

London Assembly
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23rd Mayor's Report to the Assembly

This is my twenty-third report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 19 June to 9 July.

Executive Summary

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Freeing up public land and buildings to deliver 11 new schools for London

On 26 June, I announced that I have freed up public land and property to speed up the delivery of 11 schools in the capital, providing places for around 7,300 pupils, nine of which will be free schools. The new schools will be developed in former police stations, on GLA-owned land and in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. They include seven primary schools, three teaching at secondary level and one all through school. Nine will be free schools, one a new University Technical College and one a new Academy.

Policing, Crime and Community Safety

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The figures show that 32 buildings that were no longer operationally required were vacated and sold in 2013/14 and a further 22 leasehold interests were terminated. This is in line with my plan to reduce the running costs of the MPS estate in London in order to generate capital receipts to reinvest in frontline policing, including modernising the remaining estate and funding new mobile technology for officers.

Sales of these former operational police buildings raised £124.5 million against an original target of £40 million and have delivered full year savings of £12.5 million in running costs, enough to pay for the employment of over 200 police officers annually. As a result, these efficiencies are directly helping to ensure the MPS can recruit to maintain police numbers at around 32,000 in line with my manifesto commitment.

The sales are estimated to have delivered wider economic benefits to the value of around £330 million. This includes the creation of new homes and schools, with redevelopment supporting thousands of jobs and generating additional council tax income for boroughs.

Since January 2012, around 700 residential units have been created on former police sites, with more than half coming from building sales over the last year. This has supported over 2,000 jobs and will generate up to £1 million in annual council tax. Five sites sold last year will become new schools or colleges, in Hackney, East Dulwich, Whetstone, South Norwood and East Ham, with these sales together raising £23.8 million.

The total receipt of £124.5 million includes the first tranche of payment of £12 million from the ambitious deal to redevelop Hendon Police Training Centre, successfully negotiated and signed in 2013/14, which will deliver in excess of 2,500 residential units and total receipts of £120 million by 2015/16, £35 million more than budgeted originally.

Consultation launches to seek views on tackling hate crime in London

On 4 July, MOPAC launched a consultation to seek the views of Londoners and organisations in order to increase the confidence of communities to report hate crimes to the police, better support hate crime victims and to ensure more effective enforcement against perpetrators of hate crime.

I have made hate crime a priority and have pledged to develop a new strategy, working with key partners including the MPS, the Crown Prosecution Service and Ministry of Justice, as well as voluntary and community organisations across the capital. The consultation has been launched to give Londoners and organisations a chance to inform the strategy ahead of the document's launch in autumn this year.

The strategy will cover crimes perceived by the victim or another person as being motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a personal characteristic including race, religion, sexual orientation and disability. Hate crime can include verbal abuse, physical assault, domestic abuse, harassment and damage to property.

Meeting with Jane Ellison MP

On 1 July, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, met with Jane Ellison MP, Minister at the Department of Health, to discuss FGM, drug and alcohol misuse, gangs and health, and the sharing of knife crime data.

Transport

Le Tour a success in London as a million spectators lined the route for Stage 3

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Londoners and visitors got into the spirit of the Tour by watching the action from the roadside, as well as visiting the official Fan Parks in Green Park and Trafalgar Square and the spectator hub in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The action was shown on giant screens and other cycling related activities were free for all to enjoy.

London Overground passenger satisfaction scores continue to rise

The London Overground continues to lead the way in rail services for the capital, with customer satisfaction scores again on the rise according to a recent survey published by Passenger Focus. It was given a 91 per cent overall satisfaction rating by passengers in a survey conducted by the independent rail watchdog.

Overall satisfaction is up from last year's score of 89 per cent and compares with an 80 per cent overall satisfaction rating average score for all train operators in London and the South East, with the national average score coming out at 82 per cent.

Since taking over the railway in 2007, TfL has maintained a continuous programme of investment in its services and infrastructure, delivering a new fleet of trains, extending routes, upgrading the stations and raising performance levels to make London Overground one of the most punctual and popular railways in the UK.

With the new routes and connections coming fast down the track, London Overground is in excellent shape to meet huge demand and deliver a great rail service to even more passengers in the capital and beyond.

London Overground also came in at number two in Network Rail's performance and punctuality tables for the past year to May 2014, with 96.2 per cent of its trains arriving on time. This compares with the national average of 89.8 per cent.

TfL makes it simpler for customers to get a refund for a delayed journey

From 23 June, TfL has made it simpler for customers to get a refund through their Oyster online account if their journey is delayed. The new refund process can be used by all customers who have experienced a delay to their journey within TfL's control of 15 minutes or more on London Underground and DLR or 30 minutes or more on London Overground.

After signing up for an online account, customers will only need to enter the details of their delayed journey, rather than all of their personal and Oyster or Travelcard details each time they apply. This simpler process will also speed up payment, with most refunds now being paid within 7 days instead of 28 days.

All customers, including those travelling with magnetic paper tickets, will be able to take advantage of this new service.

Bus safety statistics now available online in latest TfL open data move

TfL is now publishing detailed bus safety data on its website on a quarterly basis, reinforcing its commitment to further improving transparency for customers and stakeholders.

