

London Assembly
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15th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

This is my fifteenth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 29 August to 9 October 2013.

Executive Summary

London and England's largest cities join to call for greater devolution

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The grant is part of the new London Crime Prevention Fund – an £18 million pot that the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) has allocated to help boroughs tackle crime.

The pilot project will focus on a neglected group of offenders who serve short prison sentences and who currently receive no formal post-release support. It will see the establishment of a custody referral team, which will comprehensively health screen offenders at the point of arrest, for learning disabilities, mental health problems as well as alcohol and drug misuse, so that their specific needs can be assessed immediately. Each short-term offender will be provided with a key worker who will provide continuous support from sentencing, to their stay in prison and through to their release. The scheme aims to reduce reconviction rates with payments linked to outcomes.

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I have asked the MPS to make victim care a priority, with a guaranteed offer of a personal visit to all victims of crime that has led to an extra 175 victim visits a day. However more progress is needed. As the independent champion of the interests of victims and witnesses, the Victims' Commissioner is uniquely placed to bring together previous research with fresh analysis to inform the MOPAC's decisions as they prepare to take on the responsibility for funding victim services from October 2014.

Stephen Lawrence Trust event

On 29 August, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime spoke at a Stephen Lawrence Trust event held at City Hall. The event was open to the public and the panel comprised Stephen Rimmer, Director General of the Home Office; Imran Khan, human rights and criminal lawyer; Frances Crooke OBE, CEO of the Howard League for Penal Reform; and Jamal Higgins, Lewisham Youth Mayor. The Panel each spoke on the topic of 'Are communities feeling safe in the hands of our police force?' The event included questions from the audience which generated an interesting discussion about the role of young people in shaping policy, the impact of boosting confidence in the police, and the challenges ahead in ensuring that the MPS is a service which represents the Londoners it serves.

Substance Misuse

On 28 September, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime delivered the key note speech at Bromley's first Crime Summit. He reinforced my commitment to working with London boroughs to improve policing and deliver my 20:20:20 Challenge. The Summit also highlighted

a number of projects that I have funded to reduce crime and reoffending in Bromley through the London Crime Prevention Fund.

Smartphone Theft

On 7 October, in support of the efforts being made by the Metropolitan Police to drive down thefts of smartphones in London, I convened a meeting on of the major phone manufacturers to explore how industry could support consumers and the police to make phones more secure and less attractive to criminals. The meeting covered phone handset security, consumer advice and business practices and participants pledged to continue to work with MOPAC to pursue new steps to help design out this crime.

Separately, on 8 October, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime met with the four major phone networks to discuss how they can work with us to help protect consumers.

The home of the MPS is moving

Architects from around the world have been given the opportunity to be a part of the transformation of the Metropolitan Police Service, through a competition held by the MPS in association with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). The aim is to transform a derelict site at the heart of Westminster into a modern, well-equipped and efficient new headquarters fit for 21st century policing.

Londoners had the opportunity to view the top five designs as part of London's Open House Weekend on 21 September, and at a free public exhibition from 23 to 26 September, also held at City Hall.

The winning design will be announced later this year.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera sharing consultation

I have concluded that it would be appropriate to carry out a public consultation on my crime manifesto proposal on the use of ANPR data.

Transport

New Safer Lorry Charge to protect cyclists in London

On 4 September, the Transport Minister, Stephen Hammond, and I announced a package of measures to make lorries safer for cyclists in the capital, which included:

- The DfT and the Driving Standards Agency issuing a call for evidence about how driver training could change;
- An expansion of the successful "Exchanging Places" initiative where cyclists and lorry drivers swap places to understand what the road looks like from the other person's point of view;
- Jointly pressing the EU to allow safer designs of new lorries with better sightlines and fewer blind spots.

I also asked Londoners for their views on whether I should use my powers to levy a substantial "Safer Lorry Charge" on any HGV which is not fitted with basic safety equipment to protect cyclists. A consultation on the proposal, partly modelled on the successful Low Emission Zone, will begin in early 2014.

Mr Hammond and I also announced a joint TfL/Department for Transport Industrial HGV Task Force of additional police officers and Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) staff to enforce the regulations against construction HGVs and a review by the DfT of national exemptions allowing some vehicles to operate without side-guards.

Eight boroughs to 'Go Dutch' in £100m mini-Holland transformation

Radical plans to scrap gyratories, remodel the suburbs for bikes and improve roads are among the ideas shortlisted today for my £100 million "mini-Holland" funding.

Eight of the 20 outer London boroughs have gone through to the final stage of the competition. The three or four winners, to be announced early next year, will benefit from very high levels of spending concentrated on relatively small areas to make them, over time, into places every bit as cycle-friendly as their Dutch equivalents. The £100 million will be shared between them, though not necessarily equally.

The shortlisted boroughs (in alphabetical order) are Bexley, Ealing, Enfield, Kingston, Merton and Newham. Richmond and Waltham Forest are also shortlisted subject to addressing certain gaps in their initial proposals.

London Overground's Kensington Olympia Station works completed

Measures to tackle fare evasion at Kensington Olympia Overground Station have now been put in place with the installation of automatic ticket gates and a cross-track pedestrian footway for people not using the railway.

TfL's installation of a fourth stairway at the station has created a division of the footbridge into two sides – one for fare-paying passengers and the other for pedestrians wishing to use it as a shortcut to cross the railway. The works complement an earlier upgrade of the station.

London Tramlink orders four new trams for Wimbledon branch

London Tramlink has ordered four new trams that will deliver a 50 per cent increase in capacity on the Wimbledon to Croydon link as part of the £30m Wimbledon Line Enhancement Programme. They will complement the replacement of a single line section with double tracks and an additional tram platform at Wimbledon station.

Community cycling grants to help Londoners discover cycling

Community cycling grants of up to £5,000 have been offered to groups and not for profit organisations across the capital that have the passion to help others discover the joys of pedal power.

The Community Cycling Fund for London is a scheme funded by Transport for London and administered by the London Cycling Campaign. It aims to assist the development of projects which encourage people to cycle and to make cycling an activity that is open to all Londoners. It seeks to support community projects that build the confidence of infrequent or new cyclists.

from all types of backgrounds – especially groups such as women, children and young people. Applicants will need to prove they are able to provide access to cycling in deprived areas and hard to reach groups where cycling is limited by income, equipment, health, ability, skills or information.

