

39th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

MQT – 22 February 2016

This is my thirty-ninth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 7 January – 8 February 2016.

Executive Summary

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London Lumiere Festival

Between 14-17 January, Lumiere London transformed the capital in spectacular style, with artists from around the world creating a stunning festival of light which attracted around 1 million people to central London.

Policing, Crime and Community Safety

Dramatic rise in hospitals sharing data with police

On 15 January, I revealed a dramatic increase in the number of London hospitals sharing data, with more than half of London's Emergency Departments now sharing information with the police to help improve public safety, solve crimes and reduce violence across the capital. My Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, hosted a special event at City Hall to highlight the benefits of sharing this data and to encourage more hospitals to take up the practice.

Over the last eight months, the number of London Emergency Departments sharing data has more than quadrupled from just four to 17 out of 29, and I want to see this number continue to grow. The rise is part of my £2 million programme to enable data sharing across all emergency departments in the capital, to be stored on a specially created 'SafeStats' portal.

In addition, the programme also delivers a youth intervention scheme across all four of London's Major Trauma Centres, which has helped to reach 575 victims of serious youth violence and sexual exploitation since April 2015, including 49 young people aged under 18 who were not known to any agency.

Calling on London's businesses to help cut reoffending

On 18 January, I visited Timpson's Cheapside Branch to call on more of London's businesses to take up the benefits of employing ex-offenders and help drive down reoffending and cut crime in the capital.

I then attended a round table discussion with businesses at City Hall, Chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, to highlight the opportunities being missed by the one in five companies who admit to excluding ex-offenders from their recruitment process.

Employers that hire ex-offenders report above average commitment and loyalty, yet just 12 per cent said they had employed an ex-offender in the last three years. In 2013-14, just a quarter of prisoners entered employment after their release, falling to below 10 per cent for female offenders. Without a job, ex-offenders are considerably more likely to turn back to crime.

The cobblers and key cutting chain Timpson employs more former prisoners than any other UK company, with training shops in five prisons. Since launching the scheme four years ago, 90 per cent of their ex-offenders have remained with the company for more than a year, and out of almost 300 ex-offender employees, just seven have gone on to re-offend.

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Temi Lateef was a former gang member in his twenties and a spell in prison gave him the opportunity to access these services and turn his life around. He was referred to the criminal justice charity Only Connect, a partner in the London Gang Exit service. His rehabilitation led to him wanting to help others in the same way, and he now works with Only Connect as a Frontline Co-ordinator in the same London communities that he grew up in.

The new scheme is the first programme of its kind to operate across the entire city, and is being delivered through Safer London and a range of specialist organisations, including Only Connect and youth charity Redthread, to offer a comprehensive range of specialist channels appropriate to each individual's needs. Around 300 young people aged 16-24 will be able to access the programme each year.

Total Victim Care

On 19 January, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, spoke at the MPS conference on Total Victim Care. The event is aimed at police officers and staff with a victim-facing role, and provides an opportunity for the MPS to reflect on its progress in the Total Victim Care agenda, to highlight that victim welfare should be at the heart of what the MPS does, and to ensure that the MPS has sound processes that underpin that work.

Stephen introduced MOPAC's joint work with its statutory partners to re-design and improve support services for victims in the criminal justice system in London.

Community Ambassador Programme

On 26 January, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Stephen Greenhalgh, spoke at a meeting of the Community Ambassador Programme borough representatives. This is an important outreach programme aimed at building relationships between the police and London's diverse communities.

Female Genital Mutilation

On 1 February, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime represented me at a learning event focusing on the critical issue of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The one day learning event

provided an opportunity to showcase and share learning from the preventing FGM pilot, which has been funded by the Department for Education's Innovation Programme.

MOPAC has overseen the work and learning of the pilot currently taking place in five London boroughs. The FGM pilot focusses on prevention and protection and expands on existing safeguarding practice through a joint approach with maternity, social care professionals and direct work with communities. In its six months of operation, the FGM pilot has supported 78 women to access specialist social care interventions.

