

37th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

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This is my thirty-seventh report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 5 November until 2 December 2015.

Executive Summary

Terror attacks in Paris

I have written to Mayor Hidalgo to convey the sense of shock and grief of millions of Londoners over the recent tragic events in Paris. My thoughts, as well as Londoners thoughts, remain with the victims and their families and with the whole of the French people.

We regard Paris as our sister city, a place for which we have deep reserves of love and admiration and respect. We are two capitals united in our values, democratic freedom, openness and tolerance.

The people who launched the attacks have no such values. They wish to undermine the things we hold most precious. They want to set neighbour against neighbour. They want to spread fear. They will not succeed. As president Hollande has rightly said, they must and will be defeated. We stand ready in London to do everything in our power, to do whatever it takes, to assist in a struggle that embraces us all.

Welcoming the Chancellor's pledge to protect police budget

On 25 November, I welcomed the Chancellor of the Exchequer's pledge to protect the police from budget cuts and to continue to target vital investment for transport and housing in the capital.

Chancellor George Osborne has pledged to ensure that the police will not face real-term reductions in budgets, one of my key concerns for the capital ahead of the Government's Spending Review.

Since 2008, through efficiency savings and the sale of underutilised police buildings, London has been able to keep officer numbers high at around 32,000, whilst safeguarding neighbourhood policing. I believe that the Chancellor's promise to protect police budgets will allow the capital to maintain neighbourhood teams, which are vital in the continued fight against crime and terrorism.

I also heralded major investment by the Chancellor into thousands of new 'starter homes' and shared ownership properties, plus an extension to Help to Buy, which will help to tackle an unprecedented demand for housing and, build on my achievements to help more than 52,000 Londoners on to the housing ladder as part of my First Steps scheme.

I also welcomed confirmation by Government of an £11 billion funding settlement which will enable TfL to continue the modernisation of the capital's road, rail and cycling networks, support thousands of jobs and new homes and promote economic growth across the entire UK.

The £11 billion settlement will enable TfL to continue to deliver a capital investment programme of over £2 billion each year to improve and modernise London's transport network. Through continued efficiencies and greater commercial revenues, TfL will cover all day-to-day running costs of the Tube by 2019, the only major European city transport network not requiring Government subsidy to run a metro network.

Crossrail 2, a major new railway serving London and the wider South East, also received a boost in the Spending Review, as the Chancellor confirmed that it would be eligible for funding from a new £300 million Transport Development Fund for the next generation of transport infrastructure projects.

Trade mission to strengthen London's ties with Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

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Policing, Crime and Community Safety

Body Worn Video

On 24 November, I confirmed that plans to introduce police body worn video to all frontline police officers are moving ahead, following the announcement of the supplier for the technology and the publication of a new report produced by MOPAC and the College of Policing.

The report announced the findings of the world's largest trial of the cameras, across ten London boroughs over 12 months. Following the success of the trial, the new cameras will be rolled out to the majority of uniformed officers by spring 2016, and are being funded through the sale of underused police buildings. Once rolled out, the cameras will be in use by more officers in a single city than anywhere else in the world to date.

Knife Crime

On 24 November, I visited the Ben Kinsella Exhibition, meeting Ben's parents and the founders of the exhibition, Deborah and George Kinsella. The Kinsella family founded the Ben Kinsella Trust after their son Ben, 16, was tragically murdered on 28 June 2008. The Trust works to pass on Ben's legacy by working with young people to reduce knife crime, by promoting awareness and educating them about its consequences. I discussed work ongoing to tackle knife crime in London, including stronger sentencing for those found in possession of a knife for a second time.

London's first police research institute at UCL

On 11 November, I announced that the first research centre to be focused on meeting the policing challenges faced by global cities is to be set up at University College London. The new independent Institute for Global City Policing will give London's police chiefs a firm base of proper academic research akin to other professions such as law and medicine.

The new Institute will build on the relationship between London's police force and academia and enable far more rigorous and independent investigation into the issues facing London from the precursors of knife crime, to the efficacy of stop and search. It is hoped the new analysis will help inform the best and most cost effective decisions, for example by identifying the key drivers of crime or, by demonstrating which tactics are most successful in a city like London, whilst maintaining the highest standards of public safety.

The Institute will bring together the world's leading experts in policing and crime research and offer unprecedented access to the MPS's crime and policing data. The new Institute will open early next year.

New Met HQ officially 'Topped Out'

On 1 December, the new headquarters of the MPS was officially 'topped out' by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh.

In the heart of Westminster and close to the MPS's founding location, the Curtis Green building is undergoing a refit and security upgrade and will become the new HQ at the end of next year. The move is part of my drive to put Bobbies first by selling off underutilised police buildings and redirecting funds into frontline police services.

As part of the biggest programme of transformation in the MPS's history, the sale of the outdated New Scotland Yard, now to be known as 10 Broadway, for £370 million will help modernise and streamline London's police service, saving money, keeping officer numbers high and equipping them with the latest technology to enable them to be more effective, more mobile and more accountable. The relocation to the slimmed down new premises on the Victoria Embankment will save an additional £6 million a year in running costs.

The Curtis Green building is already owned by MOPAC and has been empty since late 2011. Once its renovation is complete, the new HQ will feature a public entrance pavilion, extensions to the building itself and the creation of public open spaces. The world-famous revolving sign will be retained, as well as the Eternal Flame and Roll of Honour which are currently located at New Scotland Yard in Victoria.

Surviving Sexual Abuse

On 24 November, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, spoke at a conference organised by the Survivor's Trust and NHS England called 'Surviving Sexual Abuse in London'.

The conference offered a unique opportunity for commissioners, survivors of sexual abuse, and service providers, to meet together and jointly discuss what comprises effective services for coping and recovery.

Launch of Eat Drink and Be Safe Campaign

On 30 November, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, attended the launch of the Eat Drink and Be Safe Campaign. The Eat Drink and Be Safe Campaign is a partnership approach between London Ambulance Service, London Fire Brigade and MPS to encourage Londoners to keep themselves safe while also having fun this festive season.

Transport

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In the busiest peak hour, more than 750 cyclists are already using the new dedicated segregated lane which was opened three weeks ago. This is a 29 per cent increase to the total number crossing Vauxhall Bridge in the same hour before the segregated cycle tracks were installed.

The number of extra cyclists using the segregated route is already the equivalent of taking 113 cars an hour off Vauxhall Bridge, in favour of a completely zero-pollution, zero-carbon, noise-free and space-efficient means of transport.

