London's other most polluted areas.

Salisbury Primary School has relocated their Day Care Centre playground away from Romford Road reducing children's exposure to harmful emissions. This intervention was made possible through a £10,000 starter grant from my audit programme. Newham have also committed to extending air quality audits to all primary and secondary schools in the borough as part of a long-term air quality monitoring study.

I was also joined at the school by leading British Formula E driver, Sam Bird, who showcased the new 'Gen2' electric racing car. Sam spoke to pupils about how Formula E is helping to innovate electric vehicle technology and support London's electric vehicle revolution which will help tackle the climate emergency and air pollution.

Six more business Low Emission Neighbourhoods to be delivered for Londoners

On 22 January, I announced £1.75 million in LEAP funding to deliver six additional business-led Low Emission Neighbourhoods. These join the 11 borough and business-led Low Emission Neighbourhoods that have already been supported in 2016 and 2017 by previous rounds of this fund and that are delivering innovative and targeted pollution-busting measures across London.

This includes the world's first Ultra Low Emission Vehicle-only streets in Shoreditch, emissions-based parking measures that have led to a 16 per cent reduction in older more polluting vehicles parking in Marylebone, and new clean air routes to destinations such as Guys Hospital and Regents Park which help pedestrians reduce their exposure to pollution by up to 60 per cent.

The six new projects will include:

- Transforming London Road in Croydon into a 'Healthy High Street'
- Measures to drive down delivery-based emissions for markets in Tower Hamlets
- Installing of one of the UK's first Ultra-fast Electric Vehicle charging depts in Redbridge,
- A zero-emission freight service in Hammersmith and Fulham,
- And series of greening initiatives and walking and cycling improvements in Wandsworth and Waltham Forest.

These initiatives will all help to drive down air pollution emissions and make London's high streets even more attractive places to visit and do business in.

More projects funded through the London Community Energy Fund

I announced the 17 successful new community energy projects I will be supporting under the third phase of the London Community Energy Fund (LCEF). The fund was established in 2017 to provide the much-needed support to get community energy projects up and running following the Government's decision to end funding to them. This is helping to improve the energy efficiency of community buildings and supply London with more clean and efficient energy sources.

As part of this phase of the fund, I made a further £100,000 available bringing the total given to community groups to £500,000. Projects funded include retrofitting a theatre, solar panels on a car park and more solar on schools. This brings the total number of community energy projects the fund has supported to 48, across 82 buildings in London. And for solar PV alone, phase 1 and 2 of LCEF are supporting projects which will lead to an additional 1.3MWp of solar capacity in London and phase 3 has the potential to add another 3.8MWp.

Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) Leadership in Climate Action Event

On 28 January, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, was the keynote speaker at the Carbon Disclosure Project's Leadership in Action Event. The event brought together representatives from business, local authorities, investors, and other public sector organisations to share insights into leadership on climate change actions, and what actions need to be taken to ensure the transition to net zero in London and the UK.

My Deputy Mayor outlined the actions we are taking in London to achieve the ambitions in the Environment Strategy and specifically focused on my work to drive stronger environmental performance in the business sector and gave examples from my London Business Climate Leaders programme. This programme consists of 11 international businesses that have a significant footprint in London and have committed to be leaders in acting on their footprint.

Roundtable on Net Zero

On 28 January, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended a roundtable at the Tony Blair Institute on how we achieve Net Zero Carbon as quickly as possible. This event discussed how we can speed up the political agenda to achieve net zero, how we safeguard against falling short and how we ensure a just transition for our society. This

informed the policy agenda of the Institute in the run up to COP 26 later this year with examples of the action being taken and delivered in London to tackle the climate emergency.

Resource London Peabody Flats Recycling Project

On 28 January, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended the launch of the final report from the Resource London Peabody Flats Recycling Project. London has the lowest recycling rate of any region in England and I have set ambitious targets to increase recycling across the capital.

One factor is that London has a high proportion and increasing number of flats. However, recycling in flats is challenging as they are expensive to provide services to and often have limited and easily accessible space for recycling storage. This project has developed and trialled solutions to improve recycling in flats, including engaging with residents, clearer signage and better maintained bin stores.

The project has had a positive influence on the recycling behaviour in the trial locations. Findings show that the solutions have encouraged some residents to recycle for the first time, and others to recycle more consistently. The projects also decreased contamination and provided residents with a positive experience of the recycling services on their estate.

£1.1 million awarded to help communities make London greener

On 29 January, I awarded £1.1 million from my Greener City Fund to 54 projects that will create and improve green spaces across our capital. These projects, the final round of my Community Green Space Grants, will improve Londoners' access to nature in our parks, clean up waterways, reduce children's exposure to air pollution and help communities to green their streets.