The latest bus safety data, covering the period from January to March 2014, is now available on TfL's website and gives details of incidents on London's bus network resulting in a fatality, or injury requiring hospital attendance. The figures are broken down by borough, bus operator and bus route and give details of the person's age and gender, the nature of the incident and type of road user involved.

Central line trains are stopping at Bond Street Tube station

On 18 June, Central line services resumed at Bond Street station following the completion of a key stage of works that will help to deliver a bigger, better and more modern station for the hundreds of thousands of customers who use the station each day.

The lift shaft enabling works affecting the Central line platforms have now been completed and the lift shaft will now continue to be constructed behind hoardings without affecting passengers. Major construction work will modernise and enlarge the station by 2017, allowing for the expected increase from 155,000 to 225,000 daily passengers at Bond Street station when Crossrail arrives.

From 30 June until early December 2014, while escalators are inaccessible as work is being carried out to connect the new ticket hall to existing station infrastructure, Jubilee line trains will not be stopping at Bond Street station. The station will operate on an exit-only basis until the end of 2014 to facilitate further tunnelling works.

When Jubilee line trains are not stopping at Bond Street, passengers can use the Central line, or change to the Bakerloo line at Baker Street, or to the Victoria line at Green Park and travel to Oxford Circus. Alternatively, local buses to the Bond Street area are available from both Baker Street and Green Park.

Essential escalator works to take place at Paddington station

Between 29 June and 22 August, essential escalator maintenance is taking place at Paddington station, as engineers remove and replace hundreds of mechanical and electrical parts to ensure that the escalators continue to run reliably.

The two escalators at Paddington station that lead down to the Bakerloo line platforms are used by 88,000 people a day and now need an extended period of work in order to continue working effectively. The planned works will be done one escalator at a time to enable the other escalator to run in the up position, allowing customers to exit the Bakerloo line from the station.

While the escalator work is taking place the Bakerloo line will be exit-only, with all other lines operating a normal service. Customers are advised to use alternative lines from Paddington, such as the Circle and Hammersmith & City lines to Baker Street to connect with the Bakerloo line. Alternatively Edgware Road (Bakerloo) station is within walking distance of Paddington.

Crossrail's lorry safety programme trains 7,000th driver

Crossrail has now trained over 7,000 lorry drivers on how to share safely London's roads with cyclists and other vulnerable road users.

Crossrail has led the industry to bring about far reaching reforms around HGVs in London. The tailored training course has been a central part of a broad range of measures designed to make sure that vehicles supplying sites comply with the very highest standards of safety. Every frequent lorry driver working on the construction of Crossrail must complete a custom-made course designed in consultation with cycling and road safety campaign groups and the police.

Crossrail is the first project to mandate that HGVs must have additional safety equipment and driver training to protect cyclists and pedestrians. Thousands of HGVs working on the project have installed more than 20 additional safety items to alert the driver to cyclists and pedestrians and to reduce the risk of serious injury to other road users.

Crossrail tunnelling machine completes journey at Stepney Green

Tunnel Boring Machine Ellie has broken through into a cavern 40m beneath Stepney Green, in the East End of London. The breakthrough marks the structural completion of tunnels for Crossrail's north east spur, between Whitechapel and Pudding Mill Lane. It has taken Ellie just over three months to complete the 2.7km journey, travelling as much as 72m in a 24 hour period.

In the coming weeks 1,000 tonne Ellie, named after Paralympic Champion Ellie Simmonds OBE, will be lifted out of the cavern and taken by road to Limmo Peninsula at Canning Town. From there she will be re-assembled ahead of recommencing tunnelling towards Victoria Dock Portal.

Construction of the new rail tunnels for Europe's largest infrastructure project is now over 80 per cent complete. Crossrail continues to be delivered on time and on budget.

Roof above Canary Wharf Crossrail station completes

Canary Wharf Group plc has completed the striking timber lattice roof above the Canary Wharf Crossrail station. The final aluminium piece was placed on the Foster + Partners designed roof, marking the structural completion of the project which began in May 2009.

The roof will sit above a new roof garden and Canary Wharf Group's four storey, 115,000 sq ft retail and leisure development including shops, restaurants, bars and a cinema. The roof garden and first phase of the retail and leisure space will open in May 2015, three years before trains run through the station.

TfL and Amazon team up to introduce Amazon Lockers on London Underground

On 25 June, shopping with Amazon became more convenient for thousands of London Underground customers as TfL and Amazon announced a partnership to install Amazon

Lockers at London Underground station car parks. Amazon Lockers will be located at two Tube station car parks, Finchley Central and Newbury Park, and customers are able to have orders delivered to the Lockers from Monday 30 June.

TfL has been reviewing opportunities to improve the services on offer to customers across the public transport network, which is responsible for an average of over 11 million journeys every day. Over the past seven months, TfL has worked with local and national retailers to introduce a number of click and collect services, as well as pop-up shops, bringing new and innovative retailers to customers using the transport network.

The partnership will help secure income for reinvestment in London's transport network as part of a wider commercial strategy that is currently forecast to generate £3.5 billion over the coming years.