It links with the existing Cycle Superhighway 8 at Millbank and provides a connection with Cycle Superhighway 7 at Oval, where substantial improvements for cyclists at the junction are now nearing completion. The new route also links into existing cycle routes through Kennington Oval and along Meadow Road by the Kia Oval, as well as the extensive network of back-street Quietway routes which are planned for Westminster and Lambeth.

Before the improvements, cyclists accounted for almost a quarter of rush-hour traffic through Vauxhall with around 580 in the busiest peak hour. With the opening of the new route, the proportion of rush-hour traffic which is bikes has already risen to almost 40 per cent.

Real terms fares freeze

On 11 November, I announced a real terms fares freeze on TfL services and also revealed an extension of free travel for children on National Rail services in the capital.

From 2 January, fares on TfL services are set to rise by one per cent, in line with the July Retail Price Index (RPI), however a number of fares, including single bus fares and all but two pay as you go single Tube fares, will be frozen. Travelcard season tickets will increase by slightly less than one per cent.

It is the third year in a row that TfL and I have been able to provide a real terms fares freeze while balancing the need to modernise the network. The revised changes to fares are expected to raise £43 million a year for TfL, an increase of one per cent and a vital step as TfL increasingly looks to cover its operating costs from fares and other income.

I also unveiled a deal to extend free travel for children under 11 years old on all National Rail services in the capital, and announced that Stratford and a number of its adjacent stations will move from Zone 3 to the Zones 2/3 boundary in a boost to east London.

Currently, young people under the age of 11 travel for free on TfL's buses and trams, and on the Tube, DLR, London Overground and TfL Rail services when accompanied by a fare-paying adult. However, from 2 January, all National Rail services in London will now be free for Zip photocard holders who are under 11 years old after TfL agreed to cover the cost.

I approved that the new fares will come into effect from 2 January, and customers will be able to buy tickets, including season tickets, at 2015 prices until 1 January 2016.

Traffic-busting plans to keep London moving

On 1 December, whilst visiting TfL's Traffic Control Centre, I unveiled the new measures that TfL is introducing to ease traffic in the capital and minimise disruption on the roads as part of the £4 billion Road Modernisation Plan. The innovations include:

- Trials of new technology - for the first time on the TfL Road Network a new generation of digital road signs will provide people with real-time information on journeys using major routes into London. TfL is also trialling a new operating system of temporary traffic lights that can be remotely controlled from TfL's traffic control centre.
- A London 2012 Games-style 24/7 communication campaign – each day TfL keeps its 450,000 @tfltrafficnews followers and website users up-to-date with the very latest traffic information and the calendar of works being carried out so people can plan ahead. The website has recently been updated with a rainbow-board to alert people to delays on key arterial roads, as well as have detailed maps with anticipated disruption for the coming months, particularly during peak hours.
- Expanding the use of road junction technology, including the world-leading 'Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique' (SCOOT) to optimise traffic light timings in outer London. By May 2016, almost 4,000 sites will be using this technology across London and by 2018, more than three-quarters of London's 6000 junctions will be upgraded with SCOOT.
- Working with sat-nav companies – TfL is encouraging firms to take advantage of the latest technology by using TfL's extensive data feeds to update sat-navs so motorists can be provided with real-time TfL information as they drive.

These pioneering measures are being developed to accompany existing ongoing work to ease congestion. With improvement works planned until 2021/22, TfL's unprecedented Road Modernisation Plan includes hundreds of projects to improve the streets as the capital grows in size. Across London, improvements are being delivered day and night as new cycle routes are created, traffic signals, pavements and highways are upgraded, new public spaces are made and junctions are re-designed to make them safer.

For detailed information on the impact on central London and to see the range of travel advice and planning tools available, follow @tfltrafficnews or visit www.tfl.gov.uk/roadtraveladvice.

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

On 30 November, HGVs without safety equipment to protect cyclists and pedestrians are now banned throughout Greater London under Britain's first "Safer Lorry Scheme". Vehicles of more than 3.5 tonnes entering London must now be fitted with sideguards to protect cyclists from being dragged under the wheels in the event of a collision, along with Class V and Class VI mirrors to give the driver a better view of cyclists and pedestrians. The scheme has already seen the vast majority of HGVs in London fitting the equipment as operators move to comply.

I announced that I also propose to require further safety modifications to all HGVs in London, including the retrofitting of bigger side windows to further reduce the driver blind spots that contribute to so many tragic accidents. Bigger side windows, in the lower panel of the cab door, give the driver direct vision of any cyclist who may be alongside them, and can be fitted to most lorries for around £1000. 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 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. It is hoped to have this work completed by March or April. In the meantime, as soon as the work can be physically completed, it will be ensured that such windows are fitted to all vehicles undertaking work for TfL, Crossrail, or any other member of the GLA family.

Extensive trials are also now being undertaken at the Transport Research Laboratory of a variety of electronic sensors for lorries, aiming to alert drivers to cyclists' presence. If it is shown that any of these devices offers significant and consistent benefits, it may also be required for them to be fitted to lorries in London.

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.

Unveiling 'eye-catching' design for new, high-quality Crossrail trains

On 20 November, Crossrail took another major step forward today as TfL and I revealed the innovative design of the new, fully accessible trains that are due to enter service from May 2017.

The new trains are being built by Bombardier Transportation's UK factory in Derby and are helping to support 760 UK jobs and 80 apprenticeships. Each train will provide space for 1,500 customers in nine fully-interconnected, walk-through carriages. At over 200 metres in length, they are over one and a half times longer than the longest Tube train.

Constructed using strong, but lightweight materials such as aluminium for the body shell, the Crossrail trains will be light, yet well equipped for performance and customer comfort, with features such as intelligent lighting and temperature control systems. The trains will regenerate electricity back into the power supply when braking to use up to 30 per cent less energy, as

well as delivering faster journey times than the old trains they will replace between Liverpool Street and Shenfield.

These sleek new trains will soon be transporting millions of people across London and beyond. They are feature packed, eye-catching machines that showcase the best of British design and engineering. They will add vital capacity to our rail network and will help to ensure our economy continues its onward journey.

The largest construction project in Europe is another tantalising step closer to becoming a brand new working railway for the capital.

London Underground carries more people than ever before

The latest figures released by TfL reveal that more people are using the London Underground than at any point in its 152-year history. Close to five million customers (4.735 million) used the Tube on 9 October 2015, making it the network's busiest day ever. The previous record was reached on Friday 28 November 2014, when 4.734 million passengers travelled on the Tube.