In total they will improve over 100 hectares of green space and involve over 15,000 volunteers. Over 250 community greening and tree planting projects have now been supported by my Greener City Fund since 2018, improving more than 275 hectares of green space and funding more than 280,000 trees.

New website launched to help reduce air pollution from the construction sector

Diesel powered construction machinery is a significant source of air pollution in London. The Non-Road Mobile Machinery Low Emission Zone is a unique project which uses my planning powers to ensure that construction machinery meets minimum emission standards.

On 30 January, I launched a new website designed to make it easier for construction sites to demonstrate that they are complying with my Non-Road Mobile Machinery Low Emission Zone and aid enforcement of air pollution limits.

This year will see significant changes to the scheme for the first time since its introduction: from 1 January this year, I removed a "block exemption" which previously allowed older more polluting generators to operate in central London and, from the end of September I will be tightening up the minimum standards, and helping drive down air pollution emissions, on construction sites throughout London.

The website can be found here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/pollution-and-air-quality/nrmm>

Funding for Better Futures Project

I approved the extension of my Better Futures project from three years to six years. Better Futures supports companies that deliver low carbon and circular economy goods and services that help us reduce waste and other negative impacts on our environment. The project works with 'clean tech' companies to accelerate their growth and develop technologies that support London's transition to a low carbon, circular economy more quickly. The project has supported 100 companies to date and will support a further 100 over the next three years.

During the next three years we will be building on this programme. We will also be increasing the number of very early stage SMEs we work with to accelerate their growth, building on lessons from the first three years.

The three-year extension brings the total project funding up to £4.2 million for the full six years. The project remains 50 per cent funded by the European Regional Development Fund, with match-funding from the GLA and the project partners: Imperial College, Sustainable Workspaces, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation and West London Business.

Education and Youth

Newham Nursery Schools' annual conference

On 9 January, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, had the pleasure of opening Newham Nursery Schools' annual conference. Early years practitioners from across the borough (and beyond) attended to explore this year's theme: 'what are the building blocks of a high-quality early years curriculum?'

My Deputy Mayor celebrated the great work of my three Early Years Hubs - one of which is led by Sheringham Nursery School in Newham. This hub aims to improve the take-up and quality of early education in the borough. Since we launched the hubs programme back in 2018, it has supported over 100 local early years settings and over 1000 practitioners.

Peer Outreach Team

On 31 January, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, hosted a ceremony in London's Living Room, led by my Peer Outreach Team. The team have been working in partnership with the youth advisory committee of the Mary Seacole Trust, providing young people with an exciting opportunity to explore their culture and heritage. Some of the brilliant pieces of artwork created through this project were on display on the night, with some of the best pieces winning.

My Peer Outreach Team are a fantastic reflection of our city and its diversity, with young people joining us from a cross section of different areas, cultural backgrounds and religious beliefs.

Young Londoners Fund announcement

On 4 February, I announced the successful projects benefiting from the second round of my Young Londoners Fund at the Harrow Club, a youth centre in Kensington and Chelsea. I was

joined by Andre Gray from Watford Football Club. We saw the excellent work Harrow Club is delivering as part of their own Young Londoners Fund grant, including helping young people create short plays about knife crime.

Round two of my £45 million Young Londoners Fund has been extremely popular, with over 500 applications received. Overall, this second round of funding will see a total of £16.4 million supporting 109 fantastic projects and providing positive activities to 40,000 young Londoners.

The fund first launched in February 2018 to support community groups, charities, youth centres and schools to provide much-needed positive opportunities for young people in the capital. Against a backdrop of government cuts, it's part of a package of measures aimed at encouraging young people to make the right choices and, for some, diverting them away from knife crime and youth violence.

LondonEd conference

On 7 February, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, welcomed over 200 delegates to LondonEd: a research conference for London schools. LondonEd, run in partnership with the London South Teaching School Alliance, returned to City Hall for a second time to celebrate the strength and power of the teacher research movement across London schools.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Education Endowment Foundation, Professor Becky Francis, presented powerful findings from research to identify the most effective ways to raise the attainment of disadvantaged children. Becky reflected on the ways in which evidence can support teachers and school leaders to narrow the attainment gap. It was fantastic to bring together so many educational leaders and academic researchers to share their findings and open up a dialogue about the implications for practice in London schools.

Communities and Social Policy

New Research: Young Londoners without immigration status or citizenship

On 9 January, I released research on the number of young Londoners without immigration status or citizenship. The research, carried out by the University of Wolverhampton, estimated there are around 107,000 children and a further 26,000 18-24-year olds living in London without secure immigration status. Despite more than half being born in the UK, these young people are being excluded from life in London. The report received national media coverage and provided opportunities for young people affected by this issue to speak on BBC London News, BBC radio, in The Guardian and more.

