

London Assembly
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17th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

This is my seventeenth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 7 November to 4 December 2013.

Executive Summary

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Education Conference 2013

On 22 November, I hosted my inaugural annual Education Conference, with four hundred headteachers and other educationalists, including international experts, attending the event at City Hall. This was one year on from the publication of my Education Inquiry Report.

Speakers included my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, and the Secretary of State for Education, The Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP.

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Policing and Community Safety

Violence Against Women and Girls

On 27 November, I launched the refreshed version of my Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy at City Hall. My Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, hosted the first half of the launch, while I visited the North London Rape Crisis Centre with Joan Smith, the Co-Chair of the VAWG Panel. I witnessed the valuable work of all four centres in London and I was struck again by the dedication of the paid workers and many volunteers that support women and young girls who have experienced sexual violence.

Speakers at the event included Assistant Commissioner Rowley, Marai Larasi (a VAWG Panel member), Joan Smith, and the new Chief Prosecutor for London Baljit Ubhey. Stephen and I also launched a Girls and Gangs Strategic Framework at the event. This is the first document of its kind that will assist local areas in the way they support gang associated girls and young women.

£70,000 for drug intervention programme in Bexley

On 7 November, it was announced that MOPAC has given £67,677 funding to the London Borough of Bexley to cut drug-related crime through a drug intervention programme for offenders. The grant is part of my new London Crime Prevention Fund, an £18 million pot that MOPAC has allocated to help boroughs tackle crime.

The aim of the project is to ensure that more of the borough's substance abusers are proactively engaged and are helped to rehabilitate. The grant will cover drugs intervention workers who will be responsible for working with all offenders in the Borough who test positive for Class A drugs

Passing Out Parade

On 21 November, I joined the Met Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, in attending the Metropolitan Police Service's (MPS) first public passing out parade. The parade marked the completion of training for more than 80 recruits to become fully warranted police officers. Not only was this an important day for the officers and their families, but it was symbolic for the wider public to be able to witness the moment recruits formally become police officers and begin their service to keep Londoners safe.

Joining cadets to help commuters avoid being victims of crime

On 28 November, I joined the Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe and Volunteer Police Cadets (VPC) during a coordinated day of action to highlight the importance of crime prevention.

Londoners at major rail stations were given advice to help reduce their chance of becoming a victim of crime whilst travelling around the city and also received tips on how to keep their homes safe from burglars. We handed out crime prevention leaflets to rush-hour commuters at Charing Cross as part of 'Little Wing Day' which involved hundreds of cadets based at busy rail stations across London.

The VPC are a key part of the joint Crime Prevention Strategy which MOPAC and the MPS published on 2 December. The Strategy recognises that despite crime falling in the capital by 11 per cent since 2008, more progress must be made to deliver a 20 per cent reduction in key neighbourhood crimes by 2016. It also outlines that providing a range of crime prevention advice, recruiting more police cadets and promoting with active citizen schemes has a vital role to play in helping to make the city safer.

The Crime Prevention Strategy focuses on four areas- people, places, property and problems— and highlights include predictive crime mapping, traceable liquid property marking in burglary hotspots across the capital, and identifying and testing new ways of using technology to design out crime.

Freedom Charity

On 26 November, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, and I met with Aneeta Prem, Founder of Freedom Charity, which has a focus on forced marriage. We discussed the recent incident in which three women have been identified as having been involved in long term domestic servitude, the role of 'Freedom' and the impact on the charity.

Meeting with Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions

On 26 November, the Met Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, and I met with the Attorney General, The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, and the Director of Public Prosecutions, where we discussed matters of mutual interest and the operation of London's criminal justice system.

Business Crime Strategy

On 26 November, at the most recent MOPAC Challenge, the draft Business Crime Strategy was launched for consultation. Business Crime is not victimless crime as it threatens the wellbeing of London, its individual citizens and entrepreneurs. Partnerships between the police and the economic sector will be key to tackling the problem. Responses are sought to the Strategy by Friday 7 February 2014.

Transport

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The trend of ticket sales away from ticket offices has surged over recent years and at present less than three per cent of all Tube journeys involve a visit to a ticket office. Therefore, it is proposed that Tube station staff in the future will not be based in ticket offices, but in ticket halls, on gate lines and on platforms, ready and available to give the best personal and face-to-face service to customers.

Further improvements to make journeys easier and more convenient for customers on the Tube include:

- Contactless bank card payment technology will be rolled-out from 2014;
- Wi-Fi coverage will be rolled out to all remaining below-ground stations by the end of 2014;
- Improved customer service training and technology for all station staff;
- Mobile devices with up-to-the-minute information on ticketing, train services and the local area, will be provided to staff across the network so they can help customers on the spot;
- The network will become more accessible. More raised platform sections and boarding ramps are being introduced, information and signage is being improved and, building on the 66 Tube stations which are already step-free, 27 additional Tube and Overground stations will be made step-free over the next eight years;
- Additional and improved ticket machines will be introduced to the network, which is part of a strategy to make life easier for passengers; and
- Major redevelopments. These are already underway at Tottenham Court Road, Victoria and Bond Street. Improvements to retail and services at stations are planned, with more than 30 stations already identified where real improvements could be made over the next few years, including Canary Wharf and Embankment.

A new, simplified staffing model will reflect the fact that customers have different needs at each of the different types of station across the network. Many busy Tube stations will have to deal with queries from less familiar customers, including tourists, so enhanced visitor centres will be provided at those stations. All Tube stations will continue to be staffed by LU employees across the whole day, while services are operating, providing face-to-face customer service and information across the whole network.

Before any changes are introduced full safety risk assessments will be carried out and all stations will continue to be appropriately staffed to ensure safe operation and evacuation and to maintain LU's excellent safety record.

The new station staffing proposals have now been shared with LU staff and with recognised Trade Unions for consultation. The proposals, when coupled with the introduction of the Night Tube, would mean a net reduction of around 750 posts.

Currently, LU employs a total of around 18,000 staff, which includes around 5,500 station staff. LU is committed to delivering the reduction in operational staff numbers without any compulsory redundancies. When implemented, the savings delivered by these proposals would equate to around £50 million per annum, or around £270 million over the term of the TfL Business Plan to 2020/21.

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TfL is also setting out how it is continuing to invest to modernise and improve London's transport network, to support jobs, more homes and economic growth in the capital and across the UK. A revised TfL Business Plan to 2020/21, following the funding settlement agreed with Government earlier this year, will be published and is due to be considered by the TfL Board at its meeting on 11 December.