Transport

Vision for rail travel

On 21 January, alongside the Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, I launched the proposals for a new era of rail travel for London and the south east, which offers a future with better, more regular and more reliable train services.

The new agreement will look at ways to give millions of rail passengers a better experience by examining the potential for a wide range of improvements, including:

- Introducing more frequent services, more reliable trains, better interchanges and increased capacity;
- The creation of a London Suburban Metro service with the potential for more than 80 per cent of stations to have a train every 15 minutes, up from 67 per cent today, as well as the potential for more regular services via Clapham Junction, South East London and Kent;
- Developing new rail lines to connect poorly serviced areas and to support new homes and jobs;
- Creating a better travel environment, and improvements to accessibility and staffing; and
- Delivering a seamless and integrated service with joined up travel information

A new prospectus published by DfT and TfL sets out a commitment to improving capacity and service levels across the region's rail network, ensuring that it is able to support the capital's growing population and help drive the economy.

The proposals would see the transfer of rail services that operate mostly or wholly within the Greater London boundary to TfL when the current franchises are due for renewal. This could include inner suburban rail services from London Bridge, Cannon Street, Charing Cross, Moorgate, Victoria, and Waterloo. The transfer of inner suburban rail services to TfL, which is accountable to the Mayor, will be introduced whilst ensuring service improvements for all and with no detrimental effect on fares or longer distance services.

Views are now being sought on the proposals and TfL, the Government, local authorities and the rail industry will then work together to take them forward.

Unveiling plan for extra windows to make lorries safer

On 22 January, I launched a consultation on proposals that would ensure lorries in London would be required to have a new side window so that drivers can better see pedestrians and

cyclists. The plan to improve visibility for lorry drivers would help cut the dangerous blind spots which have caused a significant number of deaths on the capital's roads.

Under the proposals, existing and new lorries would be required to fit a new window in the lower half of the passenger-side cab door at a cost of £1,000- £1,500 per lorry. The only exceptions would be a handful of lorries where retrofitting is not physically possible.

The consultation asks Londoners whether they support the principle of the scheme and what would be the best way to enforce the new windows, whether through an extension to the Safer Lorry Scheme, or higher charges for non-compliant lorries under the Congestion Charge or Low Emission Zone regulations. It also asks whether the restrictions should be full-time, part-time or route-specific.

Implementation of any measures will involve close working with stakeholder groups, including the industry and Government, and the development of a legally enforceable "direct vision standard".

The consultation on side windows ends on 4 March. More information can be found at: consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/safer-lorries.

Launch of world-leading bus safety programme

On 1 February, TfL launched a world-leading programme to drive major improvements in safety across London's bus network. Although the capital's bus fleet is one of the safest in the world, with 2.5 injuries for every million passenger journeys, I am committed to reducing collisions further and now a brand new six-point programme has been devised to improve safety even further.

The programme will bring together the newest technology, training, incentives, support, reporting and transparency right across the network, contributing to TfL's work towards meeting my target of halving the number of people killed or seriously injured on the capital's roads by 2020.

£200 million for bus priority schemes

A £200 million investment in new bus priority schemes in London is already speeding up journeys for passengers in the capital and I am pleased that more than 100 schemes will be in place by April this year.

The capital's roads are seeing an increase in congestion due to a construction boom and a significant growth in population, so TfL is investing in helping to keep the roads moving through a range of means. Part of this programme is designed to help buses get through congested areas quicker and more reliably. The new bus priority schemes include changes to road layouts and junctions, and enabling small changes to routes so that buses can avoid traffic hotspots.

Around 50 bus priority schemes were delivered across the capital in 2015 and a total of 116 will be in place by the end of April across 17 London boroughs.

£13 million for ultra-low emission funding in London

On 26 January, alongside the Chair of London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee, I welcomed £13 million of new funding to encourage the greater use of electric and ultra-low emission vehicles in London.

Londoners are expected to own as many as 70,000 ultra-low emission vehicles by 2020, and it is planned that the new funding will be particularly targeted at providing more electric charging points in residential areas of the city. The funding announcement forms part of a Government scheme called 'Go Ultra Low Cities' that aims to make the use of electric and sustainable vehicles easier.