Africa in London

On 13 January, City Hall welcomed participants in the Africa in London mentorship programme. The seven mentorships are part of a pilot delivered by Hatch Ideas as part of the Africa in London campaign launched by my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard in 2019. The Africa in London 2020 programme will launch in late May guided by a community advisory group and supported by the British Council.

Shared Learning Workshops

On 21 January, City Hall's first Shared Learning workshop of 2020 was held. The workshop explored the use of Peer Research as a mode of community engagement. Our Shared Learning Workshops are a forum for policy makers from across the public sector to reflect on challenges and successes, and share best practice on how we engage London's communities. I am committed to putting communities at the heart of Policy Making here at City Hall.

Community Sponsorship in London

On 23 January, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, welcomed London Community Sponsorship Groups and stakeholders from the banking sector, the housing sector, the NHS, and local authorities to City Hall. The event was organised in partnership with Reset Communities and Refugees to discuss the challenges and opportunities for community involvement in resettling refugees in London. City Hall will investigate the issues community groups have shared and work with relevant stakeholders to respond.

Chinese New Year Celebrations

On Sunday 26 January, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended and spoke at the Chinese New Year Celebrations, a highlight of London's cultural calendar.

I'm immensely proud of London's Chinese New Year celebrations. Visitors to central London enjoyed the famous lion parade through the streets of Chinatown, spectacular stage performances in Trafalgar Square, and martial arts displays, music shows and traditional Chinese street food across the West End.

As we started the Year of the Rat, we payed homage to the rich culture and the huge contribution that London's Chinese community brings to our capital.

Visit of Pakistani Parliamentarians to City Hall

On 28 January, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, welcomed fifteen female parliamentarians from the National Assembly of Pakistan to City Hall. The politicians were part of the Women's Parliamentary Caucus of Pakistan - a non-partisan forum for women parliamentarians in Pakistan.

The politicians visited City Hall as part of a tour hosted by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK, which saw them visit a number of political institutions at different levels of national and regional government, including the London Assembly. In their meeting with Debbie they heard more about my work to tackle the gender and ethnicity pay gaps, diversify the workforce in growth sectors such as construction and technology, and build a gender and racially diverse mayoral team and executive boards.

Social Integration Design Lab

On 29 January, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, and my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, hosted a showcase of our Social Integration Design Lab. The showcase welcomed local authorities, built environment professionals and service design

experts to City Hall to mark the publication of our 2019 programme report. The report showcases the work of 17 London boroughs funded by City Hall over the past year to improve social integration through local regeneration projects. Our new Social Integration and Regeneration Learning Network was also announced at the event. This network will share and develop learning across London boroughs on how to embed social integration principles into regeneration work.

European Londoners Micro-grants

In January, I awarded a third round of micro-grants, of £5,000 each, to 12 different community organisations to engage with European communities and help European Londoners get the information they need to stay in the UK. This round of funding brings the total investment to £110,000 in the last year. The grants have already helped nearly 3,000 marginalised Europeans through vital advice and support.

The Older People's Stakeholder Network Event

On 10 February, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, hosted the Older People's Stakeholder Network Event at City Hall to progress the age-friendly London action plan. This meeting supports London's involvement in the World Health Organisation's global network of age-friendly cities and communities. The event focused on hearing from older Londoners about how to best develop a city-wide partnership to take action to make London more age-friendly.

Health

Right to Thrive grants scheme

The [Right To Thrive grants scheme](#) launched on 6 January to help support the mental health and wellbeing of Londoners who experience higher levels of discrimination. The scheme aims to make additional support available to communities and groups who are particularly susceptible to experiencing poor mental health. Research has shown that individuals and communities with multiple backgrounds, particularly minority groups, are more likely to experience unfair treatment which negativity impacts their mental health and wellbeing.

I have made £200,000 available to support activities over the next two years. The initiative will specifically support local grassroots providers who typically find it difficult to access other forms of grant funding.

London Health Board

On 8 January, I chaired the London Health Board which received a presentation on progress against the priorities set out in the London Vision and considered how London partners can progress further and faster on integrating health and care. The board welcomed the progress made across many of the ten areas but highlighted the health of homeless Londoners as an area for urgent partnership action at London level. It was agreed that an implementation plan for the Vision would be brought to the next meeting.

