

## **34th Mayor's Report to the Assembly**

### **MQT – 16 September 2015**

This is my thirty-fourth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 2 July until 2 September 2015.

## **Executive Summary**

### **7/7 bombings**

On 7 July, I paid tribute to the victims and survivors of the 7/7 London bombings ahead of a series of events which marked the tenth anniversary of the attack.

Relatives of victims of the atrocity, as well as survivors and members of the emergency services, attended a national service of remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral which organised by the GLA. The service was also attended by HRH the Duke of York, Prime Minister David Cameron, as well as senior leaders involved on the day itself, including former Prime Minister Tony Blair and former Mayor Ken Livingstone. The service included a minute of silence at 11.30am that was observed across the capital's transport network.

Earlier in the day I attended a wreath laying ceremony at the 7/7 memorial in Hyde Park alongside the Prime Minister and Peter Hendy, as well as senior representatives of the emergency services. A further service for survivors and relatives of the victims was held at the memorial site during the afternoon, which included music, a series of readings and the laying of flowers.

I would like to thank Dame Tessa Jowell, who was heavily involved in family liaison at the time, and Gerald Oppenheim, Chair of the Trustees of the London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund, who worked closely with City Hall on preparations for the ten year anniversary.

### **Safer Lorry Scheme to go further as ban on unsafe HGVs starts**

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### **London Regeneration Fund**

On 30 July, I officially launched the new London Regeneration Fund. Working with the London Enterprise Panel, I am making £20 million capital funding available between April 2016 and April 2018 to specifically help London's high streets and places of work by supporting innovative and place-based projects throughout the city. The deadline for applications is October 2015 and successful applicants will be notified by January 2016. For more information and to download the prospectus visit: [www.london.gov.uk/londonregenerationfund](http://www.london.gov.uk/londonregenerationfund).

## **London Land Commission**

On 13 July, I launched the London Land Commission with Housing Minister Brandon Lewis. This is the first ever coordinated effort between City Hall, the Government and London boroughs to free up surplus public land in London to build the homes that the city so needs.

### **50,000 new homes from my Housing Zone scheme**

On 29 July, I revealed that I have now reached a key target of 50,000 new homes for Londoners as part of my landmark Housing Zone scheme, with three further zones being announced that will fast-track much needed development in the boroughs of Brent, Westminster and Sutton. Eighteen out of a promised 20 Housing Zones across London have now been announced, bringing the total number of homes to be built to 50,965, of which nearly one-third will be affordable to buy or rent.

### **Team London target accomplished nine months early**

On 30 July, I revealed that my Team London volunteering programme has smashed its target to reach 100,000 volunteers nine months ahead of schedule. Across the capital, Londoners of all ages are now lending a hand in their local communities as a result of signing up to Team London, which I established to ensure a volunteering legacy following the London 2012 Games.

## **Policing, Crime and Community Safety**

### **Sobriety tag pilot extended**

On 27 July, I announced that a scheme to tackle alcohol-related crime through the use of compulsory electronic ankle tags has proved such a success that it is being extended. The one year 'sobriety tag' trial kept 91 per cent of offenders sober and is to be continued with proposals for a capital-wide roll-out.

In the first scheme of its kind in the UK, the compulsory round the clock ankle tags monitor alcohol in an offenders' perspiration. They have been used in Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark and Sutton for offences such as drink driving, assault, and drunk and disorderly conduct for the last year. In total, 111 'alcohol abstinence monitoring requirement' orders have been issued to date, with more than 100 offenders complying with their order and through wearing the tag remained sober for up to 120 days. The average compliance rate for other similar community based orders is 61 per cent.

Following the success of the South London pilot, MOPAC is extending the scheme and working closely with the Government to drive support for a London-wide roll out. The scheme has also won Government support with a manifesto commitment to roll the tags out nationally.

### **New database brings together 65 years of policing research from around the world**

On 20 July, it was announced that MOPAC and the College of Policing are bringing together sixty-five years of policing research from around the world into one ground-breaking new resource.

The world's first Global Policing Database is a searchable online bank of information for practitioners and academics. The available research covers the entire spectrum of policing and community safety analysis. The database will eventually hold up to 5,000 case studies. The new resource has been developed by MOPAC and the Institute of Social Science Research (ISSR) at University of Queensland and is part of my commitment to share knowledge and promote policing best practice.

Highlighting the breadth and depth of modern policing and crime analysis, the Global Policing Database will help develop professional practice in policing all over the world. Once complete it will contain every study of policing interventions, tactics, and successes conducted around the world since 1950.

### **Volunteer Police Cadets**

On 3 August, alongside the MPS Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, I attended a parade of Volunteer Police Cadets in Trafalgar Square.

There are now almost 4,000 Volunteer Police Cadets in the MPS and I am on track to meet my manifesto target for 5,000 by 2016. These young people give up their time to assist their communities in a variety of ways, including stewarding at major events and to help local Safer Neighbourhood Teams with street surveys and leaflet distribution. The scheme also plays a significant role in involving, supporting and protecting young Londoners at risk of being drawn into antisocial behaviour and crime and from becoming socially excluded.

### **International Visitors Victim Service**

On 11 August, I announced that the new International Visitors Victim Service for international tourists affected by crime would be located in Leicester Square. This initiative, already operating across five central London boroughs, is being funded by MOPAC and will provide assistance to the very small number of international tourists who become victims of crime in London.

The team will offer free emotional and practical support, including help with loss of travel documents, accommodation, medical treatment, accessing funds and translator services.

### **Notting Hill Carnival**

On 31 August, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, attended the Notting Hill Carnival. It was an opportunity for Stephen to see and support the work of the organisers and also the MPS officers who ensure that the carnival is a safe environment for the thousands of Londoners who enjoy this great event.

## **Transport**

### **Heathrow third runway threat to UK flights**

On 31 July, I wrote to the leaders of cities and regions around Great Britain to warn them that according to data published by the Airports Commission, nearly half the flights between Heathrow and the rest of the UK are set for the scrapheap if a third runway is given the green light.

I also alerted the Government that it will need to be in a position to explain which of the UK cities currently served by Heathrow would be expected to retain a link to the airport were a third runway to be approved.

Domestic links to Heathrow have been squeezed out over several decades in favour of more lucrative long haul services and the Airports Commission's forecast is that a three-runway Heathrow will fail to stem that decline. The only glimmer of hope they offer other regions around the UK is that domestic connections might be saved from the axe through the use of taxpayer-funded Public Service Obligations. However, I have highlighted serious questions around the practicality of doing so.

### **Creation of Crossrail 2 Growth Commission**

On 17 July, some of the UK's most senior business leaders issued a powerful call to Government to support my economic case for building Crossrail 2, the proposed northeast south west rail link across London. The call to action came as I announced the creation of the Crossrail 2 Growth Commission and the appointment of Sir Merrick Cockell as the Commission's Chairman.

Leading business figures like Simon Collins, UK Chairman of KPMG, and Lord Mervyn Davies, Chairman of Chime Communications, believe Crossrail 2 is vital to the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs and homes, and argue rapid progress of the new rail link needs to be harnessed now to support growth in London and across the UK.

I urged the Government to boost support for the scheme as I set out my plans for the Commission. The Commission will help maximise the benefit of the new railway by bringing together the London boroughs, county councils outside London and other key business and development stakeholders along the route, to work together on how the railway can best support housing and job creation.

The establishment of the Commission at this early stage of the development of Crossrail 2 will ensure that plans for local development can be aligned with the route of the railway and that any changes to the project can be made without significant abortive costs. The Commission will report in spring 2016.

### **Tube Strike Action suspended**

I am pleased that the proposed strike by the RMT, TSSA and UNITE unions that was set to disrupt Tube services on 25-26 and 27-28 August was suspended. This was good news for London and followed two weeks of constructive talks between LU and the unions. LU will continue to work hard with the unions to resolve this dispute and get on with the job of delivering a world class service for London.

During the previous industrial action that took place on 8-9 July and 5-6 August, TfL staff worked hard to ensure that London kept moving and working. As expected, London's bus services were busy during peak periods and over 200 extra buses were deployed to boost capacity. Additional river services were also laid on to help people get around.