The last week of October was the busiest ever week, with 28.614 million customer journeys. The previous busiest week was in December 2014, which saw 28.345 million journeys. TfL expects both the daily and weekly records to be broken again before the end of 2015. Overall, the number of customer journeys on the Tube has increased by a third since 2001, with the rate of growth increasing in the last five years.

The work currently underway to improve London Underground is one of the largest infrastructure investment programmes in the world. With each Tube line being overhauled it is the biggest upgrade on the network in 60 years. Major stations, trains, track and signalling are being modernised or replaced which is supporting 43,000 jobs across the UK and although there is still much to do, our customers are already seeing the benefits.

More frequent trains than ever before are running on the Victoria line and a new signalling system on the Northern line is providing a faster, more frequent and more reliable service. Because of modernisation, journeys are now quicker, with an average reduction of two minutes, and delays down by 43 per cent in the last five years.

Tube customers better connected as WiFi reaches 100 more stations

Ultrafast Wi-Fi connectivity has now been extended to an additional 100 stations, bringing the total to 250. Since its launch in 2012, WiFi has become an integral part of travel on the Tube, with around half a million phones, tablets and laptops connecting every day.

The service provides free travel information to anyone who connects, including live service updates and TfL's Journey Planner. Customers of Virgin Media and several other major mobile phone providers can also access the wider internet with no extra charge. It works throughout stations, in ticket halls, passageways and on platforms. The WiFi service has also been extended to Victoria Coach Station for the first time.

Customers of Virgin Media, EE, Orange, T-Mobile, Vodafone, O2 and Three, can access WiFi at no extra cost, but Virgin Media also offers a pay-as-you-go service with daily, weekly and monthly passes, so that WiFi access is available to all.

Covent Garden Tube station returns to normal service after lift works completed

On 7 November, major works to replace all four lifts at Covent Garden Tube station was completed. London Underground customers are now able to use the Tube station as normal and westbound Piccadilly line trains are stopping at the station again at weekends.

The four new lifts, which replaced ones that were 25 years old, provide a 25 per cent increase in customer capacity because they're quicker and utilise larger lift cars. They are also more energy efficient, contributing towards TfL's commitment to reducing the carbon footprint of London Underground stations.

Engineers were required to completely remove the old lift cars and replace all of the structural, mechanical and electrical parts. The steel structure within the lift shaft was also modified, which added to the complexity of the project.

Temporary measures seek to ease pressure on taxi and private hire drivers

On 10 November, TfL announced that it is introducing temporary measures for existing taxi and private hire drivers if their Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) results have still not been returned. The measures are a response to the impact that current delays at the DBS can have on drivers waiting for their licence to be renewed.

These checks are the responsibility of the Home Office and individual police services and every effort is being made to reduce waiting times for these important safety checks, with the MPS drafting in around 60 additional members of staff to help.

TfL has already taken a number of steps to ensure that licenced drivers aren't stopped from driving because of delays, discussing the issue with the Home Office and seconding a number of staff to the MPS to help process applications. The new measures will further ease pressure, whilst ensuring that the high standards required from drivers are maintained.

The temporary measures will only be available to drivers applying to renew their licence, as these drivers will have previously undergone a DBS check, and will initially be limited to two weeks in length. In the unlikely event that their DBS certificate is delayed further, drivers can apply for a renewal. Drivers from both trades who are applying for a licence for the first time will not be eligible; however TfL will continue to escalate these cases on their behalf.

While the temporary measures are in place, TfL will continue to work with colleagues in the Home Office, the MPS and the DBS to address the waiting times for DBS checks. As a condition of the temporary measures, drivers will be required to sign up to the DBS update service in order to prevent a similar situation occurring in future. As well as these efforts to minimise delays in the DBS system, TfL also launched a counter service earlier this year in order to assist drivers with any licensing queries or problems.

Record number of rogue drivers prosecuted for Taxi and Private Hire violations

Forty six rogue drivers were successfully prosecuted, in just six months, in a continued crackdown on illegal and non-compliant cab activity in the capital. TfL has been extremely successful in prosecuting drivers who are caught by the Taxi and Private Hire Compliance Officers for illegally plying for hire. From April to date, 98 per cent of cases prosecuted by TfL have resulted in a conviction. These prosecutions are an essential part of a wide range of enforcement activity being undertaken by TfL and the MPS to tackle toutage and other illegal

cab activity.

The TfL Compliance team stamp out illegal cab activity by carrying out regular vehicle and driver licensing checks across the capital. They also work closely with the TfL-funded MPS Cab Enforcement Unit. Together they undertake joint operations on a regular basis, informed by the latest intelligence on cab-related offending including sexual offences, touting and unlawful plying for hire.

Latest bus safety statistics show drop in injuries

The latest figures released by TfL show a slight reduction in the rate of injuries on the bus network. Between the months of July and September, 1491 people were injured in incidents involving buses, compared with 1506 in the previous quarter (April to June). This means that the casualty rate remains low and has fallen slightly, from 2.6 to 2.5 injuries per million passenger journeys, compared to the previous period.

Over the same period there were around 600 million journeys on the capital's bus network and London buses travelled more than 100 million kilometres in passenger service.

Crossrail surface works reach halfway point

On 18 November, Network Rail announced that it had reached the halfway point the delivery of a £2.3 billion investment programme to improve the existing railway for the Crossrail programme.

More than 30 miles of new track, major signalling upgrades and station rebuilds to deliver better connections and quicker, easier, more reliable journeys for passengers across London and the south east. Three quarters of the Crossrail route runs above ground on the existing rail network through outer London, Berkshire and Essex.

Croxley Rail Link

I have directed TfL to proceed with the transfer to TfL of the Croxley Rail Link scheme, but on the basis that the HCC led local consortium nominal funding contribution of £128.08 million includes land contributions by HCC, which while valued by HCC at £2.73 million, are of no commercial value to TfL, and that the cash contribution will therefore be £125.35 million.

I have also directed TfL to provide up to a further £2.73 million of funding in addition to the £46.5 million previously directed towards the costs for delivering Croxley Rail Link

Regeneration, Business, Enterprise and the Economy

Trade mission to strengthen London's ties with Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

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My visit was made in conjunction with that of a delegation of 16 London SMEs from the EdTech and Smart City sectors, all of whom travelled as part of my Export Programme and were seeking opportunities for cross-market collaboration and trade. I was also joined by three London Tech Ambassadors - Eileen Burbidge (Chair, Tech City UK), Derek White (Chief Design & Digital Officer, Barclays), and newly appointed Tech Ambassador James Layfield (CEO, Central Working) – Nikhil Rathi (CEO, London Stock Exchange Plc), as well as 11 representatives of the UK media.