The board also heard from Paul Lindley OBE and Professor Corinna Hawkes, chairs and vice-chair of the London Child Obesity Taskforce. The Board endorsed the ambitions and next steps from the Taskforce and considered where they can contribute to a whole-systems approach across London. I will be responding to the taskforce's ten ambitions and I encouraged the Board partners to do so. The London Health Board also heard updates on the important work of the Violence Reduction Unit, the London Estates Board, Thrive LDN and Dementia Friendly London.

Healthy Early Years London Year One Evaluation Report

I am pleased to have received the findings of the Year 1 Evaluation of Healthy Early Years London (HEYL) which concluded in December 2019. HEYL is my awards programme targeted at London's 13,000+ childcare settings with the aim of tackling health inequalities across the city at the earliest opportunity in a child's life. The report reflected the positive views stakeholders have of the scheme and the positive impact it is having on improving the health of young children in the capital. The report noted that the HEYL has helped bring consistency in approach across London and complemented its practical approach and the quality of its framework.

Since the launch of HEYL in October 2018, 31 London boroughs have become involved in HEYL, 1 more is planning to start in the spring and over 1600 settings have registered to take part. In the next few months, my health will be responding to the recommendations in the report.

Thrive LDN Insights Report

Thrive LDN published their [Interim Insights Report](#) at the London Health Board meeting on 8 January which outlines the impact the citywide movement is having on mental health. The report highlights programmes and interventions happening at range of levels and shows how the movement has spread across the city with activity in every single London borough.

I am pleased we have reached so many, with over 200,000 people taking part in over 550 events linked to Thrive LDN. With the Young London Inspired grant scheme awarding 32 grants to voluntary and community organisations to support young Londoners at risk of poor mental health, Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructors delivering training to over 1300 education staff and over 40,000 Londoners having already taken the Zero Suicide Alliance's [free online suicide prevention training](#), there is much to celebrate.

Meeting with the London Ambulance Service

On 9 January, I held my regular quarterly meeting with the leadership of the London Ambulance Service. I was happy to be able to congratulate them on the outcome of their recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission. There is still work to do on improvement but they maintained their 'Good' rating overall.

I also asked them to pass on my thanks to all the staff of the London Ambulance Service who routinely put themselves in harm's way – including at the recent attack on London Bridge – and we discussed lessons that could be learned.

We went on to discuss a day-long event held in the autumn to test out if they could reduce the number of patients conveyed to A&E by 50 per cent, by using different ways of treating people closer to home. I pressed them on their overall performance given the pressures on the NHS,

particularly during the winter months. Whilst they are treating more people at home or advising them over the phone, Emergency Departments in hospitals are still struggling to take patients, resulting in waits for ambulances to accept patients into A&E. This clearly impacts the availability of ambulances for others.

I was also pleased to hear that they are on track to make their ambulance fleet compliant with the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). They explained that they are developing a zero emission ambulance for London that will be rolled out across the whole country.

Meeting with Sir David Sloman, Regional Director NHS London

On 17 January, I had my regular meeting with the senior leadership of London's NHS. On the agenda were a number of important issues, including a discussion on recent NHS performance and winter pressures in the system. Sir David Sloman was able to give me an update on local performance figures and I was pleased to hear about the importance he was placing on patient safety.

We also reflected on the discussions at the London Health Board the week before, including how work on how the implementation of our Vision is progressing. I also updated Sir David on the work being undertaken to assess the upcoming local responses to the NHS Long Term Plan and a number of hospital reconfigurations, using my six tests.

London Health Inequalities Strategy: one year on

On 22 January, my Health Advisor's, Dr Tom Coffey OBE, and Professor Paul Plant were invited, as part of a panel of experts to discuss progress in the first year of my Health Inequalities Strategy. The panel included senior leaders from NHS England, NHS England London, a public health consult, and an academic.

Questions covered programmes and policies led by the Health team, as well as interrogating progress on my approach to health in all policies – weaving health through all my strategies. There were many positive examples to celebrate and we also looked to the future and further opportunities for London wide action to tackle health inequalities.

The session was conducted in public and livestreamed, and is available here:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/health-committee-2020-01-22>

London workshop on tackling health inequalities and adversity in childhood

On 5 February, my Health Advisor, Dr Tom Coffey OBE convened a workshop to bring together senior leaders to explore childhood adversity in London. This is one of the five workshops I committed to convene as part of the mobilisation of the London Health Inequalities Strategy – bringing together partners to focus on some of the most challenging health inequalities issues we face in London. Among the speakers was Miriam Bullock, who discussed the report commissioned by the GLA Health team titled: *'ACEs in London: Investigating ways that Adverse Childhood Experiences and related concepts of vulnerability can help us to understand and improve Londoners' health'*.