Commuters also took advantage of the good weather, taking to Santander Cycles in record numbers, with many more walking part or all of their journeys to work.

## **Agreement reached on final section of East-West Cycle Superhighway**

On 20 August, new proposals for the last remaining central London section of my flagship East-West Cycle Superhighway were published. The plans provide a trial two-way segregated cycle track on Spur Road, in front of the Queen Victoria Memorial at Buckingham Palace, closing the last gap in the route and providing continuous fully-segregated and protected cycling across central London from Tower Hill, through Parliament Square to Hyde Park Corner and Lancaster Gate.

They will provide a safer route for cyclists through one of central London's most intimidating gyratories, which is also one of my 33 Better Junctions.

Public consultation on the Spur Road proposals will run until 4 October. Subject to the outcome of the public consultation, the changes would be implemented at the same time as the rest of the superhighway opens in summer 2016. They would be trialled for a year to assess their effectiveness.

There will also be segregated cycling facilities either side of the proposed new segregated Spur Road section. Proposals for a new two-way segregated track on Birdcage Walk, also using removable bollards, were consulted on in February and March. The Birdcage Walk plans do not involve the removal of any traffic lanes as Birdcage Walk already has three lanes, of which only two are used by traffic.

The consultation report on those proposals within St James's Park has now been published. It shows strong public support for the proposals, with 71 per cent of respondents to the consultation supporting or partially supporting them. TfL announced that it will implement these proposals, including the Birdcage Walk section with a few minor changes, not affecting the segregation element.

## **Safer Lorry Scheme to go further as ban on unsafe HGVs starts**

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I believe that this should now go further, with bigger side windows fitted in the lower panel of the cab door to give the driver direct vision of any cyclist who may be alongside them. This can be fitted to most lorries for around £1000.

Therefore in January I will consult on the principle of the scheme and the best way to enforce the new windows, whether through the Safer Lorry Scheme, the Low Emission Zone regulations or changes to the congestion charge. This consultation will be complete and a decision taken before the next Mayoral election. In parallel, work will be done with cycling groups, vehicle manufacturers and the freight industry to develop a technical 'direct vision standard' so the windows are legally enforceable.

In the meantime, as soon as the work can be physically completed, I will ensure that such windows are fitted to all vehicles undertaking work for TfL, Crossrail, or any other member of the GLA family.

The Safer Lorry Scheme, developed with London Councils, covers every road in Greater London except motorways, and will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It will be enforced by the police, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and the joint TfL and Department for Transport-funded Industrial HGV Taskforce (IHTF). The maximum fine for each breach of the ban will be £1000. Repeat offenders may also be referred to the relevant Traffic Commissioner, who is responsible for the licensing and regulation of HGV operators.

### **London Underground makes clear commitments to staff over work-life balance**

London Underground has shared with staff the proposed Night Tube rosters, showing how union concerns have been taken on board and how staffs work-life balance has been protected. The amended rosters guarantee:

- No-one will be asked to work more hours than they do today to run the Night Tube;
- Every driver on the Night Tube will have the same, if not more, weekends off as they do now during the transition year;
- After that, they will have a choice about whether or not they work Night Tube shifts or not;
- Everybody will remain entitled to two days off in seven; and
- Annual leave for staff will remain significantly above the national average – 43 days for a train operator, 52 days for a member of our station staff.

Underground staff will continue to be able to exercise their choice to swap shifts to get the type of work-life balance they want. LU has also offered an above-inflation pay rise this year and guaranteed rises for the next two years, as well as a Night Tube bonus and £200 per shift for drivers working Night Tube shifts during the transition period.

LU has assured that while there could not be an increase in the value of the original pay offer, it has listened and worked to re-shape the offer in response to concerns over extra weekend working. This revised offer addresses their concerns over work life balance and rewards staff for the hard work they do in keeping London working and growing.

### **TfL confirms 40 per cent of Tube network set for major boost in capacity**

TfL has awarded a £760 million contract to modernise the signalling and train control system on the next four London Underground lines to global transportation systems provider Thales.

This will bring faster, more frequent and more reliable journeys to millions of passengers who use the Circle, District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City lines. In addition, around 1,100 jobs and 60 apprenticeships will be sustained or created, both in London and across the UK.

These improvements will boost capacity by an average of a third on the four lines and will be vital in order to support London's growing population.

Work is expected to begin later this year, with main benefits expected to be delivered by 2022 when the frequency of trains running during peak periods will increase to 32 per hour in central London – a train every two minutes – with frequency increases at other times as well.

The investment also includes further improvements to get the most out of the new trains, including new track, lengthened platforms and rebuilt train depots with advanced technology to ensure the highest levels of train reliability.

## **Major works underway to improve Victoria line services**

Passengers were advised to plan ahead during vital improvement works to make Victoria line the UK's highest frequency railway. At present, only 24 trains per hour can be run beyond Seven Sisters due to the point layout at the Walthamstow Central crossover which transfers northbound trains to the southbound line for their return journey. Renewal of this crossover is essential to achieve 36 trains per hour.

Therefore, between Saturday 8 and Sunday 30 August the crossover was rebuilt, involving the replacement of the concrete foundations and the track and point work. During this period all northbound Victoria line trains terminated at Seven Sisters. The nature and scale of the work meant it was not possible to accomplish it during the limited engineering hours available at nights and weekends.

This work will result in a train every 100 seconds during peak hours, making the Victoria line the UK's highest frequency railway and comparable with the very best in the world. All peak-time trains will run the full length of the line from Walthamstow Central to Brixton, giving a 40 per cent capacity boost for customers northeast of Seven Sisters.

## **Major improvements to Ealing Broadway station to get underway**

Improvement work to overhaul Ealing Broadway station as part of the Crossrail programme is to get underway in September.

Network Rail will carry out the work that will transform the station, provide a new station façade, a ticket hall twice the size of the existing one and a long, curved canopy running the length of the forecourt. Four new lifts will be installed to provide step free access to every platform and platform extensions to accommodate the new 200m long Crossrail trains. The station will continue to act as an interchange with the District and Central lines on London Underground.

Network Rail will take possession of the retail units at the front of station during September and begin to set up a temporary worksite on a section of Haven Green. The first works at the station will be to lay the foundations for a new emergency exit bridge at the far end of the platforms. The main work to the station building is scheduled to begin in summer 2016.

## **New London Overground interchange connects Hackney Central and Hackney Downs stations**

Customers using the London Overground services in Hackney are now able to travel between Hackney Downs and Hackney Central stations faster thanks to the completion of a new interchange.

The 200m-long covered walkway, funded by TfL, the London Borough of Hackney and Network Rail, includes lifts, monitored CCTV and bright lighting, making journeys quicker, safer and more accessible.

It means passengers at Hackney Central can easily access trains to North London or to Liverpool Street via Hackney Downs, and those at Hackney Downs can easily access trains to Stratford or Highbury & Islington via Hackney Central, without having to travel into central London.

## **TfL's Oyster and contactless extended to Southeastern highspeed services**

TfL's Contactless revolution has now been extended as Southeastern's highspeed service became the latest to accept the new convenient way to pay for travel.

Southeastern customers are now able to use their contactless and Oyster pay as you go cards between St Pancras International and Stratford International. This latest development will make many journeys between north and east London quicker and more convenient and is the latest example of the expansion of contactless and Oyster to make customers' journeys easier.

The timely introduction of contactless and Oyster between St Pancras and Stratford International is ideal for those attending Rugby World Cup matches at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford and removes the need for customers to buy a ticket to travel.

## **Funding allocated for road safety improvements to make town centres safer for pedestrians**

TfL has announced new funding that will significantly improve pedestrian safety in Tooting and Peckham in south London.

Between £2 million - £5 million has been allocated to two pilot pedestrian town centre improvement programmes centred on the Tooting Broadway junction and around Peckham town centre. It is intended that through the redesign of junctions, streets, and pavements, pedestrian safety will be improved.

Local schools in both areas are being encouraged to give their pupils pedestrian education and training. TfL and the boroughs will begin consulting with local residents and key stakeholders on designs and strategies for these areas later this year.

## **UK Power Network fined more than £17,000 for unsafe and disorganised roadworks**

The announcement of the prosecution of UK Power Network is the latest success in TfL's continuous focus on tackling poorly planned and managed roadworks.