Night Bus Services in Shoreditch and Hackney

On 20 June, TfL increased the frequency of the N26 night bus service in support of Shoreditch and Hackney's thriving social scene. This service improvement sees the weekend night bus services, Friday night/Saturday mornings and Saturday night/Sunday mornings, increasing by a third, with a bus every 12 minutes instead of the current 20 minute service. The service improvement was made in response to an increase in passenger numbers seen on the route.

On Friday 27 June, TfL increased another night bus in the Shoreditch area as the frequency of the N205 was increased in order to provide extra capacity at weekends. The route, which operates between Paddington and Leyton, via King's Cross and Liverpool Street, will see weekend night bus capacity increase by 50 per cent. This means that on Friday night/Saturday morning and Saturday night/Sunday mornings, a service now operates every 20 minutes instead of the current 30 minute service.

Demand for bus services in the Shoreditch area is growing as it becomes more popular for many looking to enjoy a night out. These service changes are part of TfL's management and development of a network that comprises around 700 routes across Greater London operated by 7,600 buses at peak times, carrying more than 2.4 billion passengers every year. TfL keeps the network under regular review, working with the London boroughs and other partners to help ensure that services can respond to London's changing travel needs.

Bus passengers on bus route W19 benefit from a more regular service

On 21 June, bus passengers on route W19 also received a boost as TfL increased capacity on the service which operates between Ilford, Hainault Street and Walthamstow.

This service improvement sees the Monday to Saturday daytime frequency increase by twenty-five per cent, with a bus every 15 minutes instead of the current 20 minute service. The service improvement was made in response to an increase in passenger numbers seen on the route.

Bus passengers get a boost with more services between Epsom and Kingston

On 28 June, bus passengers travelling between Epsom and Kingston have seen a more regular bus service as TfL has increased capacity on routes 406 and 418.

This service improvement sees the route 406, which runs via Ewell, and the route 418, which runs via Ruxley Lane, increase their Monday to Saturday daytime frequency by 50 per cent,

with a bus every 20 minutes instead of the current 30 minute service. This will provide passengers travelling between Epsom and Kingston and, on the sections where both routes run in parallel, with a combined service of a bus every 10 minutes. There is no change to the frequency during the evenings and on Sundays.

TfL to keep bus passengers moving during Wandsworth Council's Putney Bridge repair works

In advance of Wandsworth Council beginning essential repair works to Putney Bridge from 14 July, TfL has set out plans to ensure that bus passengers don't lose out or pay twice when their journeys are affected by the bridge closure.

Vehicles, including buses, will not be able to use the bridge during the works and will need to use alternative routes to complete their journey. Pedestrians will still be able to cross the bridge, as will cyclists. London Buses will operate services from both ends of the bridge, and bus passengers who would usually cross the bridge will need to make their way across to the other side to continue their journey. Bus passengers from affected routes who cross the bridge on foot will be able to continue their journey on to appropriate services from the other side.

Passengers with Travelcards or who travel for free under a concession will be able to walk across the bridge and continue their journey as normal. Anyone using Oyster pay as you go or a contactless payment card will be able to obtain a "transfer voucher" from the bus driver or a special "transfer card" from dedicated members of staff, which will mean that they also will not have to pay for the second leg of their journey.

These works will affect journeys over a wider area than the immediate vicinity of the works. Traffic is expected to be congested around the works, especially during morning and evening peaks, with alternative river crossings expected to be most disrupted. Drivers are therefore advised to allow extra time for their journey and, where possible, change their route to avoid disruption. Variable messaging signs will be placed advising drivers of the closures, and TfL will be providing up to date information through the @tfltrafficnews twitter feed and website to help drivers plan their journey at: www.tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews.

Year of the Bus

On 22 June, almost fifty buses from the earliest horse-drawn model of the 1820s, right up to the New Routemasters of the present day, transformed Regent Street in a successful celebration of the *Year of the Bus*. My Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended the celebration on my behalf.

The Regent Street Bus Cavalcade, which allowed visitors free, unprecedented access to the most celebrated London buses of the last 185 years, was held along the entire length of Regent Street which was closed to traffic for the day. There was also a variety of free family activities on offer, including Lego workshops, a children's theatre show and the chance to have a personalised message recorded by the voice of London buses, Emma Hignett.

To celebrate *Year of the Bus*, LEGO has recreated a full size bus-shelter and bus stop out of LEGO bricks. More than 100,000 LEGO bricks were used to build the shelter which can be seen whilst waiting for a bus near Hamleys on Regent Street. The shelter will remain in place between 19 June and 15 July.

London Transport Museum unveils restored early B-type bus

On 12 June, London Transport Museum unveiled a restored double deck open top B-type bus in Covent Garden Piazza as part of the *Year of the Bus* and the museum's commemorations of the First World War. The B-type bus No B2737 appeared in public for the first time, resplendent in its red and cream livery, and featuring advertisements from the pre-war era.

The public will have only a limited number of opportunities to admire the restored bus before its transformation into a war time 'Battle Bus' in September, after which it will embark on a tour to the battlefields of France and Belgium to commemorate the sacrifices made by so many, including bus drivers, mechanics and transport workers during the First World War.