Team London, Sports and Volunteering

Team London Young Ambassadors

On 16 January, over 180 Team London Young Ambassadors aged 13-14 came together for City Hall's Social Integration Youth Summit. The summit was delivered by WE Charity. The CEO of My Life May Say, Cllr Mete Coban MBE, opened the event by sharing stories on how he became passionate about social integration. During the event, pupils from 25 schools across London took part in workshops exploring social integration, learning who it benefits, and how they can make contributions in their local areas. This gave them the opportunity to start their own social action plans, and make pledges to develop their ventures.

Our Content – Change The Game

On 23 January, 'Our Content – Change the game' was launched. This is an exciting new programme which gives young Londoners from underrepresented groups - particularly young women, BAME and LGBTQ+ people - the opportunity to fulfil a career in sports media and photojournalism. The programme has recruited 14 Londoners aged 14-25 for its first cohort. The launch event took place in Stratford Olympic Park.

Under the guidance of esteemed photographers, participants will learn techniques and skills in the classroom whilst also having the unique opportunity to access some of London's major sporting events. The first round of the programme will culminate in an opportunity for young participants to document the Olympic Boxing Qualifiers at the Copper Box Arena.

Major Events volunteering

On 26 January, 40 Team London event volunteers supported the delivery of the Chinese New Year London celebrations in Trafalgar Square and China Town. Volunteers provided signposting and wayfinding services and supported visitors to access all the Chinese New Year event had to offer.

HeadStart Action Showcase

On 30 January, City Hall hosted the HeadStart Action Showcase alongside the programme partners The Challenge, The Diana Award, Groundwork London, and Inspire!.

Over 100 young people and business partners attended to celebrate the social action projects, business mentorship and skills workshops that formed part of the programme. HeadStart Action has so far supported over 400 young people since February 2018.

National Apprenticeships Week 2020

This month I released a video to introduce and launch National Apprenticeships Week 2020, which took place 3-7 February. This video is for all schools and colleges in London and the rest of the country to promote the fantastic opportunities apprenticeships can provide to London's young people. National Apprenticeships Week aims to encourage parents, teachers, employers and young people to 'Look Beyond', and celebrate the diversity and value that apprenticeships bring to employers, apprentices and communities across England today.

Culture and Events

London Fashion Week Men's

On 6 January, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the London Fashion Week Men's dinner. Menswear now accounts for 26 per cent of the total UK clothing market. The UK menswear market grew by 1.2 per cent in 2019, to reach £15.4 billion. This season featured over 36 designer businesses showcasing their latest collections. Mayoral funding also supports emerging designers and provides opportunities for business to trade and exhibit their designs.

Waltham Forest London Borough of Culture 2019 Stories Now Online

On 16 January, my Culture and Creative Industries Unit hosted the launch of a collaboration between Waltham Forest, my first London Borough of Culture, and the online platform Google Arts & Culture. Guests included Cllr Paul Douglas, cabinet member for Culture at Waltham Forest, representatives from Brent, the London Borough of Culture and participants in the programme, including artist Shiraz Bayjoo.

The Google platform will host a visual archive of highlights from 2019, celebrating the diversity and heritage of Waltham Forest. Millions of people around the world can now access over stories, photographs, videos and original artworks created for the platform, which works with over 1800 cultural institutions in 80 countries and hosts more than 2000 online exhibitions.

Picasso Reception at the Royal Academy

On 21 January, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries Justine Simons OBE, attended the launch of a new exhibition at the Royal Academy, Picasso on Paper. The exhibition is jointly organised by the Royal Academy, the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Picasso Museum, Paris and comprises more than 300 works on paper spanning the 80-year career of the artist. It includes studies of some of Picasso's most important works such as 'Guernica' and 'Demoiselles d'Avignon' seen for the first time together in London and is set to attract huge visitor numbers around the world. My Deputy Mayor also met with the Mayor of Malaga, Francisco de la Torre, at the reception. The city of Malaga supported the exhibition which represents a positive collaboration between Malaga and a London institution.

Night Czar Surgery in Bromley

On 24 January, my Night Czar, Amy Lamé, and the 24-Hour London Team held a Night Surgery in partnership with the London Borough of Bromley and Your Bromley Business Improvement District (BID). They accompanied councillors and local business leaders in Bromley Town Centre and met with staff from businesses including McDonald's, the Churchill Theatre and The Richmal Crompton pub. They discussed evening and night time opening hours and how transport infrastructure impacts activity at night.

Night Czar holds Night Surgery in Hounslow

On 6 February, a Night Surgery was held in partnership with the London Borough of Hounslow. the Leader of the Council, Cllr Steve Curran, led the visit which included business meetings with traditional late night venues and retail businesses. Issues discussed included transport,

environment and how night time activity can activate high streets. The Night Czar also met representatives from local resident and community groups.