Barclays Cycle Hire system upgrades pave the way for expansion in December

New upgrades to the operating system of Barclays Cycle Hire have been implemented that will help pave the way for the expansion of the system to south and west London from December 2013.

These upgrades will make it easier to hire a bike as a casual user, provide better account history information to members, improved terminal information and clearer directions to the nearest available docking station.

Air-conditioned trains start running on the Circle line

New fully walk-through Tube trains, which allow better access for customers, are being rolled out on the Circle line as part of the introduction of 53 new trains on both the Hammersmith & City and Circle lines.

In addition to air-conditioning, these new trains have automated visual displays and station announcements, as well as CCTV, dedicated wheelchair areas, wider doors and walkways and lower level, easier to reach passenger alarms.

With seven carriages the new trains are longer than previous rolling stock on the Hammersmith & City and Circle lines, providing 17 per cent extra capacity and helping to relieve pressure on busy parts of the Tube network.

Summer journeys up 9.5 million on last year as Tube performance remains on track

New figures from TfL showed that an extra 9.5m customer journeys were made on the Tube in June and July compared to last summer, with network performance remaining steady despite the challenges of the hot weather.

The continuing trend of long-term improvement on the Tube follows the success of the London Underground Reliability Programme, introduced in 2011. London Underground continues to develop and implement more reliable solutions to meet the Mayoral commitment of reducing delays by a further 30 per cent by 2015.

Accessibility improvements completed at 35 Tube stations

London Underground has now completed the roll out of boarding ramps at a further 19 Tube stations. This brings the total number of Tube stations where level access from platform to train has been introduced through the use of ramps and permanent raised platform sections to 35 since 2012. Two additional London Overground stations, Denmark Hill and Crystal Palace, have also become fully step-free since the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The portable ramps are put in place by Tube staff to allow wheelchairs users to get on and off trains. The 19 new stations to have boarding ramps are: Caledonian Road, East Ham, Elm Park, Epping, Farringdon, Hainault, Hillingdon, Hounslow East, Kew Gardens, Mile End, Richmond,

Rickmansworth, Roding valley, South Woodford, Theydon Bois, Upney, Uxbridge, West Finchley and Wood Lane.

Passengers on two Tube lines to benefit from increased services

Tube passengers are now seeing the benefits from a raft of improvements including longer operating hours and an increased train service on the Waterloo & City line and more frequent services on the Central line during the busiest periods meaning less time to wait on the platforms.

From September, passengers can use the Waterloo & City line during weekdays and Saturdays until 12.30am at night – up to six hours later than previously. More trains will also operate on weekday evenings - with a train available approximately every three and half minutes until 9.30pm, then every six minutes until 11.30pm, followed by a 10 minute service for the last hour.

Works underway to make Greenford Tube station step free

As part of the ongoing commitment to make the Tube more accessible work is now underway to make Greenford Underground station step free with a new 'incline lift', which customers will be able to start using in 2015.

Following on from preparatory work in non-public areas, the main construction work has now started with hoardings being put up around the left staircase to demolish it safely and install the new escalator, which will be operational next year. In order that the station can remain open throughout the duration of the works an 'up' escalator service and a staircase must be available at all times, which is why a new escalator is being installed first.

The centre staircase will be replaced with a new, wider staircase and it will be laid with tactile paving. The escalator on the right will be removed and replaced with the new incline lift. New CCTV will be installed in the lift and all the public address systems on the station will also be upgraded.

Route 11 starts service with New Bus for London vehicles

The New Bus for London is becoming an increasingly familiar sight for passengers in the capital and route 11 has recently become the second in the capital to convert to this iconic, green mode of public transport. When the route has fully converted, 25 New Bus for London vehicles will be in passenger service during peak periods.

The New Bus for London is the greenest diesel electric hybrid bus in the world. Once all 600 New Bus for London vehicles have entered service in 2016 they will reduce CO₂ emissions in the capital by around 20,600 tonnes a year.

Final phase of work on Hammersmith Flyover to begin in October 2013

TfL has announced that the final phase of maintenance work to the Hammersmith Flyover is planned to start during October with the repairs being carefully designed to keep road disruption to a minimum.

Following on from the first phase of work successfully delivered in spring 2012, this final maintenance will extend the life of the structure for years to come, ensuring this vital road network can continue serving London for decades.

During the works, the remaining 11 of the flyover's 16 spans will be strengthened in a similar fashion to the five spans that were strengthened last year. The bearings carrying the structure will also be replaced, carriageway drainage will be renewed and the entire flyover waterproofed and resurfaced to reduce the need for further maintenance in the future.

Activity that affects closure of the carriageway both over and under the flyover has been carefully programmed to take place at night, between 10.30pm-5.00am, in order to reduce disruption to road users. During summer 2014, a limited number of weekend closures in one direction will be required in order for the flyover to be waterproofed and resurfaced. TfL will ensure that these works are widely advertised ahead of them starting in order to help people plan their journeys.

TfL reminds Oyster customers how to 'get back any money you haven't spent'

Transport for London is reminding customers how easy it is to get back any money they haven't spent on old or infrequently used Oyster cards.

Research has found that many customers like to hold on to an Oyster card even when they don't regularly use it.

Only 40 per cent of those surveyed by TfL knew that they could get a refund of their Oyster deposit and credit and the new campaign is designed to increase awareness of this. Deposits and unused credit can be refunded via TfL Customer Services (0343 222 1234) or at Tube stations.

Autumn Ambles - Say hello to the fresh autumn air on a free guided walk

Transport for London has sponsored free walks to help Londoners enjoy the bustling sights and sounds as well as the changing landscape of the capital. This year's walks, held over the weekend on 28-29 September, helped people appreciate how easy and enjoyable it is to walk around our great city.

TfL hires top marine engineers as part of plan to increase capacity at three central London piers

London River Services has appointed a firm of specialist marine consulting engineers, Beckett Rankine, to carry out a design study to identify options for increasing both passenger and berthing capacity at three central London piers.

The study will focus on Bankside, Embankment and Westminster piers, and will seek to unlock the potential for further growth of River Bus and River Tour services in central London. The three month study is due to be completed by the end of the year when options will be considered, with physical works completed and benefits delivered by the end of 2015.