I have decided to raise fares by an average of RPI only for 2014, which is a freeze on fares in real terms. Limiting the average fare increase to RPI only, rather than RPI+1 per cent, has been made affordable through a combination of measures including TfL's savings and efficiencies programme and commercial revenue targets.

TfL's revised Business Plan will set out how £16 billion of efficiencies and savings are being made across TfL to support billions of pounds of investment in transforming the Tube, completing Crossrail and enhancing the bus, London Overground, DLR and Tramlink services, while continuing to improve cycling and road infrastructure and tackle air pollution.

All free and concessionary travel for young, elderly and disabled Londoners, as well as Veterans and members of the Armed Forces, has been protected in full.

The key elements of the January 2014 fares package are:

- On the Tube, only three fares, the Zone 1 peak and off-peak single tickets and the Zone 1-2 off-peak single ticket, will increase by 10p;
- Oyster pay as you go caps frozen for the second year running to improve value for money for part time commuters;

- On the Buses, the pay as you go fare on Oyster and contactless payment card increases 5p to £1.45 while the daily cap and cash fare is frozen;
- The 7 Day Bus & Tram Pass will increase by 80p to £20.40;
- The off-peak One Day paper Travelcard range will be simplified to the Zone 1-6 off peak ticket only and it is frozen at 2013 prices. Anytime One Day paper Travelcards rise in line with NR fares;
- 7 Day Travelcards, and corresponding monthly and annual Travelcards, increase by the 4.1 per cent average, reflecting the link with regulated National Rail fares; and
- Fares on the Emirates Air Line will increase by 10p except for multi-trip Oyster fares for regular users which will remain at £1.60.

Finally, I approved the proposed revisions to TfL fares 2014 and signed the Direction to TfL, under section 155 (1)(c) of the GLA Act 1999, to implement these fares from 2 January 2014.

Buses to run on 'chip fat'

On 7 November, I launched a pilot scheme to run 120 buses on diesel made from used chip fat and other food waste. A total of 10 routes which operate from the Barking depot will now run on a blend of 80 per cent regular diesel and 20 per cent biodiesel, which will help cut the carbon emissions of each bus by about 15 per cent. A 50,000 litre storage tank has been installed at the garage, enabling the biofuel to be mixed on-site, reducing costs and lowering carbon emissions.

This project is intended to show to the market that there is strong demand for high quality biodiesel to fuel London's buses to encourage investment in a large scale industrial refinery in the capital. At the moment, the refineries which produce biodiesel of the quality required to fuel a bus are located in the north of England or Scotland. I want to see one here to turn London's waste into fuel to power our buses, reducing CO2 and creating jobs and growth at no cost to the London tax and farepayer.

London's river services ride a wave of success as the new autumn/winter guide is launched

Updated river services information is now available for passengers as TfL, River Bus and River Tour operators came together to launch their autumn/winter guide.

Latest passenger journey figures for spring and summer have shown that the popularity of river travel stands at an all-time high. There were nearly five million passengers in the six month period from April to September, which was the highest number since London River Services was formed in 1999. This shows that real progress is being made towards the target of 12 million passenger journeys a year on the river by 2020.

Northern Line Extension public inquiry commences

TfL has announced that the public inquiry into the proposed construction of the Northern line extension (NLE) has now commenced and is expected to last around four weeks. The inquiry, which commenced on 19 November was called for by the Secretary of State for Transport and is part of the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) process which is usual for a major project of this size.

An independent inspector has been appointed to run the public inquiry, which is considering TfL's application to extend the Northern line from Kennington to Battersea, via Nine Elms. The inspector will consider evidence that has been submitted by TfL, individuals or organisations interested in the construction of this piece of infrastructure.

If planning powers are obtained from the Government, and a funding package is in place, then construction of the Northern line extension could begin in 2015, with the two new stations opening in 2020.

The construction of the extension will help kick start regeneration in the Nine Elms area of south London and provide major transport benefits for local people. The extension would reduce pressure on Vauxhall station, provide relief to the existing Northern line south of Kennington and give wider access to leisure and employment opportunities for local people. The new infrastructure would support up to 25,000 jobs and 16,000 new homes.

Northern Line Extension borrowing limits

I have instructed officers to carry out the necessary processes (including development of materials for consultation) to amend the GLA's draft Capital Spending Plan and Borrowing Limits, for inclusion in my Group Budget proposals to be issued in December 2013. This is to ensure the GLA's authorised borrowing limits can accommodate up to £1 billion of additional borrowing for the NLE, and that such monies can be granted to TfL for that purpose.

I have authorised the GLA to enter into:

- A Deed of Agreement between the GLA, TfL and the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Wandsworth in relation to the funding of the NLE, including the recovery of contributions from those Boroughs, together with any side letter between TfL and the GLA, as may be required relating to the same; and
- A guarantee with HM Treasury, by which it will guarantee a proportion of the borrowing referred to above.

I have also authorise the Executive Director of Resources (and any senior officer nominated by him for such purposes), to agree and execute any non-material changes to such agreements, and to do all such other things as he considers reasonably necessary or desirable (including, without limitation, entering into further agreements), to facilitate the implementation of the matters referred to in my Mayoral Decision.

Finally, I have authorised the Executive Director of Resources to incur legal costs in agreeing the 'UK Guarantee Scheme' with the Treasury which are estimated to cost £40,000.

Increased parking times to boost high streets and invigorate local economy

As pledged in my manifesto, TfL has introduced measures to increase parking times at 600 bays on TfL red routes across the capital, to encourage more people to shop on London's high streets and boost the local economy.

Stop & Shop provides greater flexibility for motorists to park and shop, pay a bill or run an errand. Parking time has been increased from 20 to 30 minutes on the majority of TfL red route parking bays across the capital, allowing people to spend more time on the high street and helping to boost small businesses.

TfL opens up panel meetings to the public

TfL has reaffirmed its commitment to openness and transparency by confirming that all Board, Committee and Panel meetings will now be open to the public.

TfL Board meetings have been held in public since 2000 and its Committees have met in public since April 2012, with papers for the open session published on tfl.gov.uk five working days before each meeting. Following a review of the TfL Board and its decision making structure, meetings of TfL's Advisory Panels will now also be open to the public and again, papers will be published five working days in advance.

Crossrail tunnelling machine arrives at Stepney Green Cavern

On 7 November, Crossrail reached another important milestone as the 1,000 tonne tunnel boring machine Elizabeth broke into one of Europe's largest mined caverns, 40m below Stepney Green in the East End of London.