The roadworks, which took place between December 2014 and February 2015, were carried out in various sites in Bromley. During the work TfL Roadwork Enforcement inspectors identified a range of issues, from the wrong signage to disorganised traffic management. At one of the locations, Masons Hill, school children were forced into the carriageway during heavy traffic due to inadequate provision of alternative routes for pedestrians.

Westminster Magistrates' Court fined UK Power Network a total of £13,000 and ordered them to pay TfL's full prosecution costs of £4,637, bringing the total financial penalty to more than £17,000. This fine adds to UK Power Network's history of poor performance, having previously been issued with a total of 1366 Fixed Penalty Notices since 2010.

## **Strong public support for new improvements at Bow Interchange**

TfL has announced that pedestrian improvements works at Bow Interchange will begin later this year, after 86 per cent of respondents endorsed plans set out in a recent consultation.



The works will include new signalised pedestrian crossing facilities at the roundabout, making it easier to cross from all sides, a new area of public space under the flyover and new links to the pedestrian and cycle routes along the River Lea towpath.

The work will be coordinated with the upgrade of Cycle Superhighway 2, which is expected to finish in summer 2016.

TfL is also working with Tower Hamlets, Newham and other stakeholders to deliver the 'Vision for Bow', which is designed to create a place which all road users find accessible, safe and connected.

### **London celebrates five years of the cycle hire scheme**

On 22 and 23 August, free access was provided on London's cycle hire scheme to mark five successful years of the scheme and to encourage people to try the cycles as part of Santander Cycles' Summer of Cycling.

The cycle hire scheme has grown from strength-to-strength since launching in July 2010, with now almost double the number of bikes (6,000 to 11,500) and docking stations (400 to 748). Nearly 43 million journeys have been made in five years, with a record 73,000 hires made in one day.

In March 2016 the scheme will expand eastwards into Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. One thousand docking points are already planned within the existing zone and TfL is working with local borough councils to further extend the scheme in the future.

The Santander Summer of Cycling events will be running over August and September, giving money-can't-buy cycling tours of the Science Museum and ZSL London Zoo, amongst other unique experiences.

### **More than 50 all-electric buses to enter service in London**

TfL has announced that new bus routes 507 and 521 will commence operating an all- electric service in autumn next year as additional electric buses join London's bus fleet.

The five-year contract to operate the routes was awarded to Go Ahead following a competitive tender process, which will see 51 electric buses operating across the two routes, making them the second and third pure electric bus routes in the capital.

These new single-deckers will deliver a reduction of 408 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> and 10 tonnes of NO<sub>x</sub> per year, when compared to single deck diesel buses. They are emission-free at tailpipe, and will offer passengers an improved experience with lower noise and vibrations.

By 2020 all 300 single deck buses operating in central London will be zero emission (either electric or hydrogen) and all 3,000 double deck buses will be hybrid. Currently the fleet includes nine single-deck electric vehicles, but this will grow to 17 in September. Once the double-deck trial begins in October, there will be 22 total pure electric buses on London streets.

## **Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle capital of Europe**

On 22 July, I released plans to help the capital become the Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) capital of Europe. My ULEV Delivery Plan sets a clear direction for London to support the expected increase in the number of ultra-low emission vehicles over the next 10 years and was released as it was revealed that the London Fire Brigade will be joining the electric revolution.

London's Fire Commissioner, Ron Dobson, has agreed a £600,000 plan to replace 57 of the Brigade's fleet vehicles with range extender and hybrid electric cars by 2016. He has also revealed the Brigade's ambition to eventually use low emission fire engines in the capital, calling on industry to bring forward new technologies to meet the unique demands of operational emergency vehicles.

The new ULEV Delivery Plan sets out a wide range of actions to support the uptake of electric and ultra-low emission vehicles and more information can be found at: [www.tfl.gov.uk/transport-emissions](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/transport-emissions).

## **All bus stops in City of London and the Royal Borough of Kingston now accessible**

The City of London and the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames have become the first two boroughs in the capital to ensure all their bus stops are now accessible.

TfL has been working closely with the boroughs and other local authority partners to increase the number of accessible bus stops across London, as a significant proportion of the capital's 19,500 bus stops are not on the TfL Road Network (TLRN). Around 96 per cent of bus stops on the TLRN are already accessible with a 99 per cent target hoped to be achieved by 2016.

Successful partnership working has trebled the number of accessible bus stops in London from 29 per cent in 2008 to 83 per cent in 2015. The £10 million investment allocated mean that we are well on track to meet my accessibility target of 95 per cent by 2016.

The £18 million fund for bus stop accessibility is part of a wider programme, announced in 2013, that will see hundreds of millions of pounds invested in accessibility improvements across the capital's public transport network. More than half of Tube and London Overground stations will be step free by 2018.

## **Refurbishment of Grade II listed Chiswick Bridge completed**

I am pleased that TfL's refurbishment of the Grade II listed Chiswick Bridge in west London has now been completed.

Work on the 82 year old bridge included restoring its heritage features to their former glory, making extensive concrete repairs and strengthening the bridge's parapets to extend its life. Detailed work by stonemasons has conserved much of the original stonework in its original position. Where stonework on the parapets had deteriorated beyond repair, replacements were sourced from the same quarry that supplied the original Portland stone back in the 1930s.

A new segregated walkway and cycleway has been installed, as well as new heritage lighting placed across the bridge deck and staircases to help maintain its classic 1930s look. The project also helped out the Tideway Scullers School rowing club, which stores its equipment under the bridge, by re-building racking for their boats, constructing a concrete ramp for the boats and installed new fencing and gates.

## **TfL appoints JCDecaux to manage the world's largest bus shelter advertising contract**

TfL has appointed JCDecaux to sell advertising space across its bus advertising shelters in a deal which will generate at least £300 million for reinvestment in transport.

The eight-year contract is part of TfL's wider commercial approach to generate £3.4 billion in non-fare revenue over the next decade, which will be reinvested to improve London's public transport and road network for the benefit of customers and users.

With over six million journeys taken every day on London's buses, the advertising space available on the 4,900 bus shelters in the capital gives a fantastic opportunity to engage millions of customers every day.

Making the most of emerging technology, JCDecaux's new contract will provide more digital advertising shelters on TfL's network. The digital screens will offer a more interactive way for advertisers to showcase their products and will be a means to provide local information to customers.

The contract award followed a competitive procurement process for eight individual contracts to sell advertising, manage, operate and maintain TfL's on-street bus infrastructure.

## **Wallasea Island sea wall breach marks significant step in landmark UK conservation project**

On 13 July, a landmark environmental project made possible due to a partnership between Crossrail and the RSPB reached the next phase when the new sea walls of 'Cell One' were successfully breached to allow for tidal flow into the marshland.

Wallasea Island Wild Coast project, located eight miles north of Southend-on-Sea in Essex, aims to transform 670 hectares of farmland, an area about 2.5 times the size of the City of London, back into the coastal marshland it once was some 400 years ago.

Over three million tonnes of excavated material from Europe's biggest infrastructure project, Crossrail, has been used to raise part of the island by an average of 1.5m, creating lagoons and other wildlife-friendly features and protecting these areas with new sea-walls.

By 2025, the RSPB's Wallasea Island Wild Coast Project plans to have created 148 hectares of mudflats, 192 hectares of saltmarsh, and 76 acres of shallow saline lagoons. Around eight miles of coastal walks and cycle routes will allow people to get closer to the island's spectacular wildlife.

## **Dingwall Road Loop, Croydon**

I approved £5 million of capital funding to TfL, by means of a grant under section 120 of the GLA Act 1999, as a contribution to the costs of its Dingwall Road Loop scheme in the London Borough of Croydon.

## **Regeneration, Business, Enterprise and the Economy**

### **London Regeneration Fund**

On 30 July, I officially launched the £20 million London Regeneration Fund.

Working with the London Enterprise Panel, I am making £20 million capital funding available between April 2016 and April 2018 to specifically help London's high streets and places of work by supporting innovative and place-based projects throughout the city.

The London Regeneration Fund builds on my long-standing belief that London's high streets are great places to visit, live in and do business in, that have so far seen over £129 million invested in 85 places since 2011 (and levered in about £75 million in match funding).