My packed three-day programme included opening the day's trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange; discussing cooperation with Mayor of Tel Aviv Ron Huldai; showcasing London's credentials as a global technology hub at Google Campus; sharing views on leadership and innovation with former President Shimon Peres and 200 young entrepreneurs; and banging the drum for London at two evening receptions attended by over 500 Israeli and British start-ups, businesses, professionals and expatriates. I also put to the test an Israeli cycle and pedestrian sensor technology that's being installed on 100s of vehicles in London; paid respects to the victims of the Holocaust by laying a wreath at Yad Vashem; and met potential and existing investors over lunch at the original, sister restaurant of London's award-winning *The Palomar*.

During my visit, I was pleased to announce a string of investments by Israeli companies into London, including the opening of Clarisite's global headquarters and Apos Therapy's European headquarters. I also welcomed news of the planned expansion to London by eight Israeli technology companies in partnership with Central Working. Feedback following my visit is also very promising: Central Working has started discussions with WMN (an Israeli co-working space for women entrepreneurs) to work together on plans to bring a further 20 leading Israeli start-ups to London, and one of the SMEs (LEO - Learning Enterprises Organisation) has already recruited a local representative in Israel, making the country its 11th overseas market to generate sales. London & Partners has also reported a surge in interest from Israeli investors and businesses, with its pipeline of work bolstered by 25 brand new projects.

Attempts to raise London's profile in Israel through local media were also hugely successful. In addition to the two leading media outlets running interviews, Channel 2 News (Israel's leading primetime news programme) broadcast a six minute package and Yedioth Ahronoth (Israel's most popular daily newspaper) ran a front cover story about the visit entitled: 'I need to bring Israeli companies to London.' In total, the visit generated over 400 pieces of coverage and an Advertising Value Equivalent of £6.4 million.

I had also planned to visit the Occupied Palestinian Territories to stress my desire to see greater business links with Palestinians as well as with Israelis. I was therefore disappointed that comments I made opposing calls for a boycott of Israel were taken out of context on social media, and cited by organisers of some of the events I was due to attend in Ramallah as a reason for cancellation.

Although two events went ahead with the participation of Sir Edward Lister and Eileen Burbidge – an affordable housing workshop with a London-based architecture practice and a mentoring event with the Palestine Women's Business Forum respectively – I was disappointed, not least because opposition to boycotts is stated UK government policy, and because my comments were no reflection of my desire to see an end to the difficulties experienced by Palestinians living under occupation.

As such, I am very pleased that at least part of my programme in the Occupied Palestinian Territories went ahead as planned, including meeting faith and civic leaders at the Haram al-

Sharif/Temple Mount, Western Wall and Church of the Holy Sepulchre; discussing trade and the importance of a two state solution with Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah; and meeting Palestinian and British businesses at a reception at the British Consul General's residence in East Jerusalem.

Launch of fund to nurture tech stars of the future

On 5 November, I launched a new £5 million programme that aims to ensure young Londoners with the digital skills they need to access jobs in London's thriving technology sector.

London is widely regarded as the most important tech hub in Europe, and the city's information technology workforce is expected to grow by 30 per cent between 2012 and 2022 to 274,000 people. I am keen to tackle the emerging gap between the skills young Londoners have and what employers need in order to sustain London's growth. I also want to increase the number of women taking up jobs in the sector.

The new Digital Talent Programme will ensure that young Londoners aged 14 to 24 are best placed to take advantage of the capital's tech boom and inspire a generation to access jobs in the digital technology industry. It will also look to open up pathways between businesses and colleges so tech companies are able to select the young people with the skills they need to help them flourish. The Digital Talent Programme will

- Establishing a London Digital Talent Pipeline to inspire more young Londoners to access jobs requiring digital skills;
- Increasing the number of places for people aged 16 and over at further education colleges so that young Londoners can study industry-designed and endorsed digital short courses that are going to lead to a job; and
- The new initiative will also launch an awareness campaign to increase the knowledge of paths into digital careers.

New measures to address decline of Indian students

On 17 November, I proposed new measures that I believe will help the city retain its position as the education capital of the world and arrest the sharp decline in the number of Indian students who come to London to study.

London attracts 100,000 international students every year, more than any other city in the world. These students contribute £3 billion to the capital's economy and help to support 37,000 jobs according to research from London and Partners.

India is the third-largest international student market in London after China and America. However, the number of Indian students studying at London's higher education institutions has more than halved over the last five years. This comes at a time when the demand for higher education is growing due to India's economic growth and the expansion of its middle class.

Alongside senior academics from some of the capital's leading higher education institutions, I agreed to put forward to Government two policy options on work opportunities following graduation, which would be attractive to students from India and other countries. They are:

- A Commonwealth work visa for up to two years. This would be with India, in the first instance, but could be extended to other Commonwealth countries if successful.
- A work visa for graduates in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for up

to two years.

Further Education Capital Investment Fund

My Further Education Capital Investment Fund programme continues to work with colleges to ensure that London's Further Education sector is able to operate within suitably appropriate buildings and facilities, equipped with up-to-date equipment and machinery similar to that used by London's businesses.

Officers are continuing to work with colleges in order to deliver the projects and on 2 December, the first project, Westminster Kingsway College's Kings Cross Construction Centre, formally opened.

Westminster Kingsway will receive £700,000 of funding from the Fund towards the total project spend of £2.1 million. This project has already created construction and related workshops, covering specialist electrical and plumbing, plus more generic construction skills and, over a five year period, will go on to deliver 210 apprenticeships and support 1,320 learners, of which 660 will be Not in Employment, Education or Training and 100 will have learning difficulties or disabilities.

High Street Fund delivering major improvements in Brixton

On 1 December, a brand new co-working space for local entrepreneurs officially opened in Brixton, the first of a range of initiatives to boost the town centre delivered by my High Street Fund.

Impact Hub Brixton provides a variety of affordable work space options for start-up companies, and a wide range of events and opportunities for local people with business ideas to meet and network.

The new space is located within Pop Brixton, on Brixton Station Road, a pioneering new scheme made out of recycled shipping containers in the heart of Brixton created with the local community in mind to showcase the best and most exciting independent start-ups and businesses from across Lambeth. Until now, Impact Hub Brixton has been based temporarily at Lambeth Town Hall.