Elizabeth, along with her sister machine Victoria, is completing the longest tunnel drive on the Crossrail project, from Limmo Peninsula near Canning Town to Farringdon, a distance of 8.3 kilometres (5.16 miles).

Since being launched last winter, both machines have been working round the clock to create the new tunnels, passing through the new Canary Wharf Crossrail station during the summer. Tunnelling machine Elizabeth will now undergo maintenance inside Stepney Green's westbound cavern before resuming tunnelling towards Whitechapel, Liverpool Street and Farringdon. Elizabeth's breakthrough is the first of four that will take place at Stepney Green. Victoria is due to breakthrough into the site early in the New Year.

Crossrail completes its first completed train tunnel

Eighteen months after she first set off, tunnelling machine Phyllis has now completed her 6.8 kilometre journey from Royal Oak to Farringdon.

On 19 November, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander, Infrastructure Minister, Lord Deighton and my Deputy Mayor for Transport, Isabel Deding, were among the first visitors to set foot inside the completed train tunnel, entering via what will be the future Crossrail Farringdon station.

They saw how the most significant addition to London's transport network in a generation will look when it opens in 2018, and enclosed a time capsule in the remaining section of Crossrail's first tunnelling machine, Phyllis.

The Ministers met several of the workers including apprentices that have been constructing the new passenger tunnels underneath Farringdon station. Crossrail is on target to deliver over 400 apprenticeships with more than 260 apprentices already working on the project.

ICE Dinner – London Underground – Looking to the future

On 18 November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended the Institute of Civil Engineers Dinner and Seminar entitled 'London Underground – Looking to the future'.

Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers Dinner

On 21 November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, was the guest speaker at the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers Dinner at Cutler's Hall in the City of London.

Transport for London Acknowledgement of London Poppy Day

I have delegated authority to TfL, the exercise of my powers under sections 30 and 34 of the GLA Act 1999, to further the promotion of social development in Greater London and do such things as may be considered facilitative and conducive to that purpose, in order that it may undertake to recognise the invaluable contribution that service men and women in London have made to the protection of Greater London and its inhabitants.

I directed TfL to procure and incur up to £101,000 for these activities for the period between 26 October and 11 November 2013.

Business, Enterprise and the Economy

Boosting jobs and skills for Londoners

On 29 November, I hosted the Skills Summit at City Hall, which brought together 50 further education colleges with key Government agencies to ensure Londoners are being taught the skills that employers need most.

Led by my Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, Kit Malthouse, attendees included college heads, London Councils, The Skills Funding Agency and Job Centre Plus. Equipping Londoners with the skills they need to succeed in the jobs market was at the top of the agenda, as was how we can help to meet my apprenticeship target of 250,000 by 2016.

One of the key focuses of the London Enterprise Panel is ensuring increased opportunities for both young people and jobseekers. During the 2012/13 financial year it is estimated that GLA schemes have created and supported 60,300 jobs in the capital.

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The Croydon Opportunity Area envisages the construction of 10,000 new homes and improvements to key parts of the local transport infrastructure, including East Croydon station. It is anticipated that this will create 7,500 jobs.

Croydon Council resolved to grant outline planning permission for the £1 billion scheme on Monday, November 25. The application will now be submitted to the Secretary of State for his approval.

Mayor's Regeneration Fund - Shaping Southall

On 5 November, works started on the transformation of Southall Broadway in the London Borough of Ealing, which will provide a much needed safer and more attractive streetscape, a key deliverable of my Regeneration Fund to drive growth and prosperity across London's high streets and town centres.

This scheme, together with further investment in shop fronts and public space in Old Southall, will ensure that Southall retains its vibrancy and attractiveness to residents, visitors and investors and that the benefits of Crossrail are fully maximised.

Backing for Pinewood Studios expansion

On the 19 November, I backed the proposed £200 million expansion for the Pinewood Studios which will stop filming work being lost overseas. I'm confident this will lead to London witnessing a golden age of film and TV production, bringing a huge boost to the economy.

Supplier Skills Team – project continuation 2013/14

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

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The scheme will be run through Islington Council's innovative Bunhill Heat and Power heat network. Under the new project, the network will be expanded to capture and utilise two local sources of waste heat, one from a London Underground ventilation shaft and the other from a sub-station owned and operated by UK Power Networks. The expansion will also see at least a further 500 homes connected to Islington Council's heat network.

I am keen to encourage more locally produced heat and power from smaller generators like Bunhill and to pioneer further projects that use existing sources of waste heat in the capital, rather than allowing it to be wasted by just releasing it into the atmosphere. My recent Waste Heat Study estimated that around 38 per cent of London's heat demand could be met by waste sources from industrial and commercial activities, as well as naturally occurring heat such as air, ground and water.

I am working to develop decentralised energy and district heating networks and, as part of this, I am developing a new scheme that will give local electricity producers, for example from Combined Heat and Power Plants, a better return on the electricity that they sell.

On track to deliver 100 'pocket parks'

On 11 November, I announced funding for a further 33 Pocket Park projects across 17 London boroughs. From a rooftop orchard to a tropical retreat, work is now underway on 60 pocket parks, transforming underused urban spaces across the city into mini oases for Londoners to enjoy.

Thanks to £2 million of funding, 100 'pocket parks', which are around the size of a tennis court, are set to spring up in London's underused small spaces by 2015, improving local neighbourhoods and making the capital an even better place to live and work.

In Haringey, £30,000 of funding will turn a small piece of rundown land into a vibrant 'West Green Road Tropical Park', a lush oasis filled with unusual tropical plants. In Stratford, a car park rooftop will be transformed into a fruit orchard, meeting place and event space for the local community with £25,000 of my funding.

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The site includes personalised tools to help Londoners, young people and businesses, play their part in reducing emissions and their exposure to air pollution. It features a raft of data from monitoring stations across the capital, as well as important yet easy steps people can take such as walking or cycling to work, or making more informed choices about the routes they use to improve air quality and reduce exposure to harmful pollutants.

I have made progress in improving air quality in London. Emissions of NO_x (Oxides of Nitrogen) having been reduced by 20 per cent and PM₁₀ by 15 per cent. New research shows that measures to improve London's air quality has resulted in the number of Londoners living in areas exceeding EU limit values of NO₂ to have more than halved since 2008.