UK Airport Capacity

In the context of the debate on airport capacity in the UK, I wrote to the EU Competition Commissioner, Joaquin Almunia, proposing that the draft EU state guidelines on aviation be

amended. I argued that the guidelines should allow for large one-off transformational projects requiring significant investment to be considered as cases where a level of State support may be permitted. Not to do so would be a serious barrier to the construction of a large new airport and would leave the UK and the rest of the Europe unable to meet the challenges facing the aviation sector now and into the future.

Temple to South Bank Footbridge Development Proposals

I have delegated to TfL the exercise of the Mayor's powers under sections 30 and 34 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to further the promotion of social development and the environment in Greater London and to do such things calculated to facilitate, or is conducive to, that purpose by undertaking activities to develop and help enable the footbridge project.

I have directed TfL to use the powers as noted above and to make budgetary provision in that regard.

Cycling road events

I have authorised Transport for London under section 38(1) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to exercise the Greater London Authority's powers under sections 30(1) and 34(1) of the GLA Act for the purposes of coordinating, supporting, preparing and delivering cycling road events and connected initiatives.

Business, Enterprise and the Economy

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The aim is the devolution of property tax revenues streams – including council tax, stamp duty, land tax and business rates – with the ability to reform those taxes while retaining prudential rules for borrowing, similar to recent changes in Scotland. This would provide stable and continuous funding to stimulate economic growth according to local needs, moving away from ad hoc financing for specific projects, allowing cities to raise sustained investment for vital infrastructure such as transport, schools, housing, energy supply and technology.

The initiative follows the publication in May this year of Professor Tony Travers' London Finance Commission report, 'Raising the Capital'.

Crystal Palace investment

On 3 October, together with the Leader of the London Borough of Bromley, I announced my support for plans for a £500 million investment to rebuild the Crystal Palace and restore the surrounding public park unveiled by the Chairman of the ZhongRong Group Mr Ni Zhaoxing.

The ambition is to rebuild the Crystal Palace as a major new cultural destination for the capital on the site of the original Victorian building, which burned down in 1936. The Palace will build

on the extraordinary history and character of the site and form an iconic centrepiece in the park, which will also be restored to its former glory.

The plans for Crystal Palace include the full restoration of the park, based on the original Victorian design, through new landscaping, planting and a central tree-lined boulevard. Improved access, lighting and a new café, visitor centre and restored concert bowl, are also included in the proposals.

The project is expected to create more than 2000 permanent and temporary jobs as well as attracting wider investment into the local high streets and the wider economy, with local people a priority.

Proposed Changes to the London Enterprise Panel

I have agreed that from 1 October 2013 the following changes should be made to the membership and constitution of the London Enterprise Panel ('LEP'):

- The Mayor takes the chair of the LEP;
- The current co-chairs of the LEP (the Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, Kit Malthouse and Harvey McGrath) become Deputy Chairs;
- The remit of the LEP be widened in order to bring together the levers of growth by incorporating strategic oversight of London's investment plans for housing, transport, the Olympic legacy and East London convergence;
- The Commissioner of TfL, the Deputy Mayors for Housing, Land & Property and Transport, the Deputy Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation, the Mayor's Chief of Staff and a representative from a major London University (to be nominated by the Mayor) become members of the Panel;
- The Chair of London Councils (Mayor Jules Pipe) be invited to attend meetings as a non-voting observer;
- The LEP is consulted about any necessary changes to its constitution and a revised constitution be approved.

Four new projects to drive jobs and growth

On 2 October, I announced a shortlist of four new projects in line to receive a share of a £40million fund for regeneration and business support schemes across the capital.

The four projects were selected by the London Enterprise Panel and include:

- an upgrade of Hackney Wick station;
- a support facility for new manufacturing start-ups in Hayes, west London;
- a Camden project to support entrepreneurs; and
- a business-led recruitment agency to help local people find employment in financial services.

A total of 32 projects bid for a share in the £40m second round of the Growing Places Fund, which also includes a £25m allocation for a finance scheme for small and medium sized businesses. A number of projects including support for Film London, apprenticeships, an exports programme have already been allocated funding. A further £40m has been allocated to transport projects, in Ealing, Bexley, Enfield and the West Anglia Route in North London.

Bloomberg Philanthropies' '2013 Mayors Challenge.'

On 24 September, I joined Michael Bloomberg, Warsaw Mayor Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz and Florence Mayor Matteo Renzi to launch Bloomberg Philanthropies' '2013 Mayors Challenge.'

The Mayors Challenge is a competition for cities to develop innovative solutions to major urban challenges with four prizes of €1 million and a top prize of €4 million. Last year's Mayors Challenge took place in the United States of America and was won by Providence, RI, but this year is taking place in Europe with cities of 100,000+ cities eligible to take part.

New York Tourism Partnership

On 24 September, Michael Bloomberg and I renewed our commitment to boosting tourism and business by encouraging visitor travel across the Atlantic between London and New York.

London & Partners, and its counterpart, New York City & Company will exchange media advertising space for promotions in both cities and share best marketing and tourism practice.

The year-long partnership follows a previous agreement signed by the two cities in 2009. A key programme will be aimed at driving up visitor numbers at large and small cultural venues in each city and encourage even greater cooperation between cultural institutions.

Black businesses and entrepreneurs celebrated at City Hall

To celebrate Black History Month, I hosted an event at City Hall exploring the history of black businesses and entrepreneurs, and their contribution to London's prosperity, past, present and future.

Speakers included Ade Sawyerr, a founding consultant at Equinox Consulting; Damon Buffini, Investment Committee member and former Managing Partner at Permira; Natasha Faith, CEO and designer at Hatton Garden based luxury jewellery company LA DiOSA; Ric Lewis, Chief Executive, Tristan Capital Partners; Sonia Brown MBE, founder and director of the National Black Women's Network. The event was chaired by entrepreneur Tim Campbell, who is also a Mayoral Ambassador for Training and Enterprise

Young Enterprise 50th Birthday Celebration

On 26 September, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended and spoke briefly to congratulate 'Young Enterprise' on their 50th Birthday Celebrations held in the City of London.

GLA Economics Research and Evaluation Framework Agreement

I have approved the creation of a framework agreement between the GLA and multiple qualified organisations for economics research and evaluation services using an OJEU tender process.