This is the first stage of a wide ranging package of innovative ways to support local businesses and the area around the high street. Over the next months the High Street Fund will deliver a new public realm scheme in the iconic Electric Avenue, which has been developed in collaboration with market traders. It will also deliver a state-of-the-art wifi and point of sales purchase system for local traders and the world's first cash machine for a local currency, the Brixton Pound.

Since its foundation 18 months ago on a temporary site, approximately 150 local businesses have been nurtured or established by Impact Hub Brixton. The move to this purpose built premises allows the Hub to expand and continue to provide a home for local businesses and entrepreneurs aiming to make positive social and environmental impact.

Croydon South End

On 26 November, a £3 million project that has transformed South End, Croydon, into a welcoming and attractive restaurant quarter celebrated its official launch.

These works have seen extensive public realm enhancements and frontage improvements to 47 buildings along South End and Selsdon Road. This includes removal of street clutter, widening of pavements, improved landscaping and 10 improved pedestrian crossings. There is also new street furniture and lighting, new cycle parking, and enhanced car parking layout.

With more than £1 million investment from my Regeneration Fund, the remainder of funding was provided by the Council and TfL.

Boao Forum

On 9 November, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, attended the Boao Forum for Asia which was held this year in London. The forum's theme was "A New Vision of Financial Connectivity across Asia and Europe".

LEP Revenue Funded Projects

I have approved £1.005 million of revenue expenditure on a number of project and research strands to deliver the LEP priorities.

Housing and Land

Developer appointed to build 3,500 new homes in east London

On 27 November, I announced that a total of 3,500 new homes, a school and a park will transform a disused Parcelforce depot in east London, thanks to an agreement between the GLA and Berkeley Homes.

The 10 hectare site in Stephenson Street, Newham, will boast a new school and green space, as well as nearly 30,000 square feet of retail space. It will provide homes to buy and rent, including a significant proportion of shared ownership and purpose-built private rented homes. More than 1,200 of the 3,500 homes will be affordable.

The development of the Stephenson Street site is part of my pledge to release all City Hall-owned land for development by the end of my Mayoral term in 2016. Almost all these sites are now up for development and include the regeneration of four former hospital sites and industrial land at Greenwich Peninsula and Barking Riverside. Around 50,000 homes will be delivered on City Hall's land interests.

Berkeley Homes was selected from a shortlist of four developers as the partner for the new site as part of the London Development Panel procurement process.

Designation of Housing Zones (Round 2)

I have agreed to:

- Designate the areas identified within the London Boroughs of Waltham Forest, Brent (two Zones), Enfield, Redbridge, Havering, Tower Hamlets, Westminster, Sutton, Lambeth and Morden Town Centre as Housing Zones;

- Approve the indicative allocation of £310.7 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;
- Delegate 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, subject to satisfactory due diligence, and to contractually commit funding of up to £310.7 million across the designated Housing Zones; and
- Allow, where considered appropriate by the Executive Director of Housing and Land, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, the GLA to provide non-financial assistance sought by the boroughs and to support the requests for non-financial assistance, where sought from outside the GLA.

Environment

Business Energy Challenge

On 16 November, I announced the winners of my Business Energy Challenge awards. The 110 London businesses who entered this year's competition delivered a collective 188,000 tonnes in carbon dioxide emission reductions, by reducing their energy usage by an amount that would be enough to power over 24,000 homes.

10 London businesses won the gold award for achieving the highest carbon energy intensity, including iconic venues owned by Arsenal Football Club and ExCeL London. Supermarket chain Sainsbury's took home the award in the new category of 'Climber of the decade', which recognises businesses that have made the largest percentage reduction in the amount of carbon they use per square metre since 2005-06. Eco-friendly Arcola Theatre won a new category for micro-businesses.

Around 75 per cent of London's carbon dioxide emissions come from buildings, and 43 per cent come from workplaces. The Business Energy Challenge was conceived with the global cities organisation C40 as a way of encouraging the city's corporate sector to step up to the challenge and do their part in achieving my overall targets for emissions reduction of 60 per cent by 2025. The data collected from last year's award entries has been used by University College London to inform the development of London specific and more up to date energy benchmarks for office and retail buildings.

For the Love of Trees

On 22 November, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, attended a mass tree planting event in King George's Fields in Southall to launch For the Love of Trees – London. Working with Unilever, this new programme aims to highlight the value of London's 'urban forest' and actively engage people in the planting of 40,000 trees across London to enhance neighbourhoods and schools.

The Deputy Mayor joined over 200 volunteers to help plant the first trees in what will become a new urban woodland. For the Love of Trees – London will also provide 20,000 free trees to London's schools. The deadline for applications is 8 January and I encourage all schools to apply. More details are available at www.london.gov.uk/loveoftrees.

The programme has also supported the publication of the London iTree survey of London's trees, which has estimated that it would cost £6.1 billion to replace London's eight million trees. Trees also play a huge role in improving air quality and remove 299 tonnes of PM10 and 698 tonnes of NO2 pollution across London annually. The full iTree report was published on 2 December.

London Tree and Woodland Community Grant Scheme

Funding has been awarded through my London Tree and Woodland Community Grant Scheme to 24 projects across London which will take place between November and the end of February 2016. The scheme is supporting a range of projects to plant and propagate trees, and improve management of and access to woodland.

Projects include a new horticulture therapy garden at South London Maudsley Hospital with Trees for Cities, creating orchards with the London Orchard Project and, managing the woodland at Welsh Harp with Thames 21 to enable education activities to take place. The projects should result in 4000 trees being planted and engage thousands of volunteers.

Big Green Fund

On 30 October, the Lesnes to Crossness project in Bexley launched as part of my Big Green Fund. The project links the history of Lesnes Abbey with the Crossness Pumping Station in Thamesmead.

We've created a new green corridor and improved space for local residents and wildlife, as well as a new park at Southmere Square and a play area. The Lesnes to Crossness Path Big Green Fund project is part of Peabody's £12.5 million Neighbourhood Improvement programme to regenerate Thamesmead.

Capital Clean Up

On the 23 November, my Capital Clean Up programme held its annual celebration event at City Hall. The event celebrated the achievements and results from 2015 activities including:

- 3867 Bags of litter collected which is the same weight as 25 Routemaster buses
- 830,000m2 of space/area improved, the same as the foot print of ten O2 areas
- 4600 volunteers took part
- Volunteers gave 17,000 hours of their time

The celebration event also enabled groups and organisations to network and share experiences. Funding for next Capital Clean Up activities will be open for application in January 2016.

Social Inclusion and Health

London Healthy Workplace Charter

On 17 November, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, hosted the London Healthy Workplace Charter's Annual Awards Ceremony in London's Living Room.