£300,000 to boost air quality in the capital

On 28 November, I announced that I have secured an additional £335,000 from a £1 million Government pot to tackle air pollution, build green infrastructure and support low emission vehicles in the capital.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has awarded 12 grants, totalling £335,000 to nine London boroughs from its £1 million Air Quality Grants Programme.

Projects include a cross-borough partnership with Barts NHS Trust to raise awareness of air pollution with vulnerable patients, a scheme to encourage businesses to adopt low emission vehicles and a 'green wall' made of vegetation to shield children in primary schools from air pollution along the A4.

The funding will also be used to support a campaign led by Southwark Council to get people to turn off their engines while waiting in traffic at Tower Bridge in a bid to reduce emissions at this iconic London landmark.

£20,000 prize to inspire green business dragons of the future

On 28 November, along with star of TV's Dragons' Den, Deborah Meaden, I called on London's students to come up with innovative new business ideas to cut future carbon emissions and enhance the capital's green economy.

With the chance to become the Low Carbon Entrepreneur of 2014, and win £20,000 to help make their idea a reality, this year's shortlist will be invited to give 'Dragons' Den' style pitches to a panel led by Deborah. Students will also be competing for up to six paid internships with leading engineering firm Siemens, sponsors of the competition.

Now in its third year, the Low Carbon Entrepreneur 2014 competition is open to students at Further and Higher Education institutes across the capital and forms part of my commitment to achieve a 60 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2025.

The 2014 entries will be judged by a panel of expert judges. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the Siemens Crystal on Wednesday 4 June.

Thousands more trees to make London leafier

On 29 November, as part of National Tree Week, I announced plans to make London leafier by planting thousands of trees on streets and community green spaces. Nearly £800,000 has been granted to community and borough projects to help local people improve their green spaces and increase canopy cover in the capital.

£690,000 has been granted to 24 borough projects for over 4,000 new street trees as part of the second round of my street tree initiative, which has seen 12,000 trees planted on London's roads and walkways so far. I am on target to plant 20,000 by March 2015.

A further 21 projects have received a share of a £100,000 pot to continue the successful RE:LEAF community grant scheme, which provides funding to bolster voluntary action and greening by local community groups.

Additionally, I am working with Trees for Cities, the London Wildlife Trust and the Tree Council to plant 12,000 trees with the help of volunteers in locations across the capital. This culminated in a community planting day on Saturday 30 November.

New scheme to help small businesses cut food waste – FoodSave

On 12 November, I launched 'FoodSave', a new scheme to help food businesses maximise their profits by reducing food waste and diverting surplus food to useful purposes and away from landfill.

Food waste is a huge issue in the UK. The Waste and Resources Action Programme estimate that around 15 million tonnes of food and drink are thrown away every year, of which four million is from food service, restaurants and manufacturing. Food waste makes up 41 per cent of all waste generated by the UK hospitality sector.

To help address this, I am working in partnership with the European Regional Development Fund and London Waste and Recycling Board to support over 240 small and medium-sized businesses in cutting food waste over the next 18 months. The aim is to achieve overall savings of £360,000 and prevent more than 1,000 tonnes of food waste being sent to landfill.

More details on the project can be found at: www.foodsave.org.

Housing

Launch of New Housing Strategy

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It puts forward a range of pioneering measures to boost housing supply, stimulate building and produce more low cost homes. London needs at least 42,000 homes a year to meet the demands of the city's ever increasing population.

Key policies in the draft strategy include:

- Minimum new 42,000 homes annual target to meet unprecedented demand – more than any point since the 1930s;
- Initial new funding of more than £1 billion to support the delivery of 45,000 more low cost homes for hard working Londoners;
- Expand FIRST STEPS to quarter of a million Londoners over the next decade to help them buy their own home;
- Renewed call for Property Taxes and Stamp Duty to be devolved to London;
- Purpose-built private rent to accelerate house building and raise standards. The housing strategy sets a target of 5,000 purpose-built rented homes per annum, within the minimum 42,000 target;
- Housing Zones. I will consider new housing zones to accelerate building in housing schemes in existing Opportunity Areas;
- A London Housing Bank to speed up building on large sites. The GLA will publish a discussion paper about the London Housing Bank in 2014 and will in principle invest over £160 million; and
- 21st Century Garden Suburbs. I will lead the regeneration of large parts of London to create 21st century suburbs such as Barking Riverside and Beam Park.

I approved the contents and publication of the draft London Housing Strategy for consultation with the public, the London Assembly, the GLA's Functional Bodies, and other relevant parties.

I have also delegated authority to the Executive Director for Housing & Land, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property to:

- approve non-material changes to the text of the draft London Housing Strategy; and
- do anything which they consider necessary or expedient, either during or after the conclusion of the consultation process, for the purposes of finalising a draft of the London Housing Strategy that will be submitted for my approval, prior to being

submitted to the London Assembly under section 42B of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended).

Finally, I have delegated authority to the Executive Director for Housing and Land to prepare, approve and publish a funding prospectus, which will invite bids for GLA funding for the 2015-18 affordable homes programme for London.

Traveller Pitch Fund Programme – Funding Decisions

I have approved that the GLA can enter into a contract with providers delivering Traveller Pitch Funding projects with expenditure up to a maximum of £1,027,233 to provide a contribution to the costs of delivering the following projects:

- £69,000 – London Borough of Barking & Dagenham;
- £766,000 – London Borough of Hounslow; and
- £192,233 – London Borough of Lambeth.

Housing Covenant Building the Pipeline recommended programme allocations

I have approved:

- £52.977m of funding allocations on schemes to support 1,700 affordable housing completions and 132 additional bedrooms through the following products (i) Rent and Sale; (ii) Empty Homes; (iii) Tenant’s Incentive Scheme; (iv) Extensions and De-conversions and (v) Consumer-led Shared Ownership products under the MHC Building the Pipeline programme;
- The closure of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme in London with unallocated budget (less £0.382m required for outstanding FirstBuy completions) transferred to MHC;
- Receipt of the following to the MHC budget:
 - Additional Empty Homes funding DCLG £11.865m
 - New DCLG funding initiative £180.000m;
- Transfer of the following to the MHC budget:
 - Affordable Homes Programme £20.009m
 - National Affordable Housing Programme £0.045m
 - Right to Buy receipts £0.892m
 - noting this comes within the £118m budget for the MHC approved through MD1174; and
- That all products funded through my Housing Covenant programme are combined into a single budget.