One of only four surviving B-type London buses, bus No B2737 was built at the AEC Works in Walthamstow in 1914 and served on route 9 out of Mortlake garage in south west London, operating between Barnes and Liverpool Street. Single ordinary tickets cost 3½d.

TfL and ESPNFC team up to deliver football updates to Underground customers

England legend John Barnes launched a partnership between TfL and global football website ESPNFC to bring live football updates to London's commuters this summer.

The partnership has seen ESPNFC and TfL bring news, results and score updates from Brazil to commuters via overhead platform Dot Matrix Indicators, and on 400 Electronic Service Update Boards located at the entrances of London Underground stations. The updates will be displayed at more than 140 stations, including the entire Central line, Northern line, Bakerloo line and Jubilee line.

The service began on Thursday 12 June, with live updates from the Brazil v Croatia game in Sao Paolo, and will continue until Monday 14 July. With matches in Brazil kicking off in the afternoon and evening, fans have been able to stay up to date during rush hour and on their way home from a night out. In addition, each morning ESPNFC has been delivering recap news and results from overnight and providing all the latest news from Brazil through the day.

TfL Annual Report 2013-14

On 11 June, TfL published its draft Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014. The remuneration of TfL's senior staff was also published.

This has been another record-breaking year, with London Underground, DLR and London Overground all carrying record numbers of passengers more safely and reliably than ever before. The number of passengers on the bus network also continued to rise, recording the highest number since 1959.

London Underground carried a record 1.26 billion passengers, meaning that the network carried a third more passengers than it did a decade ago.

Following the extension of London Overground from Clapham Junction to Surrey Quays last year, London Overground carried 135 million passengers. Capacity will be boosted next year with the introduction of 57 new carriages, increasing capacity by a further 25 per cent.

Major refurbishment will make Euston escalators more reliable for customers

On 12 June, TfL announced that the refurbishment of two escalators at London Underground's Euston station will start from Thursday 10 July, ensuring a more reliable service for customers in coming years as the Tube carries ever-more passengers. The escalators that will be refurbished are used by just under 60,000 people a day, enough to fill the Emirates Stadium.

The refurbishment of the escalators at Euston includes the removal and replacement of hundreds of mechanical and electrical parts. The refurbishment is part of the continuing Tube investment programme, with major stations, trains, track and signalling being modernised or replaced to provide more capacity for a growing city.

The two escalators will be refurbished one after the other from this month with the work expected to be complete in late March 2015.

Innovative trials and new design standards to further improve cycle safety across London

TfL has outlined a range of innovative trials and initiatives, which will begin later this year, as part of the continuing work to make the capital's roads safer for everyone. The work, which will include making bicycles more easily visible and vehicle braking systems more responsive, forms part of TfL's revised Cycle Safety Action Plan, which was published on 13 June for public comment.

The fully updated London Cycling Design Standards, which inform the work of those designing cycling infrastructure in the capital, have also been published for public consultation.

One of my top priorities is to reduce by 40 per cent the number of people killed or seriously injured on London's roads by 2020. Recently, TfL and I published six commitments that are guiding initiatives to deliver this, and action is being taken to prioritise the safety of the most vulnerable road users.

Garden Bridge Development Proposals

I have agreed to delegate to TfL the exercise of my powers, under sections 30 and 34 of the GLA Act 1999 to:

- Provide funding of up to £30 million to the Garden Bridge Trust for the purposes of securing the delivery and construction of the Garden Bridge, on such terms and conditions and, in such form or manner as considered appropriate by TfL;
- Do anything that it necessary or expedient for the purposes of the above; and
- Do anything that is conducive or ancillary to the above activities.

Regeneration, Enterprise and the Economy

Multi million pound deal confirmed to support new jobs and skills in the capital

On 7 July, I welcomed £236 million of Government funding that will be used to help create thousands of new jobs in the capital. My London's Enterprise Panel will now be able to activate a series of plans with one common aim, to ensure businesses and Londoners have the skills and opportunities they need to succeed.

Key features of the *Growth Deal* for London include:

- A £55 million programme of investment in new infrastructure for further education colleges and other skills providers in the capital, with a further £65 million also provisionally agreed for 2016/17.
- £2 million of funding for a programme to help raise digital skills among young people in London, with a further £3 million for 2016/17.
- £70 million of funding to be used in partnership with London's boroughs on projects that will support the London Enterprise Panel's Jobs and Growth Plan.
- A Government commitment to double the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers from £1500 to £3000 for small to medium sized businesses in London. The decision follows a successful trial in the capital in 2013 that helped 1,000 young people into apprenticeships.
- Up to £10 million of European Social Funding for a project in central London that will aim to move those furthest from work into the labour market.
- £1.2 million to trial a mental health and employment programme in west London.

The funding is expected to spark a further £121 million of investment from local partners and the private sector, and that means the capital should be in line for a programme of investment in new jobs and growth that will total £357 million.