This event celebrated and formally recognised the 36 organisations that have been accredited to the charter in the past twelve months. A range of speakers, including Dame Carol Black, spoke at the event.

248 organisations have signed up to the charter and, to date, 77 of these organisations have been accredited. This represents circa 189,000 employees.

Meeting with Slovenian Prime Minister, Dr Miro Cerar

On 19 November, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, met with the Slovenian Prime Minister, Dr Miro Cerar during his official visit to London. Roger and Prime Minister, Dr Miro Cerar, toured the "I feel Slovenia, I feel at Home" exhibition located on More London Riverside adjacent to City Hall.

Visit to French Embassy

On 17 November, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, visited the French Embassy to sign the book of condolence to the people who died in the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Education and Youth

Meeting with the Secretary of State for Education

On 26 November, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, met with the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, to discuss several issues which are of particular concern to me about London schools.

My Deputy Mayor again presented the case for one School Commissioner for London, which is an issue on which I have already lobbied the Government. They also discussed the high demand for additional school places over the next decade, alongside the high costs of buildings and land in London. In addition, they discussed the need for more high quality senior leaders and headteachers for existing and new schools. Munira also advised the Secretary of State about the success of the London Schools Excellence Fund which was substantially funded by the DfE.

Annual Education Conference

On 27 November, I attended my third London Education Conference at City Hall. The conference brought over 450 London school leaders together with global experts. The aim was to celebrate schools' successes and share great ideas that really work.

This year's conference theme was 'Leading for London', encompassing leadership across the education system, from subject leadership to school leaders' working together to achieve sustained improvement for the benefit of London's pupils and young people.

During the day, London headteachers contributed to the debates alongside keynote speeches from the Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, Secretary of State for Education, Maciej Jakubowski, former under-secretary of state at the Polish Ministry of National Education, and Dr Paul Cappon, past President of the Canadian Council on Learning and former Director General of Canada's Council of Ministers of Education.

To coincide with the conference, I published four education reports; the “Annual London Education Report 2015”, which provides a commentary on London’s education success and further challenges; “Projected Demand for School Places”, a demographic study of school age population and increasing demand for school places from 2015 to 2025; a school survey findings “Investigating the school improvement needs and practices of London primary and secondary schools”; and a research report “Building the Leadership Pool in London Schools” on school leadership and the prospective shortage of headteachers and system leaders based on data and surveys of school leaders.

Budget, Finance and GLA Organisation

Statutory Officers’ Protocol

I have agreed changes to the Statutory Officers’ protocol, noting it is a joint decision with the Assembly and that the Assembly have approved the changes at the Assembly Plenary meeting on 4 November 2015.

Public Opinion Research

2015 Annual London Survey

In November I launched the 2015 Annual London Survey via Talk London, to ask Londoners what are the most important issues facing London today. This information helps me develop strategies that are right for all Londoners.

Last year, they told me that housing and the cost of living were their top concerns, and I continued my efforts to build the new, affordable homes London so badly needs. We have had a terrific response to the survey this year, with over 3,500 Londoners taking the time to give their views. The results are now being analysed and will be published on the London Datastore early in the new year.

Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport

Foundation for FutureLondon

On 5 November, I was delighted to speak at the launch of a new charity, Foundation for FutureLondon (FFL), at the former Olympic Stadium.

FFL is the fundraising charity that will help realise the potential of the cultural and education quarter, Olympicopolis, and aims to maximise its impact within the setting of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Partners who have already committed to the site are the Victoria and Albert Museum, Sadler’s Wells theatre, University of the Arts’ London’s London College of Fashion and University College London. Olympicopolis is due to open in 2020/21 and I’m pleased to report that FFL has already raised £45 million for the new development.

Events in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

The Park has now hosted its final event in the Stadium for this year. The Race of Champions attracted 40,000 spectators to see drivers from across the motor racing world, including Formula 1 and NASCAR, compete against one another for the Race of Champions title. As a result, over half a million spectators have been at events in the Stadium this year, including 5 Rugby World Cup matches.

London's first youth culture festival, UFest, also came to the Park at the end of November and was a great success. UFest was run by, and for, young people, and featured everything from music, dance and fashion to photography, film and politics. The eventful weekend featured internationally renowned musicians, alongside a dance competition at the London Aquatics Centre. The London Dance Championships brought together exciting contemporary youth dance groups together with some of the capital's leading dance organisations, including Sadler's Wells & New Adventures' Lord of the Flies Legacy dancers.

Finally, the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters 2015, where players battled it out to qualify for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, also took place in the Park to great success.

Culture and Events

World Cities Culture Summit

Between 18-20 November, I hosted the World Cities Culture Forum Summit, welcoming around 70 delegates from 31 world cities. I started this initiative in 2012, which has grown from the original 9 cities to 33. From Amsterdam to Sydney and from Bogota to Tokyo, this global network comes together to share ideas and knowledge about culture's role in cities.

My Deputy Mayor Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, launched the World Cities Culture Report 2015, the biggest international survey of opinion leaders ever undertaken on culture and cities. It draws on a wealth of data about cultural activity in cities. From the number of museums, cinema screens, restaurants and music venues, to how many international tourists they attract and how many people are employed in the creative industries.

I addressed the delegates at City Hall on 20 November and spoke about the importance of culture and the creative industries in creating successful cities. Over the three days of the Summit, delegates discussed successes as well as challenges facing the culture sector, including the role of culture and innovation in urban growth strategies.

London Cultural Strategy Group Annual Meeting

On November 25, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, welcomed over 200 guests from across the creative and cultural industries to the London Cultural Strategy Group annual meeting and reception at City Hall. She was joined by Chair of the Group, Iwona Blazwick, Director of the Whitechapel Gallery.

The event celebrated the successful growth of the creative industries in the capital, which generate £35 billion to London's economy and account for 1 in every 6 jobs. At the event we reflected on the key achievements of the Culture Strategy over the past year, which include the launch of a cultural tourism vision to drive up visitor numbers, projects to maintain London's

global position as a world-class cultural capital such as Olympicopolis, the Garden Bridge, our extensive cultural education programme and the World Cities Culture Forum.

Munira also spoke about the projects and programmes that we will continue to deliver over the next six months including Lumiere London, the largest light festival taking place next January, support for grassroots music venues following the recommendations of my Music Venues Task Force, funding for artists' studios and workspace through my London Regeneration Fund and a new games industry plan, with a range of measures to support the industry.

Busk In London

My Busk In London scheme continues to provide opportunities for musicians and street performers across London and will showcase young talent as part of More London's Christmas Market from 2 December and the annual Winter Wonderland in Leicester Square Gardens from 26 November.