I have also delegated authority to the Executive Director Housing and Land to approve the engagement with, and the allocation to, new additional successful bidders of unallocated funding in the full MHC programme and to approve variations to existing grants.

Social Inclusion and Health

Interfaith Community Reception

On 18 November, I hosted an Interfaith Reception for 200 faith leaders and interfaith figures from across London. The event was held in partnership with the Faiths Forum for London to

coincide with national Interfaith Week. I spoke at the event, alongside other speakers included Leonie Lewis and Guy Wilkinson, Co-Chairs of the Faiths Forum for London, and Ali Hashem, from the My Voice Enterprise Challenge Project, which is an innovative new enterprise project that gives young people the opportunity to develop a trading business and gain entrepreneurial skills.

London Health Board meeting

On 2 December, I chaired the London Health Board meeting. The meeting focused on the power of transparency to empower patients and improve their experience as well as drive up standards and quality, including the myhealthlondon website, which I launched in partnership with the NHS.

The Board also heard about work that Public Health England (London) and many other organisations have done on mental health and the Board considered how best to prioritise action.

London Healthy Workplace Charter Awards Ceremony 2013

On 19 November, my Deputy Mayor Victoria Borwick, hosted the London Healthy Workplace Charter Awards Ceremony at City Hall. Twelve London employers from a range of sectors were presented with awards for successfully meeting the commitment, achievement or excellence accreditation standards for the Charter during 2013. I am pleased that TfL London received an 'excellence' award.

National HIV Testing Week/ World Aids Day

During National HIV Testing Week, 22 – 29 November, City Hall hosted a World Aids Day Awareness exhibition, where staff and the public could find out more and take an HIV test. The exhibition was developed and staffed in partnership with the Terence Higgins Trust, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital and GMI Partnership. I have also supported Barts Health NHS Trust's hospital-based testing campaign and Terence Higgins Trust's *'It Starts with me'* campaign.

London Health Commission meeting

On 2 December, the London Health Commission held its first meeting. The Commission is chaired by Lord Ara Darzi and is examining how health improvement and the healthcare system can best operate to meet the needs of London and improve health outcomes for Londoners. It will examine four broad themes:

- Improving the quality and integration of care;
- Enabling high quality and integrated care delivery;
- Healthy lives and reducing health inequalities; and
- Health economy, research and education.

I have approved receipt of an expected £4 million from NHS England (the final amount may be subject to negotiation) to fund a range of policy, research and influencing activities, in line with the priorities set out by the London Health Commission and including, but not limited to, the setting up of the Commission and the associated project team. I have also approved funding of £35,000 from the GLA to support the Commission.

I have delegated authority to the Executive Director of Communities and Intelligence to take all further actions required to implement the Commission activities.

Chairman of London Ambulance Service

On 7 November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, met with Richard Hunt, the Chairman of the London Ambulance Service (LAS), at City Hall. Victoria and Richard discussed a number of matters, including the recent LAS campaign to promote the installation, use and accreditation of defibrillators.

London Older People's Assembly

On 21 November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, hosted the eleventh London Older People's Assembly at City Hall which was attended by over 250 people.

The Older People's Assembly is an annual event where older Londoners can meet and debate key issues of concern and express their views on living in the capital. It is organised by the London Older People's Strategies Group and the GLA. This year's Assembly was entitled 'The Contributions of Older People to London' and the agenda was based on a recently published report by the GLA entitled 'The Economic Contributions of Older Londoners'.

China to London Bike Ride

On 26 November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, welcomed two cyclists at the Tower of London who had cycled from China to London for charity. Oli Goulden and Matthieu Liard had cycled from China through central Asia, the Middle East and Europe to raise money for Operation Smile, the cleft palate charity. Victoria received a 'Banner of Friendship' on my behalf, which was given to the riders to them by the City of Zhengzhou in China.

Doctor Surgery Lease

I have approved the grant of a 25 year lease to a doctors' surgery of a building 'The Click', the freehold to which is held by GLAP.

Education and Youth

Education Conference 2013

On 22 November, I hosted my inaugural annual Education Conference, with four hundred headteachers and other educationalists, including international experts, attending the event at City Hall. This was one year on from the publication of my Education Inquiry Report.

There were inspiring presentations from international education specialists and teaching experts, as well as from headteachers and individuals from within the business, arts, technology and other sectors. The feedback we have since received from both speakers and delegates has been very positive.

I launched my London Schools Gold Club at the conference and announced the first 114 schools to become members in 2013. This is a new scheme to recognise exceptional schools for their individual approaches to ensuring all their pupils do well. In turn, they will be leading a

programme of seminar events to share their good practice and proven methodologies with other London schools.

I also published my first Annual Education Report, which highlights trends across the city and puts individual schools' and pupils' performance into a London context. I also profiled the first phase of London Curriculum teaching resources in English, Art & Design, Music, Geography and History subjects.

As well as my address, the delegates also heard from my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza; the Secretary of State for Education, The Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP; Joel Klein, Chief Executive Officer, Amplify and former New York Education Commissioner; Andreas Schleicher, Special Advisor on Education Policy to the OECD's Secretary-General; Professor David Hogan, former Principal Research Scientist, National Institute of Education, Singapore; Kaya Henderson, Chancellor of Washington DC Public Schools; and Sander Dekker, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education, the Netherlands.

Championing Music Education

On the 22 November, Gigs 2013 Champion Stella Star and Gigs Youth Winner Sam Barnet performed at my first Education Conference. The conference was opened by Inner Voices, a choir made up of nine schools led by the West London Free School. Darren Henley, Managing Director of Classic FM, chaired a session on the importance of music education in London's schools.

New London Schools Atlas puts information and transparency at the heart of education in the capital

On 7 November, I launched a new interactive online map of London, which provides a uniquely detailed and comprehensive picture of London schools, current patterns of attendance and potential future demand for places across the capital.

The London Schools Atlas enables teachers, parents, policymakers and others with an interest in education to build an overview of schools in the capital in a way that was not previously possible. The Atlas covers both primary and secondary provision, including Academies and Free Schools and can be found at: www.london.gov.uk/london-schools-atlas.

The London Schools Atlas has been developed as part of my programme of initiatives aimed at driving up standards in education and ensuring there are enough good places for all children in the city.

In the House

On 23 November, my Peer Outreach Team organised a major youth engagement fair at Portcullis House as a worthy finale to Parliament Week. Eighty per cent of the more than 600 young Londoners who participated had never visited Parliament, coming from very diverse backgrounds and life experiences.