Night Surgeries help give my Night Czar and her team a better understanding of the challenges facing outer London boroughs and the opportunities that night time activity can offer. To date, my Night Czar has carried out 19 Night Surgeries across 17 London boroughs.

ACCESS: A Cultural Network with European Cities, meeting in Dublin

On 4 February, my Culture and Creative Industries Unit represented London at a new cultural network of capital cities including Amsterdam, Sofia, Tallinn, Dublin, Vilnius, Riga and Lisbon. The network is part of URBACT III, a European Funding programme which brings together 26 countries and 203 partners.

Culture is part of creating healthy communities, but there are still Londoners who cannot access culture and the huge benefits it can bring. This new city network will help us find practical solutions to ensure that all Londoners have equal access to the capital's artistic riches and is also an opportunity to continue to engage with our European partner cities.

International

Strengthening London's global ties

On 8 January, I welcomed the Mayor of Vancouver, Kennedy Stewart, to City Hall, where we discussed the shared priorities and challenges facing London and Vancouver, such as access to housing and health issues. We also discussed how our two cities can work together to increase the collaboration and exchanges in business, tourism and talents.

On 23 January, I welcomed the Governor of Lagos State, Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, to City Hall for a discussion about our common priorities, and how we can strengthen London's relationship with this growing economic powerhouse. We also discussed the hugely valuable contribution the Nigerian community makes to life in the capital.

London Legacy Development Corporation

Bridges for Schools

From 21-23 January, 180 schoolchildren from Newham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Waltham Forest experienced a taste of civil engineering as part of the Bridges for Schools programme, which aims to raise awareness of the exciting careers engineering and the built environment can offer young people.

The event, led by the London Legacy Development Corporation, the Institution of Civil Engineers and Balfour Beatty, taught participants the importance of safe working practices and collaboration as well as the engineering principles and techniques involved in building a bridge.

Year of Sport

2020 brings an incredible year of sport with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and EURO 2020 on the horizon. Marking the road to Tokyo, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has a fantastic Year of Sport ahead in its own Olympic venues and across the Park.

To start the year, the Copper Box Arena played host to the Vitality Netball Nations Cup on 25-26 January. The action returns to the Copper Box Arena on 2 February, with England Hockey's Jaffa Super 6s indoor hockey event returning to the venue.

Later in the year, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park will also host four Olympic qualifiers (boxing, diving, swimming and skateboarding), alongside a variety of free community activities.

East Bank

On 27 January, the Smithsonian Institution confirmed plans to co-curate a gallery with the Victoria & Albert museum (V&A) at the V&A East museum at East Bank; the new cultural and education quarter at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The two-year collaboration will begin when V&A East opens to the public in 2023.

In addition to the display, the Smithsonian Institution will work with my team, the London Legacy Development Corporation, Foundation for Future London and east London communities to expand the STEP into the Smithsonian programme which is designed to build skills and inspire careers in cultural organisations.

Call of Duty League: London Royal Ravens

London Royal Ravens, representing the UK in Call of Duty's brand new global eSports league, hosted their Home Series matches at the Copper Box Arena on 8-9 February. Facing elite teams from around the world, including France, Canada and USA, the event attracted eSports fans from across the city, to engage in what is becoming a rapidly-growing sport.

National Apprenticeship Week

The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), marked National Apprenticeship Week (3-7 February) celebrating its success in developing and supporting apprenticeship opportunities on the Park since its transformation in 2013/14.

To date, LLDC led developments on the Park have supported 375 apprenticeships, with 47 per cent of apprentices from BAME groups and 46 per cent residing in the four local boroughs.

The Park's future development will continue to offer a broad range of apprenticeship opportunities, ranging from technical and trade apprentices in construction to business, management, digital technologies and leisure apprentices.

Planning

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London Plan

On 28 January, I wrote to formally lay the London Plan before the London Assembly. I attended the Assembly plenary on 6 February, where the Assembly considered the 'Intend to Publish' version of the Plan and I answered questions from Assembly Members.

This version of the Plan, published in December last year, follows the conclusion of the Examination in Public process, where the draft Plan was scrutinised in detail by Government-appointed inspectors.

While the inspectors agreed on many aspects of the draft Plan, they suggested significant changes to a number of key policies to reflect Government policy – which I did not accept, including:

- reducing protection for the Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land;
- removing the aviation policy which reflects my objections to the expansion of Heathrow airport; and
- removing the complete rejection of any fracking in London.

Having written to the Secretary of State about the version of the London Plan that I intend to publish, I expect a response from him by 17 February.