The launch brought together a diverse audience, including tech and social innovators, council officers and designers. The full-day session comprised a series of inspiring and innovative case study presentations, as well as one-to-one sessions with experts, networking and an overview on the London Regeneration Fund itself.

The deadline for applications is October 2015 and successful applicants will be notified by January 2015. For more information and to download the prospectus visit: [www.london.gov.uk/londonregenerationfund](http://www.london.gov.uk/londonregenerationfund).

### **High Street Fund**

The deadline for submissions to the second and final round of my High Street Fund crowdfunding programme for small community led project has now passed. My Regeneration team had received 62 submissions by the deadline.

Local applicants, from town teams to business associations and charities, were invited to pitch new ideas using crowdfunding website Spacehive. I will then 'pledge' up to £20,000 and no more than 75% of the total project cost to the best applications in order to help local communities improve and support their high street.

This pilot programme explores the potential for public authorities to pledge to civic crowdfunding projects as 'one of the crowd', working more directly with the people they represent, and placing more power into the hands of local communities to drive projects that matter to them. This 'live trial' is an example of London leading the way to innovate with new forms of 21st century governance.

In the first round, I supported 17 projects brought forward by local applicants with funding contributions totalling £314,452.

In this new second round of 'Pledges' I will be supporting many more exciting projects brought forward by Londoners to improve their own high street and I'll be making an announcement in September regarding the successful projects.

### **Export Programme visit to Hong Kong and Macau**

Between 4-9 July, a group of small and medium sized businesses embarked on a trade mission to Asia as part of my Export Programme. The 13 London businesses, which all specialise in

infrastructure and technology, travelled to Hong Kong and Macau, with the aim of developing export opportunities overseas and exploiting fast growing emerging markets.

The trip represents an opportunity for businesses to build and develop their regeneration and technology portfolios in Asia. Earlier this year, cyber-intelligence company Digital Shadows secured an £8million investment as part of a 41-strong delegation of small businesses accompanying my trade mission to the east coast of the United States.

Significant projects in Hong Kong include electronic information management, e-government and free to access internet coverage, while Macau presents a wide range of business opportunities to UK companies, including architecture, design and hotel fit-out.

### **Mayor opens up quest to find London's best food and drink producers**

On 27 July, I launched the Urban Food Awards to celebrate the tastiest food and drink in the capital. The Urban Food Awards is being run by City Hall and London Food Link to search for and recognise the very best food and drink grown by small, locally based producers in London.

A shortlist will now be drawn up and put before a panel of judges, including chair of London Food Rosie Boycott and chefs Rowley Leigh and Oliver Rowe, whilst I will be judging the cheese category. The winners, who must come from a producer based in a London borough and with 50 employees or less, will be announced on 24 September at an event hosted at the world famous Borough Market.

The judges will pick a winner in each of six categories in the Urban Food Awards which are:

- Best Banger
- The Big Smoke's Big Cheese
- Heavenly Honey
- Londoner's Loaf
- Beautiful Brew
- London Leaves

### **Innovate UK for City Modelling – Witan**

I have approved:

- The GLA's receipt of £480,000 from Mastadon C in consideration of its participation in the Witan project; and
- Expenditure of up to £480,000 to create 3 fixed term posts at a cost of up to £270,000 and procure relevant datasets at a cost of up to £210,000, both to enable the GLA's delivery of its participation in the Witan project.

## **Housing and Land**

### **London Land Commission**

On 13 July, I launched the London Land Commission with Housing Minister Brandon Lewis. This is the first ever coordinated effort between City Hall, the Government and London boroughs to free up surplus public land in London to build the homes that the city so needs.

It was announced at the Commission's first meeting that real estate research firm Savills has been appointed to compile the preliminary stages of a 'Domesday Book' of all brownfield public land in London, to be completed by the end of 2015. Once collected, we will use the data to map the spread of sites across the city. It is thought to be the first time such a comprehensive set of data has ever been collected for London.

This followed a series of announcements from the Chancellor George Osborne on major planning reforms designed to speed up development of brownfield land in London and increase capacity to build more homes in the areas they are most needed.

The Commission will identify priority areas for future growth and co-ordinate efforts to fast-track the process, whilst ensuring a good return for the taxpayer and better regeneration sites across London. The inaugural meeting was attended by London Councils, NHS England, TfL and Network Rail with participation at the highest levels from other bodies such as the Department of Health.

### **50,000 new homes for Londoners from my Housing Zone scheme**

On 29 July, I revealed that I have now reached a key target of 50,000 new homes for Londoners as part of my landmark Housing Zone scheme, with three further zones being announced that will fast-track much needed development in the boroughs of Brent, Westminster and Sutton.

Eighteen out of a promised 20 Housing Zones across London have now been announced, bringing the total number of homes to be built to 50,965, of which nearly one-third will be affordable to buy or rent. There will be two further zones confirmed by the late summer.

I will invest nearly £44 million in these three new Housing Zones in vastly different areas of London which will together provide nearly 6,600 new homes, as well as improved transport links, more than 13,000 construction jobs and new retail precincts, transforming these areas into new urban districts for generations of Londoners.

The 50,000 new homes that will be built as a result of these new Zones will bring closer my London Plan target of building nearly half a million homes over the next ten years. Plans are being developed to expand the scheme beyond the current target of 20 zones in London.

### **Construction on 700 new homes begins at iconic Cane Hill site**

On 22 July, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Land, Richard Blakeway, marked the beginning of construction at Cane Hill Park, which is one of London's biggest projects to transform disused public land.

The site is an abandoned 205 acre site that was previously home to Cane Hill psychiatric hospital and set to be transformed into nearly 700 new homes in Croydon. The site had been abandoned since 1991, when the hospital closed, with large parts of it destroyed by a fire in 2010.

The new development, Cane Hill Park, will put the old hospital site and the 173 acres of agricultural land around it to productive use, by providing hundreds of new homes and creating a new urban centre for Croydon. The site is so large it could fit more than 100 football pitches inside its bounds.

Cane Hill Park forms a key part of my commitment to have an exit strategy for all public land in my ownership by the end of my second term in 2016. At present, 98 per cent of his land has been released.

In partnership with developer Barratt Homes, Cane Hill Park will provide up to 675 new homes, of which 25 per cent are affordable, including a large number of three and four bed family homes and 16 homes suitable for wheelchair users. Adjacent to Coulsdon Town Centre, the development will play an important part in the regeneration of the wider Croydon area.

The development includes 3,000 square metres of office space, the retention and refurbishment of three locally-listed historic buildings, new access and connections with Coulsdon Town Centre, and new public open space. It is expected to create approximately 1,300 construction jobs.

### **Pan-London Rough Sleeping Services**

On 11 August, I approved funding of up to £33.8 million for a programme of pan-London rough sleeper services to run from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2020, the contents and publication of my rough sleeping commissioning framework for 2016 onwards and, the commissioning of a programme of pan-London rough sleeping services in line with this framework. I believe that these services will continue to make a real and positive difference to the lives of people who sleep rough on London's streets.

### **Build Your Own London Home Register**

On 26 August, I launched the 'Build Your Own London Home Register' which will initially give City Hall a database showing the level of demand for self-build and custom build in London.

Such demand will inform London's housing and planning policy to increase the chances of finding plots of land for those who wish to build their own home. This is a pilot scheme prior to the Right to Build which is currently progressing through Parliament. The register can be accessed via: [www.london.gov.uk/buildyourownhome](http://www.london.gov.uk/buildyourownhome).

### **RE:NEW**

On 4 August, I launched the new framework of suppliers for RE:NEW, my domestic energy efficiency retrofit programme. The framework, which comprises 11 specialist suppliers, will make procurement much quicker and easier for public sector landlords such as London boroughs, housing associations, and universities. It has the capacity to deliver up to £1.6 billion of home energy upgrades and improvements, meaning warmer homes and lower energy bills for Londoners. Housing providers need to fund the works themselves, for example, through planned maintenance programmes, subsidies or borrowing.

### **Barking Riverside Ltd – Continuation of support and statutory accounts**

I have approved GLA Land and Property Limited's continued provision of support to Barking Riverside Limited for the period up to 31 July 2016.