Healthy Schools London school visit

On 27 November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, visited Hambrough Primary School in the London Borough of Ealing. The visit focused on the work the school had done as part of

Healthy Schools London in relation to tackling bullying in children's lives, with an active school council and mini-mentors, to empower the children and thus resist peer pressure.

Healthy Schools London awards ceremony in Kingston

On 25 November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, presented the first Kingston school with its Healthy Schools London Bronze Award. Liz Green, Leader of Kingston Council, hosted a launch event to encourage schools across the borough to become involved in my Healthy Schools London programme.

To date 673 London schools have registered to be part of my Healthy Schools London programme, with 170 of them achieving the Healthy Schools London Bronze Award.

Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport

Development of major new education and arts centres on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

On 4 December, I welcomed the Chancellor George Osborne's pledge in the National Infrastructure Plan to support the creation of a major new higher education and cultural district on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The 'Olympicopolis' project is destined to create ten thousand jobs and boost the UK economy by billions of pounds.

Working together with the Chancellor and the London Legacy Development Corporation, the ambitious plans would potentially see two world class institutions, University College London (UCL) and Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A), build new sites adjacent to the Stratford waterfront, on land between the Stadium and Stratford station.

It's projected that the cumulative effect of these plans will generate an extra 10,000 jobs in the Park and an extra £5.2 billion of economic value from the area, contributing an additional £99 million in tax revenue per year.

My aim is that UCL and V&A will form the pillars of a dynamic new hub for 21st century London, attracting further prestigious institutions and businesses to the site to foster collaboration and innovation. As well as creating new visitor attractions, it will seek to attract knowledge based industries to the Stratford site, linking to Tech City, iCITY and beyond.

Olympic Stadium

On 25 November, work began to remove the floodlight paddles on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park's Stadium, so a new roof can be built in order to transform it into a year round multi-use venue, delivering a lasting sporting, cultural and community legacy in east London.

The new roof, along with new retractable seating in the lower bowl, is crucial to ensuring the Stadium can be used throughout the year to host a range of events. The roof will help protect spectators from the elements and an innovative seating solution allows close pitch side views for football, rugby and other pitch sports, while retaining an international class running track for use every summer.

The transformation of the Stadium is another important milestone in our pledge to create a long lasting legacy for the capital as a result of the 2012 Games.

Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 bid won

On 7 November, it was announced that England had won the bid to host the Women's Hockey World Cup 2018. The tournament is scheduled to take place from July 7-21 at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, now one of many high profile international sporting events to take place on the iconic park.

East Wick and Sweetwater neighbourhoods on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

On 15 November, the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) put out a call to the market for a development partner for the next phase of new neighbourhoods on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The neighbourhoods of East Wick and Sweetwater will consist of up to 1500 new homes, including much needed private rented housing and affordable homes. This offers developers a tremendous opportunity to be part of London's historic Olympic site.

East Village

On 26 November, the first residents moved into East Village, the former Athletes' Village on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. This follows the completion of the first two residential areas or 'plots', and their handover from the Olympic Delivery Authority to East Village's long-term legacy owners, Get Living London and Triathlon Homes. East Village features a new school, which began admitting students in September and a Health Centre that has started to see its first patients.

Providing thousands of new homes was one of the key legacies of the 2012 Games, and the new neighbourhoods created on and around Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park will surely become some of the most popular places to live in the capital.

London Means Business dinner

On 21 November, I delivered the keynote speech as part of the annual London Means Business dinner, which supports The Legacy List, the independent charity for the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The charity has a crucial part to play in helping to create a lasting cultural, social and economic impact for Londoners. The event was a huge success and £119,000 was raised.

British Diving to move in to London Aquatics Centre

On 26 November, it was announced that the Aquatics Centre on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park is to become the home of a new Diving High Performance Centre for British Swimming.

British Swimming will work alongside venue operators, GLL and the LLDC, to provide world class diving provision in the capital and build on the popularity of diving from the 2012 Games. The pool has undergone significant transformation since last summer and will provide world class facilities for elite athletes and the local communities alike when it re-opens in spring 2014.

Olympic and Paralympic Legacy meeting

On 27 November, my Mayoral Adviser for Olympic and Paralympic Legacy, Neale Coleman, attended the first Ministerial meeting to discuss physical activity. This group has been established by Lord Coe for Government departments and London to work together to secure a legacy on physical activity.

Draft Local Plan Consultation

On 2 December, the LLDC launched a consultation on its draft Local Plan, which outlines the planning policies that will guide future development within the LLDC area. Stakeholders, residents and businesses will have the opportunity to respond to a written consultation, or attend workshops to get their views heard until the consultation closes on 7 February 2014.

London Sport

I have appointed Kate Hoey MP, my Commissioner for Sport, as Chair of London Sport for a term of three years.

I have also agreed to appoint, for a term of three years, David Sparkes (Chief Executive of British Swimming) and Andy Sutch (Chair of the London Federation and Sport and Recreation), as Board members of London Sport.

Finally, I have disbanded the London Community Sports Board, which was established in July 2009.

Culture and Events

World Cities membership doubles - summit held in Istanbul

On 8 November, following huge interest from around the globe, I launched an update to my World Cities Culture Report, first published in 2012. I initiated the World Cities project to highlight the important contribution of culture to the economic and social success of world cities. This update draws in data from 11 new cities including Los Angeles, Rio, Seoul and Hong Kong.

From 13-15 November, the second World Cities Culture summit was hosted in Istanbul, providing an opportunity to share innovative practice from across the globe and better understand how to embed culture into social and economic strategies. I am delighted to have been the driver behind this exciting initiative. The summit builds on the success of last summer's inaugural meeting in London and involved the founding cities, London, New York, Shanghai, Paris, Tokyo, Sydney, Sao Paulo, Johannesburg and Istanbul, plus the new members.

Chanukah in the Square 2013

On 28 November, I was delighted to once again light London's Menorah in Trafalgar Square to celebrate the festival of Chanukah. The Menorah is the largest in Europe and the first with Low Carbon LED lighting technology.

In promoting an understanding of the Chanukah festival and its related practices, the week-long placement of the Menorah in Trafalgar Square until 5 December, and the lighting

ceremony, will be viewed by thousands of Londoners and visitors who will pass through the Square. The GLA delivers the event in partnership with the London Jewish Forum, Jewish Leadership Council and the Chabad Lubavitch UK.