Busk In London aims to build good relations between buskers, local business and residents recognising the value that music brings to our public spaces.

I have already secured funding from Heart of London Business Alliance, New West End Company and Northbank Business Improvement District to provide an on-street busker liaison team in the West End.

Creative Workspace

On the 5 November, I established the Artists' Studios Task Force, with the aim to make recommendations on how to protect affordable creative workspace in London, which is set to decline by 30 per cent in the next 5 years according to recent GLA report.

The Task Force will draw from international examples from cities including New York, Amsterdam and Toronto, which are facing similar issues and the Task Force will report in early 2016.

Denmark Street Day Out

On 28 November, I endorsed the Denmark Street Day Out which celebrated one of the city's best loved music streets and a Soho landmark.

Over the past 100 years, Denmark Street, also known as Tin Pan Alley, has been the heart of British music, where acts such as the Rolling Stones, the Sex Pistols and David Bowie forged their careers. The street is home to a number of long established independent music shops and I am keen that it retains its authentic character alongside the development of Tottenham Court Road as a major central London transport hub.

My Culture Team have been working with Consolidated Developments, Camden Council and the Save Tin Pan Alley campaign to bolster Denmark Street's position as a Music Zone of national importance. As a result, the street will see at least two new music venues open and discussions are underway to strengthen this important music retail cluster.

Annual Service of Remembrance

On 6 November, I was pleased that City Hall once again hosted the Annual Service of Remembrance. The Service commemorates the members and officers of London Government organisations who died on active service in the two World Wars and other conflicts.

The Chaplain of the City Hall Branch, the Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, led the Service with participation by representatives of other faiths. Those in attendance included Wing Commander Mike Dudgeon, on behalf of the Lord-Lieutenant, Major General Sir Edward Smyth-Osbourne CBE, on behalf of London District and Vice Admiral Peter Wilkinson CB CVO, National President of the Royal British Legion.

Laying wreaths to honour the staff from their organisations who died or suffered injuries in war included Transport for London Commissioner Mike Brown, Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Helen King and London Fire Brigade Deputy Assistant Commissioner Dominic Ellis.

Silence in the Square

On 11 November, Silence in the Square took place at Trafalgar Square, organised by the British Legion to mark Remembrance Day. The event had a stage programme leading to the two minutes' silence at 11am, and ended with the public placing poppy leaves in the fountains to mark the moment. Veterans from the Royal Hospital Chelsea Home were invited to attend and there were volunteers from the British Legion collecting on behalf of the Poppy Appeal.

People's Question Time – Hillingdon

On 26 November, I attended the People's Question Time at The Beck Theatre, Hillingdon, alongside London Assembly Members. An audience of over 450 attended and questioned myself and Assembly Members on issues affecting Hillingdon and London.

Funding for Big Dance 2016

I have approved expenditure of up to £178,000 for the delivery of Big Dance 2016 from the 2016-17 Culture budget. I have also agreed to the GLA seeking external funding in the form of a grant and/or sponsorship income and the associated expenditure up to the value of £150,000 in order to enhance the delivery of the Big Dance Programme in 2016-17.

Volunteering and Community Relations

Team London Trustee training

On the 16 November, Team London hosted a charity Trustee conference at City Hall in partnership with Greater London Volunteering, which was followed by a charity trustee masterclass. The Trustee Masterclasses are more in-depth sessions and suitable for existing trustees who feel they will benefit from peer-to-peer support and access to a forum to discuss issues and identify paths to solutions.

This event was just the latest in a series of these events designed for existing charity trustees, which aim to deliver peer to peer support, access to a forum to identify issues, whilst also sharing best practice.

I was delighted to hear that over 180 delegates attended the main conference, followed by over 60 delegates attending the following masterclass. The previous Trustee Masterclass was delivered by the FSI and was well received by all those who attended, and to date Team London have supported over 400 charity trustees through the masterclasses.

Planning and Development

London's largest regeneration development is given the go ahead

On 20 November, I gave my seal of approval for the capital's largest single regeneration development in the Greenwich Peninsula. A revised masterplan for nearly 12,678 homes and 12,000 jobs on a previously disused gasworks will now create an entire new district formed of five neighbourhood zones.

The 80-hectare site, taken on by the GLA in 2012, previously stalled after a similar masterplan had been granted planning permission in 2004. Developers Knight Dragon are already in the process of building a further 2,822 homes on the site, which will bring housing delivery on the Greenwich Peninsula to 15,720. Plans also include 220 serviced apartments, 24,000 square metres of retail use, 60,000 square metres of business use, two new schools and two new hotels. The development will also feature a 40,000 square metre film studio, a visitor attraction and increased green open space, including an extension to the existing Central Park.

The masterplan includes 2,928 affordable homes, while a review mechanism has been included in plans, which could deliver an additional 1,572 affordable homes. The affordable housing mix, which will be delivered in all five neighbourhoods in the new district, will be split between social rent and intermediate.

Exciting plans to redevelop Lord's Cricket Ground

On 24 November, I approved plans to redevelop Lord's Cricket Ground. Plans to redevelop the south-west side of the world-famous ground will see an increase in 1,082 seats, taking capacity up to 30,530.

The project will see a new Tavern Stand and Allen Stand, together with restaurant and conference facilities, as well as a rebuilt Thomas Lord building, Harris Garden building and alterations to the pavilion. The improvements are designed to deliver an improved spectator view of the cricket and accessibility, keeping Lord's at the forefront of hosting major international matches and tournaments.

There will be a new venue for the Thomas Lord pub, with access to the Harris garden and scorer's box and two extra dressing rooms, which will provide additional space for international teams and domestic team during one-day and T20 tournaments.

The scoreboard is to be replaced and retractable seating will be provided above it, forming part of a new 5,200-seat stand which will also have two restaurants.

London City Airport Compulsory Purchase

The Executive Director approved expenditure of up to £500,000 in respect of technical and legal support to object to and contest the compulsory purchase order in relation to the London City Airport.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Land at Greenwich Peninsula, RB Greenwich

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

Lord's Cricket Ground South West Project, 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.

196-222 King's Road, RB Kensington and Chelsea

I have written to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Monmouth House, LB Islington

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

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

Harris Invictus Academy, 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.

142-170 Streatham Hill and Wentworth House, 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.

Capital House 40-46 Weston Street, 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.

Carlton House, LB Wandsworth

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

160-166 Chrisp Street, 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.