Planning Decisions (Call ins)

My Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, under powers I delegated to him, has approved plans for the redevelopment of 100 West Cromwell Road in Kensington and Chelsea, which will deliver 462 new homes – including 40 per cent affordable housing, up from 35 per cent when the application was called in. The development will also include a new public leisure centre, along with commercial and retail premises and new public spaces. The application was rejected by Kensington and Chelsea Council last May.

In July, I decided to call in the application in order to subject it to further scrutiny. Since then, City Hall planners have worked with the developer to increase the number of homes overall as well as the amount of affordable housing. Prior to the representation hearing, Kensington and Chelsea Planning Committee expressed their support for the revised scheme.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

5-9 Rockingham Street and 2-4 Tiverton Street, Elephant and Castle, 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.

1-5 Paris Gardens and 16-19 Hatfields, Southbank, 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.

South Grove Site C, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest

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

Canada Water Masterplan, Rotherhithe, 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.

49-53 Glengall Road, Peckham, 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.

Delegated Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

My Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, under powers I delegated to him, has sent letters in response to the following statutory referrals:

Site of former Greenwich Magistrates Court, RB Greenwich

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

1-4 Capital Interchange Way, Brentford, 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.

60 Sloane Avenue, Chelsea, RB Kensington and Chelsea

The Deputy Mayor has written to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Former Truman Brewery, Stour Road, Fish Island, London Legacy Development Corporation

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Legacy Development Corporation stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

304-312 High Street, Stratford, London Legacy Development Corporation

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Legacy Development Corporation stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

1 Bradfield Road, Silvertown, LB Newham

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

156 Beddington Lane, Beddington, LB Sutton

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Sutton 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:

- Macbean Street, Woolwich, RB Greenwich
- Site at Tesco Extra, 822 High Road, Goodmayes, LB Redbridge
- Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, City of Westminster

- Underground Car Park, Cavendish Square, City of Westminster
- 72-76 Broadway, West Ealing, LB Ealing
- Herringham Quarter, Charlton Riverside, RB Greenwich
- Former Nestle Factory, Hayes, LB Hillingdon
- Brethren Meeting Hall, Beckenham Hill Road, Beckenham, LB Lewisham
- Imperial Phase 3, Land at Imperial Street, Bromley By Bow, London Legacy Development Corporation
- 587-595 High Road, Seven Kings, Ilford, LB Redbridge
- Car Park Site, Naval Row, Poplar, LB Tower Hamlets
- 300 Harrow Road, City of Westminster

Delegated Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

My Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, has asked officers to send a letter giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- National Westminster Sports Ground, Beckenham, LB Bromley
- Bournwood Sand and Gravel, Swanley, LB Bromley
- 39-47 East Road, Hoxton, LB Hackney
- B&M Homestore, 867-879 High Road, Tottenham, LB Haringey
- Solar, Serena, Sunrise Court, Hornchurch, LB Havering
- Woodlands Nursing Home, Lambeth, LB Lambeth
- Land at corner of Briant and Besson Street, New Cross Gate, LB Lewisham
- 1-4 Francis Grove, Wimbledon, LB Merton
- Beckton Sewage Treatment Works, LB Newham
- Bradfield Club, Commercial Way, Peckham, LB Southwark
- Former Poplar Bus Depot, Leven Road, LB Tower Hamlets
- Score Centre, 100 Oliver Road, Leyton, LB Waltham Forest
- Berger House, 36-38 Berkeley Square, Mayfair, City of Westminster
- Royal Parks, Greenwich Park, RB Greenwich
- Canbury Place Car Park/Kingsgate Road, RB Kingston Upon Thames
- 92-98 Vauxhall Walk, Vauxhall, LB Lambeth
- 223 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, LB Tower Hamlets
- Bow Common Gas Works, Mile End, LB Tower Hamlets

Decisions made under delegation to Director – Built Environment

- Agar Grove Estate, LB Camden
- Central Somers Town, LB Camden
- 156 West End Lane, LB Camden
- Camden Goods Yard, LB Camden
- Former Middlesex University Campus, LB Enfield
- Land East of Kellaway Road and South of 188-202 Holburne Road, RB Greenwich
- Land North of Cranford Lane, LB Hillingdon
- Central Foundation School, LB Islington
- Car Park East Side Ron Leighton Way, LB Newham
- 198 York Road, LB Wandsworth
- 119 Upper Richmond Road, LB Wandsworth