The joint bid by the GLA, TfL and London's boroughs, made a clear case to Government that having a capital city driving demand for this technology benefits the entire country. A new zero emission capable taxi has secured £300 million of investment and created jobs in Coventry. Independent economic assessments show that the use of ultra-low emission vehicles in London could benefit the UK by up to £230 million a year by 2050.

Plans for the use of the new funding are still being finalised, but the bid submitted to Government proposed that London will:

- Develop a new partnership between the GLA, TfL and London's boroughs to provide more charging points in residential areas that will help Londoners without off-street parking;
- Work with car clubs to explore the electrification of their fleet. The car club industry has committed to 50 per cent of their vehicles to be electric within ten years;
- Strengthen plans for rapid charging hubs across the capital, to meet the needs of commercial operators including taxis, private hire and delivery vans; and
- Create eight 'neighbourhoods of the future' to help businesses and residents prioritise the use of ultra-low emission vehicles.

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Key proposals include:

- Introducing a formal English language requirement for drivers;
- Guaranteed fare estimates for customers in advance of their journey;
- The provision of making driver and vehicle details to customers that includes a photo of the driver before the start of each journey;
- Private Hire operators to ensure that customers can speak to someone in the event of a problem with their journey;
- Even more robust 'hire and reward' insurance requirements; and

- Improved record keeping and real-time provision of driver and vehicle information to TfL to make enforcement even easier and more effective

In discussions with Government, I have also been pushing for legislation to enable TfL to restrict the overall numbers of private hire drivers and vehicles. I believe that more must be done to address the congestion and air quality impacts of increasing numbers of private hire vehicles, which now outnumber taxis in central London during the day. The number of private hire drivers has increased from 59,000 in 2009/10 to more than 95,000 today. Whilst the Government has been reluctant to pursue such legislation, I have asked TfL to investigate the impact and feasibility of removing the Congestion Charge exemption for private hire vehicles in central London to tackle pollution and reduce congestion.

TfL proposes to take forward 13 of the proposals as set out in the public consultation and a further five amended proposals. Three proposals will be investigated further before decisions are taken. TfL is now undertaking a further four-week regulatory impact assessment consultation on the proposed changes.

I am pleased that the Government has also agreed to take forward legislation to enable TfL to regulate pedicabs, helping to tackle fare abuses prevalent among some pedicab drivers, whilst also tackling the congestion they cause in central London.

New measures to secure the success of London's roads

On 4 February, I set out wide ranging plans for the long-term improvements that will be required to ensure the capital's roads are able to cope with London's population growth.

I have already introduced a major £4 billion roads programme for London, the largest investment in the capital's roads in a generation. However, I have now set out further measures that will be needed looking forward to manage the extra one million trips per day that are being added to the capital's transport network every five years. I have asked TfL to:

- Further develop strategic road tunnels – TfL's analysis suggests that two cross-city tunnels could reduce congestion by up to 20 per cent in central London, provide £1 billion per year savings through journey time reliability alone and, free up substantial space for new homes, walking, cycling, public transport and greenery;
- Bring forward a series of transformational flyunders;
- Call on the Government to devolve Vehicle Excise Duty – if London retained the city's share of Vehicle Excise Duty, it would ensure a significant funding stream to be able to dramatically improve the capital's roads. VED from the 2.9 million registered vehicles in London equates to £500 million in revenue each year.
- Explore whether that revenue could ultimately be integrated with other charges to form a single, easier way of paying road use; and
- Develop new policy options to better manage freight in London – work is underway to fully understand the potential benefits and challenges of a freight ban or charge at certain times of day for certain vehicle types.

It was also confirmed that work on the vital Silvertown Tunnel in east London could begin as early as 2018 and be fully operational by 2022/23. The TfL Board has now given the green light for the submission of a Development Consent Order to Government for permission to start construction.

Whitechapel Station to be modernised in preparation for Crossrail

Work to transform the 140-year old Whitechapel station is now underway ahead of TfL-run Crossrail services starting there from 2018.

