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Dear Andrew,

## **London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 5 September 2024 – Motions**

Thank you for your letter about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 5 September 2024. My reply to Motions 3.1, 3.3, and 3.8 is set out below, and I am sorry for the delay.

### **Motion 3.1 – Superloop**

I have asked Transport for London (TfL) to investigate a number of additional Superloop routes. That work is underway, and several possible routings have been identified. As always, TfL will involve local communities, customers, and stakeholders in the consultation process to improve London's transport network. Consultation is crucial to understanding Londoners' diverse connectivity needs. TfL will announce public consultation when a detailed proposal or proposals have been sufficiently developed.

### **Motion 3.3 – A Disability Equality Champion for London**

My ambition for our city is for everyone, regardless of their background, to be treated equally and have access to the resources and opportunities needed to live full and prosperous lives. I recognise that disabled people continue to face barriers, and inequalities and addressing these remains one of my top priorities.

To ensure that City Hall involves disabled Londoners and considers their needs in all its work, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, chairs a quarterly Deaf and disabled people's organisation (DDPO) forum. The forum brings together DDPOs to provide advocacy and advice on inclusive practices and issues faced by Deaf and disabled Londoners. The views, feedback and experience shared during the forum are used to inform City Hall's policies, programmes, and initiatives. I am dedicated to tackling disability discrimination, as reflected in my manifesto, where I committed to creating new forums for Deaf and disabled Londoners to engage with TfL, the London Fire Brigade, and the Met Police.

Debbie's portfolio encompasses disability justice, and she works to promote equity for disabled people in all aspects of the Greater London Authority's (GLA) work. My teams have strong relationships with DDPOs across London and value their input and expertise, which are used in developing policies and programmes. There are currently no plans to introduce a Disability Equality Champion, but Debbie would be glad to discuss the scope of her role with partners.

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Co-production and being led by the experiences of disabled people are extremely important to City Hall's policy development.

My Community Engagement and Equalities teams work to inform the wider GLA group about best practice on effective co-production. For example, following a DDPO forum meeting, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime has developed a co-production steering group to work with disabled people in informing the new Police and Crime plan. My Equalities team is currently undergoing a review of the DDPO forum to ensure it is as effective as possible and co-production is embedded into this framework.


GLA officers work with pan-London partners to deliver on my commitments to Deaf and disabled Londoners. For example, Debbie and I were joined by 70+ Deaf Londoners at City Hall for the signing of the Charter for British Sign Language in November 2023. The Charter has been designed by the British Deaf Association as one way to address discrimination, empower Deaf communities and build stronger relationships between organisations such as the GLA and the wider Deaf community. City Hall is taking forward a set of actions aimed at improving access and inclusion of Deaf Londoners in our information and services, which will be tracked and monitored.

## **Motion 3.8 – London's Road Maintenance Backlog**

As 95 per cent of London's road network is managed by the boroughs, road maintenance is largely funded by the boroughs themselves. This borough funding is primarily sourced directly from the government, following the removal of TfL's revenue grant as the result of negotiations between the previous Mayor and the then Chancellor. This government funding is supplemented by funding from TfL to the boroughs via the Local Implementation Plan programme. A long-term funding deal for TfL would help bring long-term certainty to this latter portion of the borough's road maintenance funding, as well as to TfL's road maintenance budget for the roads it manages directly.

I have been working very closely with the new government on the shared priorities that desperately need attention. Long-term funding for TfL is one such priority, and I have been delighted to have met with the Secretary of State for Transport, the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. I have reiterated to all the importance of a long-term funding settlement for local authorities and TfL to ensure London is set up to deliver the transport infrastructure our city needs.

Yours sincerely,



**Sir Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London