The Government will also increase the Housing Revenue Account borrowing limit to help support the development of new affordable homes by £8.47 million for the City of Westminster; £3.2 million for the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham; £0.19 million for the London Borough of Camden; £3.38 million for the London Borough of Hackney; £1.74 million for the London Borough of Harrow; £8.22 million for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets; and £7.13 million for the London Borough of Waltham Forest. And, subject to due diligence, the Government will provide £8.68 million of loan funding through the Local Growth Fund to The Croydon Gateway Limited Partnership to accelerate the delivery of 625 homes on the Ruskin Square site in Croydon.

The Government will also support my plans to build more affordable housing by investing £200 million into the Affordable Rent to Buy programme matched by the GLA and providing £150 million to accelerate regeneration of housing estates.

Summer of High Streets Launch and Mayor's High Street Award

On 24 June, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, Kit Malthouse visited Kingston Town Centre to cut the ribbon on a £3 million refurbishment of the Ancient Market. The event marked the start of *Summer of High Streets*, a 3 month celebration of London's most vibrant places. Kit also launched my High Street Award, which is a part of the Great British High Street awards, and will recognise the great strides being made on the capital's high streets and the incredible diversity of services provided to their local communities.

Summer of High Streets will celebrate the GLA's £175 million of investment on schemes to improve 50 of the capital's high streets. Many of those projects will be completed over the summer and an exciting programme of *Summer of High Streets* events, which will include street markets, pop-up cinemas, fashion shows, dance live music and food festivals, are planned for every corner of the capital.

When my current high street investment programme is complete it is expected to have:

- Supported 2,200 businesses
- Created 1,400 new jobs and secured 1,500 existing jobs
- Delivered 220 apprenticeships and supported 430 people into new jobs
- Made improvements to the high street frontage of 580 businesses
- Brought 60 high street units back into use
- Made improvements including providing new paving, new street furniture, planting more trees, providing new lighting and improved access for pedestrians and cyclists at 50 locations around the capital.

£7.7 million loan funding for the Central Research Laboratory in Hayes, West London

On 27 June, I approved the allocation of £7.7 million loan funding from the Growing Places Fund towards the costs of the development of the Central Research Laboratory, a facility which will provide incubation support, low cost workspace and digital manufacturing technology and equipment to support entrepreneurs to grow their business. Start-ups will be able to design, make and commercialise early stage product ideas all in one space. The facility will deliver jobs and growth in the local and London-wide economy, as well as support the physical and economic regeneration of Hayes by providing jobs for local residents, supporting local business and improving the physical quality of the urban realm.

The project involves the refurbishment of an empty industrial building on the Old Vinyl Factory site, a £250 million planned development of residential and commercial uses near the planned Hayes Crossrail station. Construction will take place over the next year with the facility opening its doors to businesses in late 2015.

LEP investment for the London Co-Investment Fund

I have approved expenditure of up to £25 million of the Growing Places Fund on the provision of funding to SME Wholesale Finance Limited (albeit with repayment terms) to deliver a programme of investments.

Housing and Land

Publication of Street to Home Report

On 27 June, my 2013/14 Street to Home Report was published. The Report presents information about people seen rough sleeping in London by outreach teams from the Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN).

I'm proud to commission CHAIN for London. Only London and Oxford record data on rough sleeping in the comprehensive, year-round way that CHAIN facilitates. The resulting intelligence is invaluable in commissioning services that meet need. The data contained in the Report reflects the complex challenges we face in tackling rough sleeping, but also shows the effectiveness of the vital services to identify and assess rough sleepers and help them access support. Helping people off the streets quickly remains a key priority and I will continue to work with boroughs, Government and voluntary sector organisations to get homeless people back into stable accommodation.

Estate Regeneration Prospectus

I have launched, alongside DCLG, an Estate Regeneration Prospectus. This opens for bidding a £150 million fund to help unlock and accelerate development on some of the most run down estates in London. We will work with developers and boroughs to identify opportunities to help regenerate and revitalise some of the largest estates in London, creating new neighbourhoods, increasing the number of homes, improving the public realm and delivering places where people want to live.

Southall Gas Works (2)

I have given approval for the GLA to:

- Make, for the purposes of housing and regeneration, a CPO under section 333ZA(1) of the GLA Act 1999, to acquire any outstanding property interests in the land and any new rights over the land, as may be necessary to achieve the redevelopment and regeneration of the site;
- Cover the costs, as necessary, of preparing the CPO, subject to reimbursement of such costs pursuant to the indemnity provided in the Promotion Agreement;
- Take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the CPO, including the publication and service of all relevant notices and the presentation of the GLA's case at any public inquiry; and
- Take any and all necessary steps, including approving terms for the acquisition of legal interests (including new rights) by agreement for the purposes of resolving any objections to the CPO.

Disposal of Units 3 & 4 at Wildspace, 6-10 Lamson Road, Rainham

I have approved the disposal of Units 3 and 4 of the final remaining units (at Wildspace, 6-10 Lamson Road, Rainham) to an identified purchaser, on the terms set out in confidential section of my Mayoral Decision form.

Environment

2013 Energy Planning Monitoring Report

On 27 June, I published an annual monitoring report, which summarises what has been achieved through the implementation of London Plan energy policies relating to new developments.