## **Right to Buy receipts**

I approved estimated expenditure of £25,422,400 towards the supply of affordable rented homes by the Mayor's Housing Covenant programme, on the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding between the GLA and DCLG, dependent upon actual levels of receipts during 2015-16.

## **Designation of Housing Zones (Round 1)**

I agreed to designate the areas identified within the Royal Borough of Greenwich and London Boroughs of Haringey, Harrow, Ealing, Lewisham, Hounslow, Bexley, Barking & Dagenham and Wandsworth as Housing Zones.

I approved the indicative allocation of £251.1 million being made available to fund the interventions specified in these zones for the purposes of unlocking or accelerating the delivery of housing within each designated Housing Zone, noting that such funding shall only be contractually committed subject to the outcome of legal and financial due diligence.

I delegated authority to the Executive Director of Housing and Land and the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, to approve the interventions that are to be funded following due diligence and to contractually commit funding of up to £251.1 million across the designated Housing Zones.

I also agreed that where considered appropriate by the Executive Director of Housing and Land, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, the GLA shall provide non-financial assistance sought by the boroughs and will support the requests for non-financial assistance, where that assistance is sought from outside the GLA.

## **Environment**

### **London becomes the first city to quantify the health effects of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)**

On 15 July, I published the world's first report which uses updated methods to assess the true health and economic impacts of air pollution. The report, produced by experts at King's College London, for the first time quantifies the health and economic effects of the air pollutant nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), where all previous studies have focused on particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

When combined the effects of both pollutants reveal a higher health impact than previously estimated. The study also found that nearly half the health impacts are caused by air pollution outside London, such as diesel fumes and industrial emissions transported from the continent.

Based on this detailed information, I have renewed my call on the Government and the EU to urgently take further action to improve air quality in London, across the UK and Europe. Furthermore, given our improved understanding of the health effects associated with NO<sub>2</sub>, I believe the Government must now rule out expansion of Heathrow.

### **London's biggest ever Capital Clean-up**

On 16 July, I rolled up my sleeves and grabbed a paint brush to help some of the thousands of volunteers tidy up neglected parts of the city in London's biggest ever Capital Clean-up.



Up to mid-September, almost 3,000 volunteers will be cleaning up canals, creating food-growing spaces, painting murals in neglected areas, planting new gardens and cleaning up high streets, squares and parks. More community groups than ever before have got involved this summer, with 76 organisations across 29 boroughs awarded small grants and kits from a £60,000 pot of funding.

I visited the Marcus Garvey community group in Hammersmith, who are using their funding to revamp a communal park blighted by graffiti and anti-social behaviour, and creating a colourful wall mural to make the area more appealing for local people.

Working in partnership with McDonald's Restaurants Ltd this year's clean-up is the biggest yet, helping to make London an even better place to live, work and invest. Since City Hall took over the campaign in 2011, more than 10,000 volunteers have taken part in over 1,000 clean-ups of disused and unloved parts of the city.

### **Pocket parks**

I am delighted that my Pocket Parks programme has now achieved my manifesto pledge and delivered improvements to 100 parks across 26 London boroughs, involving over 2,000 volunteers and supported by a range of community-based organisations including churches, health care centres, residents associations, local charities and schools.

The excellent programme has given £2 million to support local communities in the creation of Pocket Parks across the city. From a rain garden in Vauxhall to a dinosaur playground in Hornsey and edible gardens along a south London bus route, more than 25 hectares of community land have been converted into new enhanced green areas.

### **Non-Road Mobile Machinery Low Emission Zone**

On 1 September, I introduced new standards to reduce emissions of pollutants from construction and demolition activity and its associated equipment.

In July 2014, I adopted the Control of Dust and Emissions from Construction and Demolition Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) following extensive consultation. The SPG includes the world's first Non-Road Mobile Machinery Low Emission Zone (NRMM LEZ) combining standards to address both nitrogen oxide (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) emissions.

From 1 September construction equipment used on the site of any major development within Greater London will be required to meet the EU Stage IIIA as a minimum and, construction equipment used on any site within the Central Activity Zone or Canary Wharf will be required to meet the EU Stage IIIB standard as a minimum. Some exemptions will be provided where pieces of equipment are not available at the emission standard stipulated or, in the volumes required to meet demand in a construction environment as dynamic as London's.

The new Low Emission Zone for construction machinery will complement my other ground-breaking efforts to reduce emissions from transport, including the introduction of an Ultra-Low Emission Zone in central London from 2020.

## **Mayor's Low Carbon Entrepreneur Programme 2016 & 2017**

I have approved:

- The continued deliver of the Mayor's Carbon Entrepreneur competition for the next 2 years (2015-16 and 2016-17);
- Expenditure of up to £428,588 to deliver the Mayor's Low Carbon Entrepreneur competition for the next 2 years, which includes the provision of in kind support, such as use of desk space and GLA and Mayor's Fund staff support, as well as senior staff attendance at the end of year awards events; and
- The receipt of funding, via a funding agreement with the Mayor's Fund for London, to cover delivery costs (totalling £212,120 over the 2 year period).

## **London Local Air Quality Management System Consultation**

I have:

- Approved the draft London Local Air Quality Management (LLAQM) system for consultation; and
- Approved the consultation strategy and timetable.

## **Education and Youth**

### **New resources launched as part of the London Curriculum**

On 10 July, I launched brand new resources in dance and in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects as part of my London Curriculum. The new key stage 3 resources will see thousands of London schoolchildren in every borough being given the chance to participate in and learn about dance and to learn about science through the ground-breaking discoveries, inventions and scientific ideas that have emerged or been applied in the capital.

My Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, hosted the first London Curriculum Festival. Wayne McGregor, dancer and choreographer, spoke at the event. This was a day of celebration that offered schools the opportunity to explore the fantastic array of cultural and heritage venues we have around us, including tours of Tower Bridge, The Shard, HMS Belfast, The Golden Hinde and the chance to mud-lark on the foreshore of the River Thames and get creative in an array of wonderful art workshops led by The Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, Architecture and Design, London Metropolitan University.

I launched the London Curriculum in 2013 as part of my commitment to driving up standards in education and raising attainment for London's schoolchildren. The London Curriculum, which already supports key stage 3 English, art, music, geography and history, helps pupils to experience and learn from the capital's rich variety of cultural assets and historical treasures. There is no subject on the school curriculum that can't be illuminated through the discoveries, designs, history or cultural and scientific life of this city and that is what is at the heart of the London Curriculum.

## **Education Reform Summit - “Celebration, Ambition, Inspiration”**

On 9 July 2015, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, spoke at the second annual Education Reform Summit, hosted by Education Foundation at the Emmanuel Centre, Westminster. Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for Schools also spoke, highlighting the success of education across the UK and ambitions for the future.

The summit brought together educators and reformers from across the UK, Europe, USA and around the world to celebrate existing achievements, raise ambition and build consensus about where reform should go next, and inspire people to create change on the ground.

Munira celebrated success in London by outlining the wide range of programmes I am funding to raise teaching standards and pupil attainment in London schools. Representatives from a number of London Schools Excellence Fund projects showcased their projects, including The National Literacy Trust, CDI Apps for Good and Institute of Physics. Project leads from UKIE Digital Schoolhouse, Harrow Schools Improvement Partnership and London Borough of Barking and Dagenham also joined Munira on the stage to outline their programme activity and share learning with the wider education sector.

## **Free Schools target met**

In 2012, I made a Manifesto Commitment to identify 10 sites from within the GLA Group portfolio for new free schools. I am pleased that the target has now been met and exceeded with 13 GLA Group sites being secured for new free schools. In addition, two further sites have been secured for other types of new school (one Academy and one University Technical College).

## **Youth Innovation Fund**

I have approved expenditure of £3.5 million (£1.75 million of GLA funding to be matched by ESF funding) to deliver the three phases of the Youth Innovation Fund (over 2015-16 to 2019-20), subject to the inclusion of appropriate annual break clauses in all funding agreements, and in all contracts awarded.