I have delegated authority to the Executive Director for Resources to undertake or approve any arrangement that is required to facilitate the above, including agreeing terms of and signing contracts, or other documentation, on behalf of the GLA.

Housing and Land

First Steps homes show

Aspiring home hunters looking for low cost homes to buy or rent in the capital had the opportunity to find out about a range of new properties at the FIRST STEPS Affordable Homes Show. The free show was supported by the GLA and hosted by SharetoBuy.com at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre on 28 September.

As part of my continuing commitment to increase the accessibility and supply of low cost housing, visitors had a first look at new plans for high quality homes across every London borough – including brand new developments in Waltham Forest, Leyton and Woolwich, as well as fantastic schemes in Greenwich, Islington, Hackney, Southwark and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Disposal of the CIQ Phase 2

I have approved the transfer of the freehold title to the CIQ site from GLA to GLA Land and Property Limited (GLAP) together with the associated entry into a deed of novation in respect of the Development Agreement and Overage Deed.

I have also approved the sale of a leasehold interest in the CIQ Phase 2 site to Bouygues UK Ltd for a gross receipt of £600,000 + VAT, subject to a deduction for remediation works to be undertaken by Bouygues of £189,000.

Finally, I have delegated the finalisation of the disposal terms, in accordance with the Development Agreement, as well as the exercise of the freehold put option, and the finalisation of the terms of any deed of variation to the Development Agreement required to give effect to the disposal terms, to the Executive Director of Housing and Land.

Novation of Seaside & Country Homes nominations agreement to Greater London Authority

I have approved the novation of the Seaside & Country Homes nominations agreement from the Secretary of State to the Greater London Authority (GLA).

I have also delegated to the Assistant Director, Programme, Policy and Services, the authority to undertake or approve any arrangement that is related to and required to facilitate the above novation, including agreeing the terms of and signing contracts, or other documentation, on behalf of the GLA.

Redrow selected via the London Development Panel to regenerate historic police training centre site at Hendon

On 9 October, the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) announced Redrow as the preferred bidder to purchase land not required for policing operational needs and regenerate the historic police training centre site at Hendon.

Following a successful three month procurement process, the first through my London Development Panel, Redrow will now work with the London Borough of Barnet to develop its plans further. It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted for the site in the first half of next year, following a public consultation.

The 22ha site is already identified for regeneration by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and by the London Borough of Barnet as a part of its 'Colindale Area Action Plan'. Redrow's plans will help create a thriving new neighbourhood with more than 1,650 new homes, cycle routes, retail units and a primary school and nursery, as well as a substantial amount of green open space.

The deal will enable MOPAC to invest in the development of a brand new, world-class police training and operational facility which will be located on a smaller part of the site which MOPAC is retaining for MPS operational use. Work on this part of the site is due to start early next year, replacing the current outdated and underused buildings with brand new facilities to meet the needs of modern policing.

Environment

C40/Siemens City Climate Leadership Awards and London Low Carbon Market Snapshot

I opened and spoke at the inaugural C40 & Siemens City Climate Leadership Awards at The Crystal building in the Royal Docks on 4 September. The Awards programme has been setup as an annual event which aims to ensure that cities demonstrating true leadership in addressing climate change are globally recognized, and to support knowledge exchange between C40 Cities and beyond.

In my speech I highlighted my recently published update to the London Low Carbon Market Snapshot. London's Low Carbon and Environmental Goods and Services Sector has continued to enjoy considerable levels of growth despite the economic downturn. In London the sector was worth £20.9bn in 2007/08 and the latest figures for 2011/12 show that it is now worth £25.4bn to London's economy. The sector has seen year on year growth of over 4% since 2007/08 rising to over 5% in the last 2 years and it now has over 9,300 businesses operating across the supply chain in London and these businesses are employing over 9,200 people.

Social Inclusion and Health

London Health Board

On 16 September, I chaired the second meeting of the London Health Board. The Board discussed how best to make the case for the health and social care services that London needs. The Board has agreed to promulgate and disseminate the key challenges for health and care in London and support work to develop a coordinated case. Lord Ara Darzi gave a presentation.

London Health Commission

I have established an independent commission to investigate the provision and resourcing of health and care services in the capital. Led by Lord Ara Darzi, the London Health Commission will support the work of the London Health Board, informing the Board's response to the challenges facing the health service. I expect the Commission to publish its findings in autumn 2014.

Sexual health and HIV

On 1 October, Annie Lennox, my HIV Ambassador for London, officially opened the Jonathan Mann Clinic at the Homerton Hospital on my behalf. It provides state of the art facilities in a modern and relaxing setting, delivering treatment, advice, prevention and support for sexual and reproductive health and HIV.

New Chief Rabbi Ceremony

On 1 September, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended on my behalf the installation ceremony for the new Chief Rabbi Emphraim Mirvis at St John's Wood Synagogue.

Health Committee Stakeholder Engagement Event

On 9 September, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended and spoke at the London Assembly Health Committee Stakeholder Engagement Event at City Hall. The event looked at different perspectives on what London's health priorities are and promoted engagement with the health sector.

Launch of the Pan-London Dementia Action Alliance

My Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended and spoke at the Launch of the Pan-London Dementia Action Alliance at City Hall on 16 September.

Hepatitis C Conference

On 20 September, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended and spoke at a Hepatitis C Conference at the Guildhall in the City of London. The Conference was held by the London Drug and Alcohol Policy Forum and the London Joint Working Group. 170 people attended the Conference which highlighted the work and findings of the Forum and Group.

Singapore Visit

On 23 September, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, hosted a government delegation from Singapore to City Hall. A small reception was held in the Living Room for the delegation, led by Dr Amy Khor, the Minister of State for Health and Manpower for Singapore. The delegation was particularly keen to learn about workplace health in London.

Zonta International Conference

On 4 October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, welcomed the ladies of Zonta International to their European Conference in Mayfair. Zonta International is a global organisation of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Deputy Mayor also discussed issues of violence against women and girls as well as FGM with representatives attending.

English: The Key to Integration in London

I have approved the proposed "English: The Key to Integration in London" project.

I have also approved the GLA's entry into arrangements with the Home Office for the latter's provision of up to £1,500,000 of European Integration Fund funding and the former's use of

such funding (and up to £0.5million Mayor's Excellence Funding) toward the cost of implementing the project.