Former Abbots and Winters Haulage Site, LB Barnet

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

Phase 7.1 South Acton Estate , 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.

22 Hanover Square, 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.

Rainbow Industrial Estate, LB Merton

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Merton 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:

- 6-8 Alie Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Catford Stadium Site, LB Lewisham
- 46 Ponton Road, LB Wandsworth
- Dean Bradley House, City of Westminster
- Land South Holloway Lane, LB Hillingdon
- Land A316 Junction Langhorn Dr And Richmond College, including Craneford Way Playing Fields And Egerton Road, LB Richmond upon Thames
- Cuba Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Former Depot Site Acton Park, LB Ealing
- Land at Somerleyton Road, LB Lambeth
- Apex House, Seven Sisters Road, LB Haringey
- 1-3 Grosvenor Square, City of Westminster
- South Quay Square, LB Tower Hamlets
- 255-259 Rectory Park Avenue, LB Ealing
- 97-137 Hackney Road, LB Hackney
- 423-425, 429-435 (odd) Caledonian Road, LB Islington
- Hertsmere House, LB Tower Hamlets
- Alpha Square, LB Tower Hamlets
- Land at corner of Royal Mint Street and Mansell Street
- Arklow Road Trading Estate, LB Lewisham
- 34-40 White Church Lane and 29-31 Commercial Road, LB Tower Hamlets
- 119 Farringdon Road, LB Islington
- Harefield Place, LB Hillingdon

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Wandsworth Council Local Plan Review, Local Development Framework, LB Wandsworth
- Sherwood Court, LB Lewisham
- Bromley Local Plan – Consultation Draft Allocations and Further Policies and Delegations Document, LB Bromley
- Land west of the O2 (Plot NO301), RB Greenwich
- Embassy Gardens, LB Wandsworth

- Greenwich Creekside Village East, RB Greenwich
- Draft Development Management Policies, Development Plan Document Consultation, LB Brent
- Newham Local Plan: Detailed Sites and Policies, Development Plan Document, LB Newham
- Perks Field, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- 213-215 Warwick Avenue, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Teddington Studios, LB Richmond upon Thames
- Review of the Council's Statement of Policy and Principles, Gambling Act 2005 Consultation, LB Wandsworth
- Plot 8 Lanacre Avenue, LB Barnet
- Brown and Root House, LB Merton
- Tottenham Hotspur Stadium Temporary Construction Site, LB Haringey
- Lewisham Local Plan: Consultation on Main Issues, LB Lewisham
- Westminster Tower Albert Embankment, City of Westminster
- Chase Farm Hospital, LB Enfield
- Land at Mapleton Crescent, LB Wandsworth
- Former St Edwards College, LB Barnet
- Ingrebourne Links Golf Course, LB Havering
- Burnhams, 25 Totteridge Common, LB Barnet
- Bower House, Orange Tree Hill, LB Havering
- Land at Thurston Road to the north of Sherwood Court, LB Lewisham

Stopping Up Orders

- Dingwall Avenue, LB Croydon
- Bullivant Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Lawn Road, LB Camden

Key Engagements

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

- I attended the Crossrail High Level Forum on 5 November
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 5 November
- I attended the opening of the new Lycahealth clinic in Canary Wharf on 5 November
- I attended the joint London Legacy Development Corporation Anniversary & Foundation for Future London Launch Event on 5 November
- I attended the annual City Hall Remembrance Service on 6 November
- I attended the Royal British Legion City Hall Branch Reception on 6 November
- I had my regular meeting with Mayor Jules Pipe, Chair of London Councils, on 6 November to discuss areas of joint working
- I attended The Mayor's Cup Boxing Competition on 6 November
- I attended the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony at the Cenotaph on 8 November
- I visited Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories on 9 to 11 November
- I took part in a photo in front of Tower Bridge with the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and the Prime Minister, on 12 November

- I hosted a conference call with Fiona Moore, London Ambulance Service, and Anne Rainsberry, NHS, on 13 November to discuss the London Ambulance Service
- I attended the draw for the 2015 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals on 12 November
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with the Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 13 November
- I visited the Skills London Conference on 13 November
- I attended COBR on 15 November
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 16 November
- I addressed the Norwood Annual Dinner on 16 November
- I attended the Prime Minister's statement on the Paris Attacks on 17 November at the House of Commons
- I attended the England v France friendly football match at Wembley on 17 November
- I attend Mayor's Question Time on 18 November
- I unveiled Cycle Superhighway 5, the 1.4km two-way segregated route that runs from Oval to Pimlico, on 19 November
- I had my regular planning decisions meeting on 19 November
- I addressed the 4th World Cities Culture Forum Annual Summit in London on 20 November
- I attended an event to mark major work starting on the Northern line extension on 23 November
- I held my regular "Ask Boris" Twitter session on 23 November
- I attended the London First Private Business Lunch on 23 November
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with the Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 23 November
- I met with David Burrowes MP on 23 November to discuss issues relating to his constituency
- I visited the Ben Kinsella Exhibition at Finsbury Library on 24 November
- I had my regular planning decisions meeting on 24 November
- I met with the Rt Hon Teresa May MP, the Home Secretary, on 24 November to discuss policing in London
- I attended the Mayor's Fund for London fundraising reception on 24 November
- I attended the Mayor's Music Fund fundraising breakfast on 25 November
- I attended the Chancellor's statement on the Spending Review on 25 November at the House of Commons
- I met with AC Rowley on 25 November to discuss policing and security in London
- I met with Simon and David Reuben on 25 November to discuss London projects
- I had drinks with Evgeny Lebedev on 25 November
- I attended the Aviation debate that took place at the House of Commons on 26 November
- I attended People's Question Time in LB Hillingdon on 26 November
- I addressed the Mayor's Education Conference on 27 November
- I addressed the APPG for Cultural Heritage Conference on 30 November
- I had lunch with James Harding, BBC Director of News, on 30 November
- I had my regular meeting with David Goldstone, Chief Executive, and David Edmonds, Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation, on 30 November
- I had my regular meeting with Sir William Castell, Chair, and Caroline Underwood, Chief Executive, of the Foundation for Future London on 30 November
- I met with Sir Howard Panter, Ambassador Theatre Group, on 30 November to discuss London theatre's offer

- I met with David James on 1 December for an update on the work of the IIPAG
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 1 December
- I hosted my regular monthly “Ask Boris” phone in with Nick Ferrari on 2 December
- I attended the Syria Airstrikes debate that took place in the House of Commons on 2 December
- I visited the In Deep Community Centre in Vincent Square, Westminster on 2 December

Ends