## **Budget, Finance and GLA Organisation**

### **Planning Unit Annual Review of External Fees and Charges**

I have approved:

- An increase in the Planning pre-application service charges by 10% from £5,000 to £5,500 for an initial meeting and from £1,000 to £1,100 for a follow up meeting, to reflect the full cost recovery of the advice service under Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003; and
- The new charges to be published on the GLA website and to come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

## **Approval of OPDC Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment and Payscale**

I agreed to the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) Board's decision on 25 June 2015 to approve the adoption of the GLA's Terms and Conditions of Employment and GLA paycales for all OPDC permanent staff appointments.

## **LFEPA – Facilities Management Shared Service**

I have directed LFEPA to enter into a facilities management shared service.

## **Installation of pay-to enter turnstiles in the toilet facilities, Trafalgar Square**

I have approved expenditure of £56,000 on pay-to-enter turnstiles on both male and female toilets at Trafalgar Square and have approved setting the initial entry price at 20 pence per person.

## **Appointments**

### **Edi Truell appointed to key pensions role**

On 14 August, I announced that I have appointed Edi Truell as my Advisor on Pensions and Investments, to drive forward collaboration between public sector pension funds and invest the proceeds in infrastructure and housing in London and across the country.

I believe that amalgamating some of the country's numerous public-sector pension funds and creating a Citizens' Wealth Fund would save billions of pounds through greater efficiencies, lower fees and improved returns. These funds could then be invested in homes, roads, railways, power stations and airports and help cover the cost of the UK's ageing population.

Edi Truell has taken up the unpaid position of Mayor's Advisor for Pensions and Investments in order to advance the cause of pension consolidation across the Local Government Pension Scheme and public sector pension funds more generally.

Alongside the Leader of Lancashire County Councillor, Jennifer Mein, I have also announced that Edi Truell will establish an advisory board for the newly-created Lancashire and London Pensions Partnership (LLPP), the £10 billion partnership between the London Pensions Fund Authority (LPFA) and the Lancashire County Pension Fund (LCPF).

Mr Truell will start working on the formation of the Advisory Board immediately in time for the LLPP commencing operations in April 2016.

## **Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport**

### **Summer activity on the Park**

This summer has been an incredibly busy and successful one for Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. With 17,000 runners at the Morrisons Great Newham Run kicking off a summer of sports, major events such as Prudential Ride London 2015, the Sainsbury's Anniversary Games, Unibet

EuroHockey Championships 2015, and the Barbarians v Samoa rugby test match have all been hosted at the Park.

Turnouts for these events have been excellent, with well over 100,000 people attending the Park for the Anniversary Games, National Paralympic Day and the Liberty Festival during a long weekend at the end of July and over 25,000 keen cyclists taking part in Ride London in early August.

As well as a wide sports offer, the Park put on an extensive programme of free events for families and communities to enjoy including the GoEast Fest, a weekend of live performances and workshops from acrobats, dancers, singers, and storytellers. The Park also hosted the UCL Sparks Festival, for people of all ages to enjoy and experience workshops and activities based on science and technology. BeachEast, the largest urban beach in London, has been especially popular in the Park with 25,000 visitors in one weekend alone.

During the summer work has continued on Olympicopolis planning, with consultations on the masterplanning for the new UCL East site taking place with local communities. The Bartlett and UCL Engineering schools have also announced that they will be taking out a lease at Here East, on the Park, in early 2016. They will be using the space to undertake extensive R&D programmes.

## **Fire**

### **The Provision of Fire Consultancy Services**

I have directed LFEPA to allow London Fire Brigade Enterprises Limited to provide fire consultancy support to Qatar in relation to its proposed underground transport system.

## **Culture and Events**

### **Notting Hill Carnival**

On 30 and 31 August, I again supported London's Notting Hill Carnival, the largest free street festival of its kind in Europe.

This fantastic event featured a broad range of music including masquerade bands, steel pan, soca and calypso. Carnival presented the delightful children's parade and the Grand Finale, which showcased a sea of vibrant colours with 60 bands in magnificent costumes dancing to the tantalizing rhythms of the mobile sound systems.

Around 1 million people attended the event across the weekend, bringing the streets of Notting Hill alive with the sounds and tastes of the Caribbean. Without a doubt Notting Hill Carnival is one of the capital's most important cultural events and is key to supporting tourism in London.

### **Welcoming the capital's music industry to City Hall**

On 23 July, I welcomed key figures from the capital's vibrant and varied music scene at a special reception held at City Hall. Representatives from across the music industry attended,

including music venues, record labels, lobbying groups, buskers, music charities, schools, universities, borough music hubs, orchestras and ensembles.

The reception was an opportunity for me to highlight the work of his music programme and the Mayor's Music Fund, the charity I helped establish in 2011 to enable young people from all backgrounds to develop their musical potential.

I support a range of initiatives, including the Music Venues Task Force, set up to protect the capital's venues, and the recent inaugural National Busking Day, which celebrated the talent of street performers. I want to ensure London retains its status as the music capital of the world. The UK music industry is worth £3.5 billion and music tourists alone spend £660 million in the city each year.

### **National Busking Day and Busk In London Festival**

On 18 June, live music and street performance took place across London and the UK with the first National Busking Day taking place. Shopping centres, high streets, parks and railway stations provided the backdrop to performers from the UK and overseas, bringing music, magic, street dance, physical theatre and street art.

In London, Trafalgar Square provided the centrepiece of the action, with specially selected performers from the UK, Europe, USA, Australia and Argentina entertaining visitors. Performers also put on a show for passengers travelling on a special New Routemaster bus running between Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park on the 9 route. Other locations include King's Cross Square, St Paul's Churchyard, Leicester Square Gardens, Southbank, Covent Garden and both Westfield shopping centres, as well as London Underground and mainline stations.

National Busking Day also kicked off the Busk in London Festival, which included performances around London for three consecutive weekends in July and August, plus the start of live performances by young musicians who have entered this year's Gigs, which is my annual busking competition.

Gigs is giving talented youngsters aged 11-25 the opportunity to perform in high profile locations around the city, so they can get their music heard and hone their performance skills. On Sunday 6 September the competition reaches its climax at Westfield Stratford City where 18 acts will perform live in the Gigs Grand Final.

More details about National Busking Day and Busk In London can be found at [www.nationalbuskingday.com](http://www.nationalbuskingday.com) and [www.buskinlondon.com](http://www.buskinlondon.com).

### **Eid Festival**

On 25 July, the Eid Festival took place on Trafalgar Square. I am proud to say that this year was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first event being held.

Celebrating London's cultural programme with art, food, fashion and music from around the world, the audience attendance was equally diverse. An estimated 25,000 attended throughout the day and there was an exclusive concert by the Shubbak Festival, one of the largest biennial festivals of contemporary Arab culture, featuring popular artists from around the world.

My Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, attended on my behalf to meet and greet the visitors and thank the sponsors and stakeholders.

## **Liberty Festival**

On 26 July, I hosted the Liberty Festival, my free disability arts festival and the cultural highlight of National Paralympic Day, at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The event was attended by my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, and this fantastic event premiered Liberty commissions, funded by Arts Council England, from leading Deaf and disabled artists including Extant, Bureau of Silly Ideas and Rachel Gadsden, as well as featuring an exciting music line-up, dance, aerial theatre, film, food and a wide range of community stalls.

Audiences also enjoyed the various Come & Try sports of National Paralympic Day, as well as taking advantage of world class sports events including swimming in the London Aquatics Centre and the final leg of the IPC Grand Prix Series at the Sainsbury's Anniversary Games in the Stadium.

## **Brazil Day**

On 8 August, I supported Brazil Day which took place on Trafalgar Square to mark one year to go to the start of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio in 2016.

The event was organised by the Embassy of Brazil with support from their Ministry of Sport. An estimated 25,000 people attended throughout the day and enjoyed a lively programme of Brazilian music and dance, food stalls and beach volleyball presented in a specially constructed court on the Square.

My Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, attended on the day where he met the Ambassador, Roberto Jaguaribe, and other officials from the Embassy of Brazil. The Embassy was delighted with the positive response from those attending and has indicated their interest in a further event in 2016 to coincide with the start of the Games in August.

## **London Korea Festival**

On 9 August, the London Korean Festival took place for the first time at Trafalgar Square. This event was organised by the Korean Cultural Centre, Korean Embassy and the Korean Tourism Board and was supported by City Hall.

The event had a stage programme with cultural activities around the Square and there were also cookery demonstrations with Korean cuisine and cultural activities for families to enjoy.

My Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, attended the event on my behalf and speeches were made by various guests and dignitaries.

## **Smithfield Tenants Association Annual Breakfast**

On 28 July, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, attended the Smithfield Tenants Association Annual Breakfast. The event was held at Haberdashers' Hall in West Smithfield.

## **Feasibility Study Centre for Music**

I have approved the provision of grant funding of up to £500,000 to The Barbican to undertake a feasibility study for the Centre for Music, with the feasibility report to be delivered in September 2015.

## Volunteering

### **Team London target met nine months early**

On 30 July, I revealed that my Team London volunteering programme has smashed its target to reach 100,000 volunteers nine months ahead of schedule. Across the capital, Londoners of all ages are now lending a hand in their local communities as a result of signing up to Team London, which I established to ensure a volunteering legacy following the London 2012 Games.

More than 43,000 adults and 58,900 young people have signed up to volunteer through a range of programmes that includes Team London Ambassadors. One thousand schools have also signed up to the Team London Young Ambassadors' programme, which encourages children to get involved in social action, it is anticipated young Londoners will have given 285,834 hours of their time for the year 2014-2015 alone.

Team London has developed a number of programmes to help young people develop valuable skills and increase their future employability. This includes HeadStart London, through which 16-18 year olds earn their way to a guaranteed job interview through volunteering and businesses volunteer to support them build their employability skills. Tottenham 639 also aims to increase employability through volunteering for local projects.

Team London also supports 1,400 organisations across all London boroughs to promote local opportunities and provides small grants to up to 20 organisations a year. I visited the Wide Horizons Centre in Shooters Hil, to see first-hand how it used a small innovation grant in 2014 to transform a once derelict site into an important green space, with trees, birds, pathways, pond and other attractions and activities for young Londoners.

More than 700 volunteers, including schoolchildren, cleared and transformed the woodland, which is now used to deliver Adventure Learning activities and the centre is already making an impact, working local schools, colleges and community groups.

### **Barbara Windsor MBE joins Team London Ambassadors to welcome visitors**

On 5 August, I revealed that an army of Team London volunteers are providing a warm welcome at tourism hotspots around the city. Six hundred Team London Ambassadors are out and about throughout the summer, as part of the capitals efforts to ensure visitors make the most of their time here. The specially trained volunteers offer a range of information and local knowledge, working from purpose-built 'welcome pods' at the Tower of London, Exhibition Road, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Parliament Square, St James's Park, Southbank, Gatwick North and Gatwick South.

As well as being specially-trained to provide local knowledge and guidance to tourists, the Team London Ambassadors can speak 57 languages between them.

Actress Barbara Windsor MBE joined just a few of the Team London Ambassadors at Piccadilly Circus to welcome visitors from around the world. Barbara has been an enthusiastic supporter of Team London since the Visitor Welcome programme launched ahead of the London 2012 Games.



## **£100,000 boost for volunteering in local communities**

On 14 August, I revealed that a people's café, a 'speed-greening' project and a gym group that helps the elderly are among 16 inspirational projects to win Mayoral funding to increase volunteering opportunities for Londoners. Funding between £2,500 and £10,000 has been given to a range of projects across the capital through my Team London Small Grants innovation fund.

Projects include GoodGym, a city-wide group of runners who carry out physical tasks to help community organisations and visit isolated older people as part of their workouts, and Create London, whose volunteers encourage enterprise among young people while bringing back the East End tradition of hop picking.

Now in its fourth year, my Team London Small Grants scheme was established to help expand vital local projects and provide more volunteering opportunities for Londoners across the capital. Last year alone, £300,000 was given to the third sector in grants to support small charities in London focused on innovation in volunteer recruitment and has helped to fund over 6,700 volunteers. The focus this year is to create more speed-volunteering initiatives and schemes where volunteers work in groups.

One of the top reasons people give for not participating in volunteering is a lack of time. A number of the schemes that have been awarded a grant are specially designed to enable Londoners to volunteer their time on an informal basis at short notice, in a way that's easy to sign up to, and only takes a few hours to complete.

## **Team London Programme 2015-2017**

I have approved:

- The Team London Programme expenditure for 2015-16 and 2016-17 up to the value of £2.624 million and the subsequent entry into contracts and funding agreements as required; and
- The receipt and spend of up to £1.55 million in external income and sponsorship up to the 2016-17 financial-year to assist in meeting the costs of any enhanced programmes and entry into, and execution of, related sponsorship/funding agreements raised in this regard.

## **Planning and Development**

### **City Hall gives Greenwich cruise liner terminal green light**

On 25 August, I gave the green light to a new cruise liner terminal that will bring thousands of tourists to the capital every year. Up to 55 cruise ships a year are expected to dock at the new terminal at Enderby Wharf in Greenwich as part of a scheme that will create up to 500 new jobs and also includes 477 new homes, a skills academy, restaurants, cafes and bars.

The new terminal is expected to be up and running by 2017. It will help London become a marquee destination for cruise ships and will allow London to become the starting and finishing point for worldwide cruises for the first time.

The terminal in Greenwich will accommodate medium-sized cruise liners up to 820ft long and is expected to attract tourists from around the world, especially those from North America and Europe.

### **London City Airport Public Inquiry costs**

I approved allocation and expenditure of up to £525,000 from the GLA Authority's planning smoothing reserve to commission specialist external consultants (including legal). This is to support the preparation and presentation of my appeal case at the forthcoming Public Inquiry into the appeal by London City Airport against Newham Council's refusal of its planning application for new airport and passenger infrastructure, the refusal being pursuant to my Direction to Newham Council.

### **Heathrow Public Inquiry costs**

My Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor for Planning, Sir Edward Lister, has approved expenditure of £75,000 from the GLA's planning smoothing reserve to contribute to the legal costs Hillingdon Council incurred at a Public Inquiry into its refusal of a planning application by Heathrow Airport Limited to add additional operational capacity to its Northern Runway.

### **Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)**

*Marine Wharf East, LB Lewisham*

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

*Battersea Gasholders, LB Wandsworth*

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

*Loughborough Park Estate, 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.

*18-25 Park Crescent, City of Westminster*

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

*Sherwood Close Estate, 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.

*Land at Mapleton Crescent, 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.

*87-89 Cleveland Street, City of Westminster*

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

*198 York Road, LB Wandsworth*

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

*Charter House, LB Islington*

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

*New Court, City of Westminster*

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

*56-70 Putney High Street, LB Wandsworth*

I have written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that I will act as the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the planning application.

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

*9-15 Elcho Street, 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.

*Wedge 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.

*Aylesbury Estate, 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.

*Keybridge House South Lambeth 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.

*Chase Farm Hospital, LB Enfield*

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

*Eastbrook Comprehensive School, LB Dagenham*

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

*396-418 London Road, 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.

*51 College Road, LB Harrow*

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

*346 Queenstown Road, 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.

*Thames Wharf, LB Hammersmith and Fulham*

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

*Royal Russell School, 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.

*The Arches Southall, LB Ealing*

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

*2 Millharbour, 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.