I have delegated authority to the Executive Director of Communities and Intelligence to authorise the phasing of the proposed expenditure for the project in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Education and Youth

London Schools Excellence Fund

On 8 October, I announced details of the first successful applicants to receive funding from the London Schools Excellence Fund (LSEF).

Awards worth almost £7m pounds out of a total £24 million are being made available to 30 high performing schools and education organisations under the new scheme, in order to develop bespoke programmes to help drive up teaching standards and academic results in other schools around the capital.

London Schools Gold Club

On 9 September, I began the soft launch of the London Schools' Gold Club.

This is the first year of the my annual scheme to identify and recognise exceptional practice in schools across London, and particularly those that have 'bucked the trend' for their pupils who have low prior attainment or are eligible for pupil premium.

I have written to 145 schools asking them to join the club. Once we have confirmed the members, we will publish their names on the Gold Club portal. In the meantime a first iteration of the portal is live explaining the scheme/eligibility criteria:

<http://www.londonschoolsgoldclub.org.uk/>

Arabic Language Agreement – British Council and Qatar Foundation

I have approved the entry into an operational alliance agreement with the British Council and Qatar Foundation for the GLA to support improvement to the teaching and learning of the Arabic language in London.

Project Oracle 2013-16

I have approved entry into a grant agreement for a total of up to £875,000 with the London Metropolitan University for the continued delivery of Project Oracle for three years and subject to yearly break clauses linked to performance.

I have also approved the appropriate documentation to set out the detail of the financial arrangements for the receipt of £200,000 and £300,000 from the ESRC and MOPAC respectively towards the costs of Project Oracle.

Mayor's Academies Programme – Kingsley Academy

I have approved expenditure of up to £330,000 on the grant funding of the London Academies Enterprise Trust between September 2013 and September 2017 to support Kingsley Academy.

As well as, expenditure of £30,000 on evaluation services required to bring Kingsley Academy within the Academies Programme evaluation.

Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport

National Paralympic Day and London Liberty Festival

On 7 September, top disabled athletes and performers returned to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park for an exciting celebration of sport and culture to mark National Paralympic Day.

National Paralympic Day, held in conjunction with the GLA's Liberty Festival, now in its 11th year, was a grand finale to a thrilling summer of celebrations marking the one year anniversary of the London 2012 Games.

Up to 18,000 visitors attended the day of free events. As well as providing an opportunity to see elite Paralympic athletes in action, the day featured a variety of family-friendly 'have a go' sports activities, as well as street theatre, outdoor dance, mass choreography, visual arts, live music, film and food. Taking part in the north of the park and inside the Copper Box Arena, the event was also another great opportunity to experience part of the new park, which has been designed to be fully accessible.

Autumn/winter events series on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

On 13 September, I welcomed the start of the Autumn/Winter events series on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, following on from the successful Summer Series of events on the Park where over 700,000 visitors came to experience music concerts and sporting events. Upcoming attractions include a vintage Christmas market, a roller disco and gigs on a barge.

2016 World Track Cycling Championships

On 25 September, it was announced that London had won the bid for the World Track Cycling Championships in 2016. The event will take place in the Lee Valley VeloPark and adds to the impressive list of high profile sporting events London is attracting following the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has now won the opportunity to host major championships in every venue - a fantastic legacy.

Hackney Wick Station upgrade

On 2 October, I announced that an £8.5m upgrade of Hackney Wick Station was one of four new projects shortlisted to receive a share of a £40million fund for regeneration and business support schemes across the capital. The upgrade of Hackney Wick Station was proposed by the London Legacy Development Corporation and will help unlock opportunities for business and employment as well as improving access to east London including Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Call for sports clubs to apply for funding to improve facilities

Over £16 million has been invested from my Sports Legacy programme and 250,000 Londoners have benefited from that investment. I have committed to invest a further £6 million into grassroots sport over the coming two years which, in addition to investing in more facilities, will

add to the 13,000 coaches and officials already trained and to the 35 sports projects already funded across London which is getting more Londoners active.

On 5 September, I encouraged clubs to apply for funding whilst officially opening Streatham-Croydon Rugby Football Club's new spectator stand and changing rooms. It is one of 77 projects funded by the Sports Facilities Fund, which has already invested £5.5 million in local sports clubs so that they can build new, or refurbish, existing facilities. Streatham-Croydon RFC's previous changing rooms, which once welcomed teams such as Saracens and the Wasps, were in urgent need of redevelopment.

Call for more organisations to sign up to 'gold standard' of disability sport

On 29 August, I issued a rallying call for more organisations to embrace the legacy of London's sell-out Paralympics by signing up to a 'gold standard' of disability sport, which has already helped tens of thousands of disabled Londoners become more active.

In the run up to the 2012 Paralympic Games, I launched Inclusive and Active 2, an action plan to get more disabled Londoners involved in sport. Working in partnership with leading sports development agency, Interactive, the focus is on making mainstream sports provision open to all Londoners. Since its inception in 2010, around 25,000 disabled Londoners have been helped to become more active.

One hundred organisations, ranging from major charities and borough councils to grassroots community sports clubs, have now signed up to Inclusive and Active 2's 'gold standard', committing to become more accessible to all Londoners.

ITU World Series Triathlon

On 15 September, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, awarded medals on my behalf to participants at the ITU World Series triathlon in central London.

ODA Stratford City land compensation settlement

I have agreed the settlement of the outstanding ODA reimbursement to the GLA for the amounts owed in respect of Olympic land acquisition and compensation for all amounts unpaid to date, including sums relating to cases that have been settled to date and those where the compensation amounts are yet to be agreed.

Culture and Events

Stella Star from Enfield crowned Gigs Champion 2013

Congratulations to Stella Star and her band who were crowned Gigs Champions 2013 on 8 September. The three-piece won the groups category while prodigious saxophone player, 12 year old Sam Barnett from Lewisham, won in the youth category and 20 year-old musician Martin Luke Brown, from Hounslow, came first in the soloists and duos category.

It has been an extraordinary year for my annual busking competition, with a 400% increase in entries, over 40,000 votes cast by the public and an audience of over 1.5million people.

Throughout the summer 250 acts played over 1,100 hours of live music at iconic locations including the London Underground, mainline railway stations, St Paul's Cathedral, The O2, Westfield London W12 and Green Park for the Prudential RideLondon cycling event.