- Kentish Town Planning Framework November 2019 (SPD), LB Camden
- Issues and preferred options document for the South London Waste Plan, LB Croydon, RB Kingston upon Thames, LB Merton and LB Sutton
- Croydon Local Plan Review Issues and Options (Regulation 18) 2019, LB Croydon
- Surrey Canal Triangle Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), LB Lewisham
- New Cross Gate Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), LB Lewisham

Key Engagements

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

- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 6 January
- I attended the Budget and Performance Committee on 7 January to answer questions on my draft GLA group budget for 2020/21
- I had my regular meeting with Cllr Peter John, Chair of London Councils, on 7 January
- I had an introductory meeting with Kennedy Stewart, the Mayor of Vancouver, on 8 January
- I chaired the London Health Board on 8 January
- I had an introductory meeting with Shobi Khan, the new CEO of Canary Wharf Group, on 8 January
- I chaired a meeting, along with Paul Maynard MP, Minister for Transport, with Costain Skanska Joint Venture (CSJV), who are delivering the Bond Street and Paddington Crossrail stations, on 8 January
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone-in at LBC on 9 January
- I had my regular meeting with the London Ambulance Service on 9 January
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 9 January
- I visited St Mungo's Spring Gardens in Lewisham on 10 January to see the GLA's new hub for rough sleepers
- I launched London Power, the new energy company for all Londoners, on 13 January
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 13 January
- I visited Google Central in Westminster on 14 January to announce the launch of a new £800,000 Shared Endeavor Fund to Counter Violent Extremism
- I chaired the London Crime Reduction Board on 14 January
- I met with Fraser Nelson, Editor of the Spectator, on 14 January
- I chaired a meeting of the Mayor's Business Advisory Board at Palestra on 15 January
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 16 January
- I had my regular meeting with Dame Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 16 January
- I addressed the London Government Dinner at Mansion House on 16 January
- I had my regular meeting with Sir David Sloman, the joint Regional Director for NHS England & Improvement London, on 17 January
- I visited Brent on 18 January to launch Brent's 2020 London Borough of Culture programme
- I attended the annual GLA Holocaust Memorial Day Remembrance Service at City Hall on 20 January

- I visited Redbridge on 20 January to see the scene of the triple stabbing that took place in Elmstead Road, Seven Kings
- I addressed the Tourism Means Business Conference taking place at Kings Place on 20 January
- I visited Salisbury Primary School, Newham, on 21 January to promote the Formula E Championship 2019/20 season finale which is coming to London on 25 and 26 July
- I chaired the VRU Partnership Reference Group on 21 January
- I had my regular meeting with Andy Roe, the Fire Commissioner, on 21 January
- I chaired the Transport for London Board meeting on 22 January
- I had my regular meeting with Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu on 22 January to discuss policing and security
- I met with representatives of Grenfell Utd on 22 January
- I had an introductory meeting with Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, the Governor of Lagos State, on 23 January
- I attended People's Question Time in Haringey on 23 January
- I hosted a Foreign Media Roundtable on 24 January
- I visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camps Site, Oświęcim, Poland on 27 January to attend the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps
- I had an introductory meeting with Chris Philp MP, Minister for London, on 28 January
- I attended the Draft Budget Assembly Plenary on 29 January
- I had my regular meeting with representatives from the GLA Unison Branch on 29 January
- I had my regular meeting with representatives of the TUC LESE on 29 January
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Stephen House, the Deputy Police Commissioner, on 30 January
- I addressed the Institute for Global City Policing - Dealing with Violence Conference on 31 January
- I had an introductory meeting with Dr Adam Bodnar, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Poland, on 31 January
- I hosted an event at City Hall on 31 January to invite European Londoners and their families to receive free advice on the EU Settlement Scheme from immigration lawyers
- I met with the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on 3 February ahead of the Budget
- I attended a meeting hosted by the Rt Hon Sajid Javid, Chancellor of the Exchequer, with Metro Mayors on 3 February ahead of the budget
- I visited the Harrow Club Youth Centre in Kensington and Chelsea on 4 February to announce the launch of the latest round of the £45 million Young Londoners Fund
- I launched the London City Resilience Strategy on 5 February
- I attended the Assembly Plenary on 6 February to answer questions on the London Plan
- I had an introductory meeting with Lutz Schuler, CEO Virgin, on 6 February
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 6 February
- I met with Jonathan Goldstein, Chair of the Jewish Leadership Council, on 6 February to discuss community relations
- I had my regular meeting with Paul Plant, the interim Director for Public Health England (PHE) London and Statutory Health Advisor, on 7 February
- I visited Streatham on 8 February to take part in a community event following the terrorist attack that took place in Streatham High Street

- I met with Cllr Peter John, Leader of Southwark, and Cllr Teresa O'Neill, Leader of Bexley, on 10 February
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 10 February

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