*Car Park Aybrook Street, City of Westminster*

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

*One Crown Place, LB Hackney*

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

*Orchardside Nurseries, LB Enfield*

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

*Enderby Wharf, Royal Borough of Greenwich*

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

*6-8 Bishopsgate and 150 Leadenhall Street, City of London*

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

*The Triangle Site, LB Hammersmith and Fulham*

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

## **Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)**

I have asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- Alma Estate, LB Enfield
- Kestrel House, LB Enfield
- Warren Farm Sports Centre, LB Ealing
- Tolworth Tower Complex, RB Kingston upon Thames

- Pinnacle House, LB Merton
- Trocoll House, LB Barking and Dagenham
- 185 Park Street, LB Southwark
- The Old Vinyl Factory, LB Hillingdon
- 120 Vallance Road and 2-4 Hemming Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- ArcelorMittal Orbit PDZ2, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Enterprise House Aldgate, LB Tower Hamlets
- Art'Otel Great Eastern Street, LB Hackney
- Deptford Wharves, LB Lewisham
- The Rectory Tentelow Lane, LB Ealing
- The Triangle Site, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Former Electrobases Site and land adjacent to Crayford Community Centre, LB Bexley
- 22 Hanover Square, City of Westminster
- Nishkam school, LB Hounslow
- Freightmaster Estate, LB Havering
- East India Dock Estate, LB Tower Hamlets
- St Raphael's Residential Home, LB Bromley
- Marlowe Road Estate, LB Waltham Forest
- 22-25 Merrick Road, LB Ealing
- Regents Park Estate, LB Camden
- Bromley Football Club, LB Bromley
- Redclyffe Road, LB Newham
- Kodak Factory, LB Harrow
- Dovers Corner Industrial Estate, LB Havering
- 196-222 Kings Road, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- 1-5 Grosvenor Place, City of Westminster
- Carlton House, LB Wandsworth
- Former Abbots and Winter Haulage Site, LB Barnet
- Hounslow Heath Golf Course, LB Hounslow
- Plot 8 Lanacre Avenue, LB Barnet
- Crowlands Heath Golf Club, LB Havering
- Crowlands Heath Golf Club, LB Barking and Dagenham
- Bream Street, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Grey Court School, LB Richmond upon Thames
- Middlesex Business Park, LB Ealing
- Sipson Village Garden Centre, LB Hillingdon
- Kings College Hampstead Residence, LB Camden
- Ebury Bridge Centre, City of Westminster

### **Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning**

- Riverlight (Former Tideway Industrial Estate), LB Wandsworth
- 100 and 100a West Cromwell Road and Shaftesbury Place, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- 38<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square, LB Tower Hamlets
- Former Coal Jetty, RB Greenwich
- 20 Farringdon Street, City of London
- St Bart's Estate, City of London

- Land at Beckton Gasworks, LB Newham
- Former BBC Television Centre, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- 109 Uxbridge Road, LB Ealing
- Former Arla Food Depot, LB Hillingdon
- Vauxhall Spring Mews, LB Lambeth
- Ingrebourne Links Golf Course, LB Havering
- 7 Limeharbour, LB Tower Hamlets
- Equitable House, LB Harrow
- Brimsdown Sports Club, LB Enfield
- South Point Sutton Court Road, LB Sutton
- Government Buildings Stanmore, LB Harrow
- St Andrews Park (RAF Uxbridge), LB Hillingdon
- Bradstowe House, LB Harrow
- Land Armada south, LB Newham
- Tileman House, LB Wandsworth
- Brimsdown Sports Club, LB Enfield
- Vauxhall Square, LB Lambeth
- Consultation on Basement Revision to Westminster's City Plan, City of London
- Location and Concentration of Uses; Basement Development, Supplementary Planning Documents, LB Islington

## Key Engagements

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

- I visited the Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Project in North Kensington on 2 July
- I attended the Open Europe 10th Anniversary Reception on 2 July
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 2 July
- I attended the American Independence Day celebration hosted by the US Ambassador on 2 July
- I spoke to Stewart Wingate, CEO of Gatwick, on 2 July following the publication of the Davies Report
- I spoke to John Holland-Kaye, CEO of Heathrow, on 2 July following the publication of the Davies Report
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 3 July
- I attended the London Councils Congress Executive Committee meeting on 6 July
- I met with Cllr Philippa Roe, Leader of Westminster Council, on 6 July to discuss borough issues
- I attended the Miriam Hyman Exhibition at City Hall on 6 July
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 6 July
- I attended a meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Group on 7 July to discuss the planned Tube Strike
- I had a meeting with HE Daniel Taub, the outgoing Ambassador of Israel on 7 July, to thank him for his work and support over the past four years

- I had an introductory meeting with HE David Quarrey, the British Ambassador-designate to Israel, on 7 July
- I attended the wreath laying ceremony at Hyde Park on 7 July, to mark the tenth anniversary of the London bombings
- I attended the memorial service at St Paul's Cathedral on 7 July, to mark the tenth anniversary of the London bombings
- I met with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 8 July ahead of our appearance together in front of the Police and Crime Committee
- I met with Gavin Barwell MP & Steve O'Connell AM on 8 July to discuss regeneration in Croydon
- I attended the Chancellor's Budget statement on 8 July
- I hosted my regular monthly "Ask Boris" phone in with Nick Ferrari on 8 July
- I attended Med City's first anniversary reception on 9 July
- I attended the London Assembly Police and Crime Committee on 9 July
- I had my regular meeting with Mayor Jules Pipe, Chair of London Councils, on 9 July to discuss areas of joint working
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 9 July
- I attended and contributed to the Budget debate at the House of Commons on 13 July
- I attended the launch of London Citizens Good Job Campaign on 13 July
- I chaired the London Land Commission on 13 July
- I attended the London Councils Full Congress of Leaders on 14 July
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 15 July
- I hosted a London Government Reception on 15 July jointly with London Councils and the London Assembly at the House of Commons
- I spoke to Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 15 July about water cannon
- I spoke to the Rt Hon Theresa May, Home Secretary, on 15 July about water cannon
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 15 July
- I visited the Marcus Garvey Park in Hammersmith on 16 July to mark the launch of this summer's Capital Clean-up
- I attended a reception hosted by the New West End Company on 16 July to promote the extension of Sunday trading hours
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 16 July
- I held my regular "Ask Boris" Twitter session on 16 July
- I spoke to the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government, on 17 July about devolution
- I attended the Crossrail 2 stakeholder breakfast on 17 July
- I met with John Hunt, Founder & Chairman, Archimedia, on 17 July to discuss museums in London
- I met with Lord Hill, EU Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, on 17 July to discuss EU financial regulation
- I met with Edi Truell, Chairman of the LPFA, on 20 July to discuss the proposal to set up a new Strategic Investment Advisory Board (SIAB)
- I met with James Timpson on 20 July to discuss the work of Timpson's ex-offender programme
- I had an introductory meeting with HE Syed Ibne Abbas, High Commissioner for Pakistan, on 20 July
- I met with Nicholas Coleridge CBE, Chair Designate of the V&A, on 20 July to discuss Olympicopolis

- I met with the organisers of the Rugby World Cup on 20 July to discuss the arrangements for the forthcoming Rugby World Cup
- I hosted a lunch to discuss current issues in London with a selection of business stakeholders on 21 July
- I met with Sam Gyimah MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Education, on 21 July to discuss childcare in London
- I attended the MOPAC Challenge on 21 July
- I spoke to the Rt Hon John Whittingdale MP, Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media & Sport, on 22 July to discuss Expo
- I hosted a community reception for music organisations in London on 22 July
- I had my regular meeting with Bill Castell & Caroline Underwood, Foundation for Future London, on 22 July
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 23 July
- I visited the Museum of Immigration on 23 July
- I hosted lunch for the Transport for London Board members on 28 July
- I met with Peter Anderson, Canary Wharf Group PLC, on 28 July to discuss transport issues in London
- I met with the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government, on 29 July to discuss devolution
- I met with AC Mark Rowley on 29 July to discuss policing and security
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 29 July
- I visited Wide Horizons in Greenwich on 30 July to engage with one of Team London's small grant participants
- I hosted a media summer party at City Hall on 30 July
- I met with Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of the NHS, & Mayor Jules Pipe, Leader of London Councils, on 30 July to discuss health devolution in London
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 30 July
- I attended the Metropolitan Volunteer Police Cadets celebration event in Trafalgar Square on 3 August alongside the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe.
- I had dinner with Sir Peter Hendy, Chairman of Network Rail, on 3 August
- I chaired a meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Group on 3 August to discuss the planned Tube Strike
- I met with George Trefgarne & Jack Lowe on 3 August to discuss Heathrow expansion
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 3 August
- I had drinks with Evgeny Lebedev on 4 August
- I met with Mike Brown, Interim London Transport Commissioner on 4 August
- I visited the Gardening Leave Chelsea outpost on 5 August
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 6 August
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 6 August
- I gave the annual CSJ lecture on 7 August
- I attended the opening of the 43rd Eggless Cake Box on 7 August
- I hosted a conference call of the Mayor's Advisory Group on 14 August to discuss the planned Tube Strike
- I hosted my regular monthly "Ask Boris" phone in with Nick Ferrari on 1 September
- I attended the launch of the Safer Lorries Scheme on 1 September
- I met with Sir Merrick Cockell on 1 September to discuss the London Pension Fund Authority



- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 1 September
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 1 September

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