The Pig Idea

On 21 November, I supported The Pig Idea Feast on Trafalgar Square, where 5,000 members of the public enjoyed a free feast of pork dishes (with pork sourced from pigs reared on food waste at Stepney City Farm) cooked up by leading London restaurants.

Attended by Rosie Boycott, Chair of London Food, the event was part of The Pig Idea's campaigning activities.

Silence in the Square

On 11 November, Silence in the Square took place at Trafalgar Square, organised by the Royal British Legion. Now in its sixth year, the one hour event was for the public to engage as an act of Remembrance on Armistice Day, through readings and musical performances in the hour prior to the Two Minute Silence at 11am.

The stage programme had various community groups and choirs, with a surprise finale by Britain's Got Talent winner, Paul Potts. Actor Adrian Lester appeared alongside The Poppy Girls, five schoolgirls aged between ten and seventeen whose fathers are all servicemen. Their song The Call (No Need to Say Goodbye), was released as part of this year's Royal British Legion appeal.

There was an audience of approximately 4,000 and the event ended with members of the public dropping poppy petals into the Trafalgar Square fountains.

Launch of website to support UK fashion manufactures

On the 20 November, I hosted the re-launch of Let's Make it Here. This website is an industry facing tool linking fashion designers, retailers and brands with UK manufacturers, 're-shoring' fashion manufacturing back to London and the UK. It is run by leading industry body the UK Fashion and Textile Association (UKFT) in partnership with CapitB and with support from the Design Innovation Support Centre (DISC) and Creative Skillset.

First meeting of London Boroughs' Arts and Culture forum

On the 13 November, the GLA hosted the first meeting of the new pan-London boroughs Arts & Culture Forum at City Hall. This forum includes arts and culture managers from London's local authorities who are joining forces to improve local arts provision, increase audiences, form commissioning partnerships and make the case for culture across London. Over 50 people attended with Paul Martin, CEO of LB Wandsworth giving the key note speech. 26 boroughs were represented, as well as Arts Council England, London & Partners and London Councils.

New Year's Eve 2014 – 2016

I have approved the allocation of annual funding towards the implementation of the 2014 – 2016 New Year's Eve events and that the event should remain at its current location for the next 3 years as a free-to-attend public event.

Volunteering

Team London Awards

On 25 November, I presented the 2nd Annual Team London Awards. Over 300 people attended the awards, including 84 shortlisted nominees, nominators and their guests, plus other invited Third sector guests and Team London partners.

4 Team London Ambassadors assisted in the presentations, as well as Bear Grylls and other special guest presenters. 27 Team London recognition awards were given out on the day across my priority areas: Greening and Cleaning, Mentoring and Coaching, My Community and Sports and Healthy Living. The awards also recognised volunteer centre volunteers, inspirational team management, 2012 legacy volunteering, long service and included a Mayor's Special Achievement Award.

Promoting volunteering to Student Applicants for Oyster Card

I have authorised Transport for London, under section 38(1) of the GLA Act, to exercise my power under section 30(1) of the Act, to further the promotion of social development by transferring data comprising the names and contact details of 18+ Student Oyster photocard applicants to the GLA for the purpose of providing information about Team London volunteering opportunities, in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

GLA Organisation and Budget

Revised Mayoral Scheme of Delegation

I have approved the appended revised Mayoral Scheme of Delegation which came into force on 1 November 2013 under sections 38 and 380 of the GLA Act.

Further, I have authorised, under section 28 of the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013, the following postholders to exercise the functions of giving a direction under section 2A(1) or (1B) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and, determining such applications under section 2A or 2B of that Act on the basis set out in the revised Scheme:

- Chief of Staff;
- Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land & Property;
- Deputy Mayor for Transport; and
- Deputy Mayor for Education & Culture.

Finally, I have authorised the Head of Paid Service to amend the provisions of the revised Scheme, including those relating to GLA Subsidiary Companies and the Company Director Delegation, for the purpose of improving its operation, effective administration and efficiency, in so far as such changes do not significantly or materially alter the basis upon which Mayoral powers have been delegated.

London Living Wage Accreditation

I have approved the GLA's entry into the Living Wage accreditation agreement with the Centre for a Civil Society Limited.

Head of Paid Service consultation on the 2013-14 annual pay award

I have agreed (noting that it is a joint decision with the London Assembly) that the 1 per cent consolidated pay award made to GLA staff should be made to the GLA's statutory officers (the Head of Paid Service, the Executive Director of Resources as Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer). The London Assembly agreed this at the Assembly Plenary meeting on 9 October 2013.

I have noted that, in accordance with the previous recommendations of the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB) and, as I agreed with the Assembly in 2009, the local government pay settlement of 1 per cent will be applied to the pay of Assembly Members, to be reflected in an updated statutory pay notice. The settlement would also normally apply to the Mayor. However I have declined the increase.

Finally, I confirms that my appointments made under sections 67 (1) of the GLA Act should receive the 1 per cent consolidated pay award awarded to other GLA staff.

Audit reports presented to October 2013 Audit Panel

I have noted the contents of the 11 internal audit reports and one external audit report presented to the 22 October 2013 meeting of the London Assembly's Audit Panel, particularly with regard to the management action being taken in response to the two limited assurance internal audit reports (estate management and mentoring).

Planning and Development Control

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

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

330-340 Clapham Road and Jeffreys Road, LB Lambeth

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

Carlton House, LB Wandsworth

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

Twickenham Sorting Office, LB Richmond upon Thames

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

Great West Quarter, 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.

Lovells, Granite, Badcock and Pipers Wharves, LB Greenwich

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

Queen Marys Hospital Sidcup, LB Bexley,

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

Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon, LB Croydon,

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

65 Davies Street, LB Westminster,

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

Former Goswell Bakeries, 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.