60 Team London volunteers helped to staff the Gigs busking pitches and gave fantastic feedback about the event. GIGS is now one of the biggest music competitions in the UK and gives young Londoners aged 11-25 the chance to gain important exposure, mentoring and performing experience.

London fashion walks tall

From 13 - 17 September, London Fashion Week held an amazing 58 shows, with many of its 5,000 press & buyers saying it is becoming more popular among participants than its rivals in New York and Europe. It continues to play a huge role in boosting Britain's fashion industry which employs more than 800,000 people and contributes a whopping £21 billion a year to the economy. Through the British Fashion Council, I fund the fashion stars of the future and support world-class events including London Fashion Week.

Take a tour of the Fourth Plinth shortlist exhibition and tell us your thoughts

On 24 September, I revealed the six-strong shortlist of artists for the next two Fourth Plinth commissions which will follow Katharina Fritsch's current commission - Hahn/Cock. The six artists are Marcus Coates, Hans Haacke, Mark Leckey, Liliane Lijn, Ugo Rondinone and David Shrigley. Each artist's idea is on display as part of a free exhibition at St Martin-in-the-Fields until 17 November. Everyone is invited to share their comments which will be included in the final decision.

Big Dance Photo Exhibition and Coronation Concert

An exhibition of photographs called *Big Dance 2012: In Pictures* is currently on display at City Hall. This collection of photographs from around the UK capture the breadth, diversity and excitement of Big Dance events which took place last summer. Big Dance is a biennial dance festival, however, special events take place every year. Earlier this summer Coronation Concerts in the grounds of Buckingham Palace featured two Big Dance commissions by Jeanefer Jean-Charles and Matthew Bourne. The new works were presented in partnership with East London Dance and Matthew Bourne's company New Adventures.

Culture On The High Street – a new guide

My new guide to help breathe new life into London's high streets has been distributed to culture, high street and planning officials around London. I hope that the examples in this guide will inspire people to be ambitious and creative in their thinking about London's high streets.

London 2012 legacy: outer-London arts venues team up

Circulate - a new consortium of six outer-London venues - has been created to tour large-scale outdoor arts shows. Circulate is a direct legacy of my Showtime programme which reached 500,000 people in the summer of 2012. The Albany theatre in Deptford, Artsdepot in Barnet and Millfield Arts Centre in Enfield have joined forces with Watermans in Hounslow, Harrow Arts Centre and Tara Arts in Wandsworth to create the Circulate consortium.

Arts Council England has provided a three-year grant of around £500,000 with the aim of bringing more shows to areas in the UK with limited access to the arts. In addition, 40 young people will be trained to help guide audience members and the programme will also help 13 to 21 year olds create performances in public spaces.

The first show, Spin Cycle, began near the Albany theatre (south-east London) on 7 September and tours until November, when it ends near Artsdepot in Finchley.

Mayor's Thames Festival

I am delighted to have given my support to the Thames Festival which this year celebrated our great river with events along the length of the Thames from 6-15 September. An estimated audience of 300,000 enjoyed the festival's 62 events across 10 boroughs, with over 30 London schools participating in Thames Festival projects.

Malaysian Night Festival

The Malaysian Night Festival took place at Trafalgar Square on 4 October to celebrate Malaysian cuisine and culture from London and around the UK. Victoria Borwick attended the event on my behalf and met representatives from the Malaysian Embassy and from Matrade who are responsible for the Malaysia Kitchen Campaign. The event has been running successfully since 2010 and aims to educate and inform Londoners about the inspiring world of Malaysian Cuisine. An estimated audience of 20,000 throughout the day enjoyed the variety of Malaysian cuisines, cultural activities and Malay music & dance on stage.

Japan Matsuri

Japan Matsuri took place at Trafalgar Square on 5 October which celebrated Japanese culture, food, music, dance and crafts. This year, the Japanese Embassy celebrated two anniversaries between Japan and Britain; the 400th anniversary of the first official contacts between Japan and Britain, and the 150th anniversary since the first five Japanese university students came to London's UCL to study. Victoria Borwick attended on my behalf and joined the Japanese Ambassador on stage for the opening ceremony to celebrate the victory of Japan winning the 2020 Games in Tokyo.

London Mela

On 1 September, I supported the 12th London Mela in Gunnersbury Park, W3. The London Mela is Europe's biggest outdoor south Asian Festival and is produced by Ealing Council. The festival celebrates the cultures of South East Asia and this year's festival attracted over 80,000 Londoners. James Cleverly attended on my behalf and spoke at a reception held by the Nepalese Ambassador.

Vegfest UK Awards

On 5 October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended the Vegfest UK Awards at the Vegfest UK Event held at Kensington Olympia.

Silver Sunday Second Half Career Art Exhibition

On 6 October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended the Silver Sunday Second Half Career Art Exhibition in North Kensington. The Exhibition illustrated the art work of people

over 50 who have re-trained as artists and was part of a day of fun and free activities for older people across London.

Volunteering

Team London programmes

Our flagship Team London Schools' Programme enables adult Borough Ambassadors to volunteer in schools across London. The review of 12 pilot schools is now complete with 100% of all schools and all volunteers wishing to continue and we have a target of 400 schools – primary and secondary – to be involved in the programme by 2014.

As part of our Visitor Welcome programme, 750 Team London Ambassadors were deployed at 11 locations across London for 45 days over the summer. It is estimated Ambassadors delivered between 16,000 and 18,000 volunteering hours, to an overwhelmingly positive response from visitors to London.

Through our major events programme, over 1,600 Team London volunteers were deployed at 30 major events over the Summer. A number of these events took young, unemployed Londoners recruited from the East London Business Alliance (ELBA) and the Tottenham Foundation.

In our small grants programme, we have launched 10 projects which will recruit over 2,800 Team London volunteers across the city.

GLA Organisation, Budget, Finance and Appointments

Appointment to The Royal Parks Board

On 30 August, I announced the appointment of broadcaster, writer and commentator Wesley Kerr to The Royal Parks Board.

Wesley Kerr has a lifelong interest in London's heritage, with an active interest in preserving the capital's world-class parks. Mr Kerr has been chairman of the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Committee for London since 2007 and was also chair of its London Parks for People Committee (2007-2009). At HLF, which runs Parks for People scheme with the Big Lottery Fund, he has had a major role in awarding grants totaling tens of millions of pounds for heritage-led regenerations of parks, landscapes and gardens across the capital. He is also a member of the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show Gardens Panel.