Working with developers and energy consultants, I have ensured that planning applications approved in 2013 at Stage II are achieving regulated CO₂ emission reductions of 36 per cent above reductions required by Part L 2010 of the Building Regulations. This amounts to reductions of circa 49,474 tonnes per annum of regulated CO₂ reductions, which is over and above the reductions required to comply with Building Regulations. In addition, I have secured commitment to £120 million investment in heat network infrastructure and associated CHP capacity and significant investment in renewable energy technologies, which is supporting the strategic move to decentralised energy networks in London.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/environment/publications/monitoring-the-implementation-of-london-plan-energy-policies-in>

Cities Summit 2014

Between 23-25 June, I hosted the international Cities Summit, in partnership with Citymart and Citi. The event, held in the chamber in City Hall, saw 30 cities from around the world engage with 50 SMEs from London, the UK and around the world to share solutions to the challenges that world cities face. I opened the event and Isabel Dedring participated in a panel debate with Mark Watts, CEO of C40, Mischa Dohler, Professor of Wireless Communications, Kings College London and Sir Jeremy Dixon, Partner, Dixon Jones. My Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, Kit Malthouse, gave the keynote address in the afternoon.

The event offered a great opportunity for businesses looking to scale up innovative solutions across cities, and for city leaders and senior decision makers to meet and share expertise. I was delighted to award the £20,000 prize for the London Challenge (seeking a solution to reduce a household's electricity use at peak times) to small-medium enterprise KiWi Power. KiWi Power is now currently working with the GLA to develop a pilot project for London.

For more on Cities Summit go to www.london.gov.uk/get-involved/events/cities-summit-2014

ICE London State of the Nation Briefing

On 9 July, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended the Institute of Civil Engineers London State of the Nation Briefing at City Hall. The event was sponsored by the London Assembly's Environment Committee.

Social Inclusion and Health

Welcoming new citizens from every London borough

On 30 June, I welcomed 33 new citizens representing each of London's boroughs at a ceremony in City Hall.

I presented each new citizen with a certificate and a small gift commemorating their British Citizenship. The celebration was also attended by the Chair of the London Assembly, Roger Evans AM, Brent and Barnet's Superintendent Registrar, Mark Rimmer OBE, Borough Mayor's and proud friends and family. This is the sixth time that the citizenship ceremony has been held at City Hall, with special ceremonies also occurring at a number of locations across the country.

'Ageing well – a public health perspective'

On 20 June, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, chaired Sanofi Pasteur MSD's workshop: 'Ageing well – a public health perspective'. The event brought together Directors of Public Health, Directors of Adult Social Services, Borough older people's leads, healthcare providers, CCG representatives and the third sector, to discuss promoting and improving older people's health.

London Health Board

On 23 June, I chaired the London Health Board. The Board discussed its programme of work to explore how to utilise and dispose of redundant NHS property and secure funding for investment in primary care infrastructure, led by Sir Cyril Chantler. The meeting was extended to give Lord Darzi the opportunity to present the latest progress made by the London Health Commission.

Robotic Surgery Award

On 3 July, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended the opening ceremony and plaque unveiling of the Institute of Robotic Surgery Award to King's College London and Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. The ceremony took place at Guy's Hospital.

Workplace health and the City of London

On 9 July, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, met with the The Revd Dr Martin Raymond Dudley, Chair of the City of London Health and Well-being Board. The meeting focused on how the GLA and the City of London can work together to promote the health of City workers.

Publication of the Mayor's equality framework, Equal Life Chances for All

I have approved the GLA equality framework document, 'Equal Life Chances for All' and its publication on the GLA website.

Education and Youth

London Curriculum

On 9 July, I launched the London Curriculum with a special quiz at the Museum of London. Helping to launch the Curriculum, students from primary and secondary schools took part in the finals of the London Knowledge Quiz. Six schools competed in the University Challenge style competition, which was hosted by TV presenter Michael Absalom.

I am committed to driving up standards in education and raising attainment for London's schoolchildren, regardless of background and where they live. The London Curriculum is one of several initiatives that have been introduced following recommendations that came out of my Education Inquiry. Initially comprising 15 modules, covering English, art, music, geography and history, the London Curriculum uses the city to bring to life the new key stage 3 National Curriculum in an exciting and innovative way. The aim is to deepen subject knowledge, as a result of learning about historical and contemporary figures associated with London and direct experience of its museums, galleries, historic sites and other cultural assets.

The London Curriculum will initially offer fifteen teaching units supporting the new national curriculum for English, music, art and design, geography and history. It will be available from September 2014 to schools registered on the programme. Schools wishing to find out more should go to www.london.gov.uk/london-curriculum.

Freeing up public land and buildings to deliver 11 new schools for London

On 26 June, I announced that I have freed up public land and property to speed up the delivery of 11 schools in the capital, providing places for around 7,300 pupils, nine of which will be free schools.

My announcement, during a visit to a new free school the Kingfisher Hall Primary Academy in Enfield, follows my manifesto commitment in 2012 to use public assets to secure sites for ten free schools. As London's population grows, there is increasing pressure on school places, 90,000 more are needed by 2016.

The new schools will be developed in former police stations, on GLA-owned land and in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. They include seven primary schools, three teaching at secondary level and one all through school. Nine will be free schools, one a new University Technical College and one a new Academy. Seven sites are located in boroughs ranked in the top ten most deprived in England.