Ludgate and Sampson House, LB Southwark,

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

1-9 Lillie Road, LB Hammersmith & Fulham,

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

Hamlyn House, LB Islington,

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

Fisher Street, Catton Road and 8-10 Southampton Row, LB Camden,

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

Land at Abbey Road and Belsize Road, LB Camden

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

Canada Water Sites C&E, LB Southwark

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

Plot 5, London Sustainable Industries Park, Choats Road, LB Barking & Dagenham

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham 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:

- London City Airport, LB Newham
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- Riverside Studios and Queens Wharf, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
- Morley House, City of London
- Thames House South, LB Hackney
- Land next to Central Middlesex Hospital, LB Brent
- 77 Weir Road, LB Merton
- Royal Mail Delivery Office, LB Croydon
- Hornsey Recycling Depot, LB Haringey
- G Gate Marshalling Yard, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Former Ealing Cinema, LB Ealing
- Cross Quarter, Land at Harrow Manorway, RB Greenwich
- 30 Second Way, LB Brent
- Abbey Retail Park, LB Barking and Dagenham
- Building 717 Heathrow Airport, LB Hillingdon
- Land West of Edgewarebury Farm, LB Barnet
- Land at 27 Commercial Road and 29-37 Whitechurch Lane, LB Tower Hamlets
- Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, LB Wandsworth
- Land adjacent to Former Pirelli Works Church Manorway, LB Bexley
- Lancer Square and 10-14 Old Court Place, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Wandle Valley Trading Estate, LB Sutton
- H G Wells Centre, LB Bromley
- St Andrews Hospital Site, LB Tower Hamlets
- 6 Hercules Road, LB Lambeth
- Former ACF Building, Wandsworth Business Village, LB Wandsworth
- Site bounded by Billiter Street, Leadenhall Street and Fenchurch Street, City of London
- 1 Park Place Canary Wharf, LB Tower Hamlets
- North Sutton Site, LB Sutton

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Draft Whitechapel Vision Masterplan, LDF Consultation, LB Tower Hamlets
- Fitzrovia Area Action Plan, LDF Consultation, LB Camden
- Morden Station Planning Brief, LDF Consultation, LB Merton
- Site Allocations Plan, Development Plan Document, LB Richmond upon Thames
- Former Nufarm UK, LB Bexley
- Barnet Curriculum Centre, LB Barnet
- Coopers Technology College, LB Bromley
- Hayes Gate House, LB Hillingdon
- 160 Bromley Road, LB Lewisham
- Northumberland Park Development, Section 73 Referral, LB Haringey
- Northumberland Park Development, LB Haringey
- Genoa Building London Road, LB Barking and Dagenham
- Revised Site Allocation Policy Options, LB Hounslow

- Formerly Norwood Hall, LB Lambeth
- Wembley Area Action Plan (Proposed Changes), LDF Consultation, LB Brent
- Blackwell Reach Comprehensive Stopping Up Order, LB Tower Hamlets
- 75 Shoe Lane and the International Press Centre, City of London
- Proposed Development Management Local Plan, LDF Consultation, LB Hackney

Key Engagements

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

- I spoke to Bill De Blasio the New York Mayor elect on 6 November
- I addressed the Spectator Parliamentarian Awards Ceremony on 7 November
- I had an introductory meeting with the Crown Princess of Sweden on 7 November
- I addressed Only Connect's Annual Dinner on 7 November
- I attended the annual GLA Service of Remembrance at City Hall on 8 November
- I attended the Sheffield Haworth lunch on 8 November
- I attended the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony at the Cenotaph on 10 November
- I visited Kuwait on 11 & 12 November
- I hosted a conference call with Ron Dobson, London Fire Commissioner, & James Cleverly AM on 11 November to discuss the FBU industrial action
- I attended the unveiling of the Iron Duke statue in Ealing on 14 November
- I visited the Southall Gas Works in Ealing on 14 November
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 14 November
- I met with Lord Davies, Chair of the Garden Bridge Trust, on 14 November to discuss the Garden Bridge Project
- I addressed the Odgers Berndtson Annual CFO & Audit Chair Dinner on 14 November
- I attended The Evening Standard's Theatre Awards on 17 November
- I visited the Holy Trinity Primary School in Hackney on 18 November
- I had my regular meeting with Cllr Philippa Roe, Leader of Westminster City Council, on 18 November to discuss borough issues
- I chaired the Holy Trinity Primary School representation hearing on 18 November
- I hosted a Community Reception for Faith Groups on 18 November
- I met with Clive Betts MP & members of the CLG Select Committee on 19 November to discuss the City Centred campaign
- I chaired the Eileen House Representation Hearing on 19 November
- I attended the Bureau of Leaders on 19 November
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 20 November
- I attended the Goldman Sachs CEO Conference on 20 November
- I addressed the Museum of London Dinner Annual fundraising dinner on 20 November
- I launched my vision for the Future of the Tube on 21 November
- I attended the inaugural MPS passing out parade taking place at Horse Guards Parade on 21 November
- I met with the Rt Hon George Osborne MP, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on 21 November ahead of the Autumn Statement
- I addressed the annual London Means Business Dinner on 21 November

- I addressed the Annual Education Conference on 22 November
- I visited the London First Skills Conference at ExCel on 22 November
- I launched my Housing Strategy at Greenwich Square on 25 November
- I held my regular "Ask Boris" Twitter session on 25 November
- I attended the Team London Awards Ceremony on 25 November
- I had an introductory meeting with Idan Ofer on 25 November
- I addressed the ED&F Man's 230th Anniversary Dinner on 25 November
- I chaired the London Legacy Development Corporation Board Meeting on 26 November
- I met with the Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, Attorney General, Alison Saunders, CPS, & Bernard Hogan Howe, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 26 November to discuss areas of joint working
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 26 November
- I met with Aneeta Prem, Founder of the Freedom Charity, on 26 November
- I visited the North London Rape Crisis Centre in Islington on 27 November
- I launched the London Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy (VAWG) on 27 November
- I gave the Centre for Policy Studies Third Margaret Thatcher Lecture on 27 November
- I attended part of the Little Wing Day operation taking place at Charing Cross Station on 28 November
- I attended the annual Chanukah lighting ceremony in Trafalgar Square on 28 November
- I met with Cllr Claire Kober, Leader of Haringey Council, on 2 December to discuss Tottenham
- I had my regular meeting with Dame Ruth Carnall on 2 December
- I chaired the London Health Board on Monday 2 December
- I met with the members of the London Health Commission on 2 December
- I had my regular meeting with London Business Advisory Council on 2 December
- I co-chaired the Crossrail High level Forum on 2 December
- I had dinner with Lord Coe on 2 December
- I hosted my regular monthly Ask Boris Phone in with Nick Ferrari on 3 December
- I appeared before the London Assembly Economy Committee on 3 December to answer questions as Chairman of the London Enterprise Panel on 3 December
- I hosted a lunch for the Federation of Small Business on 3 December
- I met with Sir David Higgins, Network Rail, on 3 December to discuss rail service in London
- I attended the GLA Head of Paid Service performance review on 3 December
- I attended the Institute of Cancer Research Carol Concert on 3 December

Ends