Appointment of the Greater London Returning Officer

I have approved the appointment of Jeff Jacobs, Head of Paid Service, as the Greater London Returning Officer.

Extension of salary sacrifice schemes to Assembly Members and the Mayoralty

I have approved the extension of the childcare vouchers and cycle provision salary sacrifice schemes to Members of the London Assembly and the Mayor.

Media Monitoring – Procurement, award and entry into contract for Services

I have approved the procurement, award, entry into and execution of contract for the provision of Media Monitoring to the bidder submitting the most economically advantageous tender.

I have also delegated authority to the Director of External Affairs to award the contract to the tenderer who submits the most economically advantageous tender.

Planning and Development Control

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

56 Curzon Street, City of Westminster

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

Smith's Farm, LB Ealing

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

Colart Ltd, LB Harrow

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

294-330 Purley Way, LB Croydon

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

The Oak 144 Firs Lane, LB Enfield

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

Aldgate Place, LB Tower Hamlets

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

Sainsburys Nine Elms, LB Lambeth

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

Cat Hill Campus, Middlesex University, LB Enfield

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

Earls Court 2 Exhibition Centre, LB Hammersmith and Fulham

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

Cardinal Tower, LB Islington

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

575 North End Road, LB Brent

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

Conquest House, 25 Elmfield Road, LB Bromley

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

Heston Leisure Centre, LB Hounslow

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

Salesian College, LB Wandsworth

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

Heron Quays West, LB Tower Hamlets

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

City Pride, LB Tower Hamlets

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

Island Point, LB Tower Hamlets

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

Delegated stage 2 decisions

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

The Arena Stockley Park, LB Hillingdon

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

Former Cardinal Pole School, LB Borough Hackney

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

West London Composting Land & Land to North and South of Newyears Green Lane, LB Hillingdon

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

Royal Business Park, LB Borough 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.

Land at Chobham Farm, Olympic Delivery Agency

The Deputy Mayor has written to the Olympic Delivery Agency 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:

- Ferry Lane Industrial Estate, LB Waltham Forest
- Land bounded by Charterhouse Street, Lindsey Street, Long Lane and Hayne Street, City of London
- Parkway Trading Estate, LB Hounslow
- Galaxy House, LB Croydon
- Car Park Site and Adjoining Land, Lion Green Road, LB Coulsdon
- Heathrow Garden Centre & Land Adjacent to Heathrow Garden Centre, LB Hillingdon
- Northern Runway Heathrow Airport, LB Hillingdon
- Land at Abbey Road and Belsize Road, LB Camden
- Choats Road, LB Barking and Dagenham
- 330-340 Clapham Road, LB Lambeth
- Newfoundland, West Ferry Road, LB Tower Hamlets
- Land to West of Royal Mail Sorting Office, Mount Pleasant, LB Camden
- Land to North West of Royal Mail Sorting Office, Mount Pleasant, LB Islington
- St Clement's Hospital Site, LB Tower Hamlets
- Hurlingham Retail park and 1-3 Carnwath Road, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- BskyB, Osterley Campus, LB Hounslow
- 1 Westmoreland Road, LB Bromley
- Former Job Centre Plus, LB Tower Hamlets
- University of East London, LB Newham
- Isis House, 67-69 Southwark Street, LB Southwark
- 51-57 Kingsland High Street, LB Hackney
- Havelock Estate Regeneration Phase 1, LB Ealing
- Havelock Estate Regeneration Masterplan, LB Ealing
- 88 Bushey Road, LB Merton
- Site at Huntingdon Industrial Estate, LB Tower Hamlets
- Building 2, Great West Quarter, LB Hounslow
- Former Whitworth Centre, LB Havering
- Twickenham Sorting Office, LB Richmond
- King Street Hammersmith Town Hall, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Odeon/Radisson Leicester Square, LB Westminster
- New Court, Carey Street, LB Westminster

Development Plans

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

- Publication of Proposed Development Management Local Plan and Site Allocations Local Plan, LB Hackney
- Proposed Submission Development Document and Policies Map, LB Enfield

Development Plans considered under delegated authority

The Deputy Mayor, under powers I delegated to him has written to the following Councils giving a response to their development plan consultations:

- Partial review of the core strategy: housing, basements, design and miscellaneous matters, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Proposed submission of Sites and Policies Plan and Policy Maps, LB Merton

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Christ's School East, LB Richmond
- St Alphage Gardens, City of London
- 62-67 Abbey Road, LB Barking and Dagenham
- Blackfriars Road, Supplementary Planning Document, LB Southwark
- Polytechnic Sports Ground, RB Kingston upon Thames
- Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing, Supplementary Planning Document, LB Harrow
- Local Development Framework, Supplementary Planning Document, LB Islington
- Bromley College of Further and Higher Education, LB Bromley
- Wornington Green Estate, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Site 37 Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium, Local Development Framework Consultation, LB Merton
- Revised Section 106 Supplementary Planning Document, LB Lambeth
- Detailed Policies and Sites Local Plan consultation, LB Bexley
- Wood Street Area Action Plan, Local Development Framework, LB Waltham Forest

Key Engagements

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

- I had lunch with Richard Desmond, Chairman of Northern & Shell PLC, on 29 August
- I met with Mr Wang Jianlin, Chairman of Wanda Group, on 29 August to discuss investing in London
- I met with Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, on 29 August to discuss areas in which we might work together
- I met with Geoff Muirhead on 3 September to discuss aviation