St Paul's Cathedral School Visit

On 24 June, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, visited Year 8 pupils at St Paul's Cathedral School in the City of London. Victoria spoke to them about the role of the Mayoralty in London and then took part in a question and answer session.

Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport

Mayor announces David Goldstone to lead London Legacy Development Corporation

On 27 June, I announced that David Goldstone CBE has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC). David joins from TfL where he is currently Chief Finance Officer.

Prior to TfL, he played a major role in delivering London 2012 as the Government's Finance Director on the Games project between 2007 and 2012, helping ensure that the Olympic and Paralympic Games were delivered within the £9.3 billion budget.

In that capacity, David worked closely with the Olympic Delivery Authority on the design and delivery of the Olympic Park and on the planning for the future of the Park, including the regeneration of east London now being delivered by LLDC.

David will take up his new post later this year. He replaces Dennis Hone CBE who leaves at the end of September.

Culture and Events

Launch of Big Dance 2014

On 2 July, I was joined by Big Dance Special Ambassador, Darcey Bussell, to launch Big Dance 2014 at City Hall. Big Dance is now the world's largest celebration of dance and this year's festival runs from 5 – 13 July.

The Big Commonwealth Dance, entitled Beats for Peace, will be one of the highlights of Big Dance Weekend on 12 and 13 July. It will be performed by 6,000 dancers linked to a global audience through film and will be broadcast from London's Trafalgar Square, outside Sydney Opera House and Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

With the participation of the Big Dance Hubs and the Foundation for Community Dance, the Big Dance Weekend will spread right across England with mass performances and outdoor events.

The State of London Debate 2014

On 25 June, I held my annual State of London debate at Indigo in the O2. LBC presenter Nick Ferrari chaired the meeting, which was attended by over 1200 people. The event provided Londoners an opportunity to ask me questions on a wide range of topics and issues that concerned them.

Pride in London

On 28 June, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, represented me at London Pride, where he opened London's first Rainbow Crossing and discussed the launch of the consultation on my Hate Crime Strategy.

I was delighted to yet again have supported the Pride celebrations and was impressed with how event organisers have continued to strive to create a world class event. They not only delivered a fantastic success for the LGBT community but also for London. I hope that the celebrations in future years continue to reflect the contribution of the LGBT community and London's reputation as a city where you can live and be proud of whom you are, regardless of sexuality.

Armed Forces Day

On Monday 23 June, in partnership with the London Assembly, City Hall held an Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony. This is the sixth year we have flown the Armed Forces flag to honour the commitment and sacrifice of Her Majesty's Armed Forces and it forms a natural tradition, following the signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant here in 2012. The ceremony was attended by members of the armed forces past, present and future, with guests representing the British Legion and Chelsea Hospital, the Army, Royal Navy and Air force, uniformed cadets and the TA.

West End Live

On 21 and 22 June, I supported the staging of West End Live on Trafalgar Square. This hugely popular free event is presented by Westminster City Council and the Society of West End Theatre and celebrates the unique contribution made by London's Theatreland. This year more than 50,000 people attended over the 2 days and were able to enjoy extracts from many of the shows and musicals currently being presented in the West End.

Solemn Drumhead Service of Remembrance

On 28 June, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended a Solemn Drumhead Service of Remembrance for those who volunteered to serve in World War One at the Royal Hospital

Chelsea. The service was held in the presence of HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

Volunteering

Volunteer army out in force at fan parks to welcome Tour de France to London

On 7 June, an army of volunteers hit the streets of the capital to help ensure the success of London's stage of the Tour de France. My Team London Ambassadors played a key role in the volunteering effort, by helping spectators at two official fan parks with practical advice, local travel information and directions.

Fans and spectators seeking the best vantage point were not limited to the streets lining the course, as the elite action was also broadcast on big screens at the official Tour de France fan parks in Green Park and Trafalgar Square. There was an additional big screen set up at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park for spectators to enjoy the whole of Stage 3 live. Park Champions, the official Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park volunteers, were at the site to assist visitors.

Travel Provisions for Team London Visitor Welcome volunteers

I have directed TfL, under sections 155 and 174 of the GLA Act 1999, to provide 550 Oyster cards to enable Team London volunteers and managers to travel on the TfL Network and National Rail (where the Train Operating Companies accept Oyster) to their training day and volunteering at assigned venues during the period of 1 July to 31 August.

I agreed to delegate to TfL the necessary powers to deliver the proposals under sections 30, 34 and 38 of that Act

Finally, I have approved the GLA providing a revenue grant of up to £7,730 to TfL, pursuant to section 121 of the GLA Act, to reimburse it for the cost of National Rail journeys taken using the Team London Oyster cards.

Planning and Development Control

Planning guidance to protect character of London

On 27 June, I published detailed planning guidance to ensure that future developments enhance the rich character of the city. My 'Character and Context Supplementary Planning Guidance' aims to ensure that London can continue to grow sustainably without losing its much-loved distinctiveness.