- I had an introductory meeting with Richard Moore, the new British Ambassador to Turkey, on 3 September
- I met with Robert Thomson, the new CEO of News Corp, on 3 September to discuss issues of mutual interest including News International move to their new headquarters next to the Shard
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 3 September
- I met with Sir David Higgins, Network Rail, on 3 September to discuss rail transport in London
- I attended the GQ Man of the Year Awards Ceremony on 3 September
- I attended a cycle safety event with Stephen Hammond MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport, on 4 September
- I had my regular meeting with Mayor Jules Pipe, London Councils, on 4 September to discuss areas of joint working
- I met with the Core Cities Cabinet on 4 September to discuss greater financial autonomy for London and England's Core Cities
- I attended the inaugural C40 & Siemens City Climate Leadership Awards on 4 September and as part of this had a meeting with the Mayors of Oslo, Melbourne, Ho Chi Min City and Bogota
- I met with European Commissioner Siim Kallas on 4 September to discuss cycle safety and other issues of mutual interest
- I appeared on the Last Leg television show on 4 September
- I went to Croydon on 5 September to visit the Streatham-Croydon Rugby Club to view their new part-GLA funded stand and facilities, Crystal Palace Football Club Foundation & the new Waddon Leisure Centre.
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 5 September
- I met with the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 5 September to discuss transport issues in London
- I attended a dinner in support of the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust on 5 September
- I attended a photo to promote London's Biggest Breakfast on 6 September
- I met with the GLA Peer Outreach Team on 6 September
- I attended the National Paralympic Day at the Copper Box in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 7 September
- I attended the Mayor's Liberty Festival at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 7 September
- I attended the Beyond London 2012 SME Event on 9 September
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 9 September
- I met with Mr Ni, Chairman of ZRC, on 9 September to discuss his proposals to regenerate Crystal Palace park
- I visited Capel Manor College on 10 September
- I attended the LCCI/Asian Business Association Dinner on 10 September
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 11 September
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 11 September
- I attended the Community Security Trust dinner on 11 September
- I met with Lord Darzi on 12 September to discuss health in London
- I met with HH Sheikha Moza, Qatari Foundation, on 12 September to discuss ways of working together
- I attended a reception to mark the Qatar UK 2013 Year of Culture on 12 September

- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 12 September
- I had an introductory meeting with the Lord Mayor of Belfast on 12 September
- I attended a London-Asia business forum hosted by ABP on 16 September
- I chaired the London Health Board on 16 September
- I had an introductory meeting with Mr Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister of Power, Government of India, on 16 September
- I had my regular meeting with AC Cressida Dick on 16 September to discuss policing and security
- I attended a Legacy List reception on 16 September
- I chaired the London Legacy Development Corporation Board on 17 September
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Deputy Commissioner Craig Mackey, Metropolitan Police, on 17 September
- I hosted drinks for the L&P Board on 17 September
- I addressed the IoD Annual Convention on 18 September
- I attended the Transport for London Board away day on 18 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 18 September
- I met members of the Mayors Music Fund for Young Musicians Board on 18 September
- I met with the Rt Hon John Key MP, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, on 18 September
- I attended the Pearls Reception at the V&A on 18 September
- I attended a dinner hosted by Sir William Castell on 18 September
- I met with HE Sheikha Al Mayassa, Qatar Museum Authority, on 19 September and took her on a tour of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- I chaired the Mayor's Advisory Group on 19 September to discuss contingency plans for the national fire strike
- I attended the Evening Standard Influentials reception on 19 September
- I had a brief introductory meeting with Dr David Landsman OBE, the incoming Executive Director of Tata Limited, on 20 September.
- I met with Michael Arthur, UCL, on 20 September to discuss the Olympic Park
- I met with Sir Charlie Mayfield, John Lewis Partnership, on 23 September to discuss investing in London
- I held my regular "Ask Boris" Twitter session on 23 September
- I met with Sir Peter Hendy and Howard Carter, Transport for London, on 23 September ahead of the TfL Board Meeting
- I attended the Community Reception for the Ealing and Hillingdon GLA constituency on 23 September
- I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York, on 24 September
- I launched the Bloomberg Innovation Prize in Europe along with the Mayor of New York, the Mayor of Warsaw and the Mayor of Florence on 24 September
- I met with Professor Rick Trainor, Principal of King's College, on 24 September to discuss higher education in London
- I had my regular meeting with Dame Ruth Carnall on 24 September
- I attended the Sackler Serpentine Gallery Dinner on 24 September
- I chaired the Transport for London Board Meeting on 25 September
- I had an introductory meeting with the Mayor of Turin on 25 September to talk about Smart Cities
- I chaired the regular planning decisions meeting on 25 September
- I visited the Chelsea Waterfront development site at Lots Road on 25 September

- I attended the opening of the new public space at King's Cross Square on 26 September
- I chaired the London Crime Reduction Board Meeting 26 September
- I hosted a Mobile Phone Roundtable on 26 September
- I met with the organisers of the Shuffle event at St Clements hospital on 26 September
- I attended the Conservative Party Conference from 30 September to 1 October
- I visited the McKenna Brothers Factory in Middleton on 30 September
- I attended the launch of 'City Centred', a joint campaign with the Core Cities, GLA and London Councils, on 30 September
- I had lunch with the Evening Standard, on 1 October
- I met with John Witherow, Editor of the Times, on 1 October
- I met with Martin Ivens, Editor of the Sunday Times, on 1 October
- I hosted my regular monthly Ask Boris Phone in with Nick Ferrari on 2 October
- I chaired the London Enterprise Panel on 2 October
- I had lunch with Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham, on 2 October
- I met with the Group CEO Khaled Al Sayed, Qatari Diar, on 2 October to discuss investing in London
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 2 October
- I accepted a petition from Mary McLeod MP on 2 October
- I hosted a Ride London thank you reception on 2 October
- I attended the Crystal Palace press conference with Mr Ni, Chairman of ZRG, on 3 October
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 3 October
- I met with Peter Johansen, London Taxi Company, on 3 October to discuss LTC plans for their black cab, including my aspiration to deliver a zero emission capable taxi for London
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 3 October
- I had a photo with Sir Christopher Lee to promote the London Film Festival
- I had my regular meeting with Gordon Innes, L&P, on 7 October
- I met with Sir Peter Hendy, Transport for London on 7 October, ahead of my appearance before the Assembly on 9 October
- I attended the Black History Month reception on 7 October
- I attended the Mayor's Music Fund Breakfast event on 8 October
- I met with Professor Chris Rapley, Chair of the London Climate Change Partnership, on 8 October to discuss the Partnership
- I attended the launch, on 8 October, of the Sixth Form Free School that Westminster School is setting up with the Harris Foundation
- I attended LBC's 40th anniversary event on 8 October
- I attended the Assembly Plenary on 9 October to answer questions as Chair of Transport for London
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 9 October
- I attended the Bureau of Leaders on 9 October
- I hosted a Mayor's Fund for London reception on 9 October

Ends