The guidance encourages anyone engaged with the planning system to fully understand the heritage and environment of an area before taking important decisions on its development. The document also builds on detailed guidance in the London Plan and my London View Management Framework that advises on the location of tall buildings and ensures strategic views across the city are protected. It also links in with my Opportunity Area Frameworks and London borough's Local Plans, which provide clear guidance about the right places in which to locate tall buildings.

Further, my draft 'Social Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance' is now out for consultation. This considers how social infrastructure such as schools and hospitals could be developed and integrated alongside the 49,000 new homes a year that I believe need to be built to meet the demands of the city's ever increasing population.

The 'Character and Context Supplementary Planning Guidance' can be accessed at:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/publications/shaping-neighbourhoods-character-and-context>

The draft 'Social Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance' is open for consultation until the end of September 2014 and can be accessed at:
<https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/consultations/draft-social-infrastructure-supplementary-planning-guidance>.

Consultation proposal for Old Oak and Park Royal Mayoral Development Corporation

I approved:

- Proposals for consultation to establish a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) – the Old Oak and Park Royal MDC – at Old Oak and Park Royal and surrounding areas, to become operational on 1 April 2015;
- Publication of a consultation document which sets out my proposals to establish a MDC at Old Oak and Park Royal, as set out in the Consultation Document, upon which I wish to consult applicable persons identified in relevant legislation, Londoners and key stakeholders in accordance with section 197 of the Localism Act 2011.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Keybridge House South Lambeth Road, 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.

Former Ealing Cinema, 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.

Delegated Stage II Decisions

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

Land at 27 Commercial Road and 29-37 Whitechurch Lane, LB Tower Hamlets

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

The Executive Director-Development, Enterprise & Environment, under powers I delegated to her, has sent letters in response to the following statutory referrals:

Cane Hill Hospital, LB Croydon

The Executive Director has written to the London Borough of Croydon stating that she 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:

- 130-154a Pentonville Road, LB Islington
- Bentley wood High School, LB Harrow
- The Chafford School, LB Havering
- Angel Way Retail Park, LB Havering
- Quay House Admirals Way, LB Tower Hamlets
- London City Airport, LB Newham
- 20 Farringdon Street, City of London
- South Quay Plaza, LB Tower Hamlets
- Fielden House, LB Southwark
- West Twyford Primary School, LB Ealing
- Beal High School, LB Redbridge
- Charles House, Block B, RB Kensington and Chelsea

London Plan

- I have agreed to the publication of the Town Centres Supplementary Planning Guidance
- I have agreed to the publication of suggested changes to the Further Alterations to the London Plan

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- South Acton Estate, LB Ealing
- 12 Sherwood Street, City of Westminster
- 36-44 Lodge Road, City of Westminster
- Plot MO101 John Harrison Way, RB Greenwich
- Riverside Health Club and Racquets Club, LB Hillingdon
- Royal Victoria Dock, LB Newham
- 20 Farringdon Street, City of London
- 195 Warwick Avenue, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- 213-215 Warwick Avenue, RB Kensington and Chelsea

Key Engagements

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

- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 23 June
- I attended the annual GLA Flag Raising Ceremony for Armed Forces Day at City Hall on 23 June
- I chaired the London Health Board meeting on 23 June
- I met with the London Legacy Development Corporation Chief Executive preferred candidate on 23 June
- I met with Qatari Diar on 23 June to discuss investing in London
- I attended the launch of Dr Gerard Lyons' book on 23 June

- I addressed the Cities Summit on 24 June
- I met with Vernon Hill, Chairman and founder of Metro Bank, on 24 June to discuss competitiveness, the economy and opportunities in London
- I held my regular “Ask Boris” Twitter session on 24 June
- I met with the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 24 June to discuss transport issues in London
- I met with a delegation of senior Indian business leaders on 25 June who were in London on a UKTI sponsored visit
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting 25 June
- I attended the annual State of London Debate at the O2 on 25 June
- I attended the official opening of the Kingfisher Hall Free School in Enfield on 26 June
- I met with Mark Florman, Joint Chair of the Legacy List Trustees, on 26 June
- I met with Michael Gutman, Managing Director Westfield, on 26 June to discuss investment in London
- I attended Evgeny Lebedev’s Summer Party on 27 June
- I attended the annual City Hall Citizenship Ceremony on 30 June
- I attended the Headstart London key supporters event hosted at the BT Tower on 30 June
- I hosted my regular monthly “Ask Boris” Phone in with Nick Ferrari from the Emirates Airline on 1 July
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 1 July
- I attended Mayor’s Question Time on 2 July
- I attended an event to promote the Big Dance on 2 July
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 2 July
- I had my regular meeting with Dame Ruth Carnall on 2 July
- I met with Helen Marriage, Director of Artichoke, on 2 July to discuss possible cultural projects in London.
- I met with AC Mark Rowley on 8 July to discuss policing and security
- I met with Professor Ian Goldin, Director of the Oxford Martin School, on 9 July to discuss the Oxford Martin Commission for Future Generations’ proposed ‘Fit Cities’ initiative.
- I attended the London Knowledge Quiz at the Museum of London on 9 July
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 9 July
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 9 July
- I addressed the Education Reform Summit Reception on 9 July

Ends