The station will be made step-free, the ticket hall will be expanded and, the new Crossrail platforms will be integrated with the existing Tube and London Overground services, providing passengers with easy access to services across London and out to Essex and Berkshire.

New lifts from street level to all train platforms will make the station fully accessible for customers and the ticket hall will also be refurbished and expanded with wider pathways and more ticket gates, providing a better, less crowded experience.

While works are ongoing, a new temporary station entrance has been created on the corner of Durward Street and Court Street. Improvements will also be made to the area around the station.

Pedestrian and cycle safety improvements begin at Bow Interchange

TfL has now started construction of vital safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists using the Bow Interchange in east London. The improvements are designed to make the roundabout much more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists, paving the way for a wider vision for the area.

New signalised pedestrian crossings will be installed across Bow Road and Stratford High Street, as well as crossings to link Bow Road and Stratford High Street via the Bow Roundabout traffic island. The existing non-signalised crossings on the A12 Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach slip roads will be removed.

A new public space will be created under the Bow Flyover and Toucan crossings provided to offer a connection for cyclists between Cycle Superhighway 2 and the River Lea towpath. The cycle 'early-start' facilities at the roundabout will be repositioned to make space for the new crossings and the layout of the eastbound facility will be changed to be similar to the layout on Stratford High Street, including an increase in the length of the cycle waiting area on Bow Road from 12 metres to 18 metres.

The interim scheme will deliver immediate benefits ahead of the wider Bow Vision Programme, which TfL is working with the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Newham to deliver by 2025.

London Underground delivers target of 30 per cent reduction in delays

I am delighted that delays on the Tube have fallen to their lowest-ever level as TfL announced they had now hit my performance target.

TfL has cut delays by nearly 38 per cent since 2011, when I set a 30 per cent improvement target. A far-reaching programme to deliver this improvement has included:

- The sustained investment in modernisation of Tube signalling, track and trains. On the Victoria, Jubilee and Northern lines, reliability has improved by 74 per cent, 67 per cent and 40 per cent respectively;

- New techniques to predict when maintenance on the lines is required to prevent unexpected equipment failure and delays to customers;
- Working with the British Transport Police to respond to incidents more quickly by getting engineers to incidents under 'blue light' conditions;
- Having engineering and operations staff in one control centre to speed up incident recovery times; and
- The installation of covers on train passenger alarms, which has significantly reduced the number of accidental activations.

This has been delivered while carrying record levels of customers on the Tube, with 1.3 billion journeys made in 2014/15.

Tender issued for design and build of New Tube for London trains

London Underground has taken a significant step forward in its search for a manufacturer to design and build the New Tube for London by issuing an Invitation to Tender. Five pre-qualified manufacturers, Alstom, Bombardier, CAF, Hitachi and Siemens, will now proceed to the next stage of the formal procurement process over the design and build of the next generation of Tube trains, which will come into service from the early 2020s.

The New Tube will mean faster, more frequent and more reliable journeys for customers travelling on the deep-level lines, the Piccadilly, Waterloo & City, Bakerloo and Central lines. It will also mean greater capacity and more comfortable journeys, and the first air-cooled trains on the deep-level sections of the Tube. In addition, the new trains will feature improved accessibility and safety features including walk-through carriages and wider doors.

The building of the 250 new trains, which will feature attractive internal styling that echoes the Underground's heritage, will also help to support new jobs and growth elsewhere in the UK. They will be designed and built to be 'future-proofed', which will include the capability for fully automatic operation, given that the New Tube will serve London for around 50 years.

Bidding parties will need to return their proposals to London Underground in summer 2016, with the contract to build the new trains awarded around autumn 2017.

TfL launches pop-up festivals at Old Street Tube Station

Old Street Tube station has become home to a series of festivals as part of the station's pop-up revolution that has brought unique retail experiences to the thousands of people who use it each day. The new line-up sees a roster of secret events, new retail concepts and a whole host of experiences for customers to discover at the station each quarter, beginning this month with a Health and Wellbeing Festival. The space is being curated by Appear Here, the largest online marketplace for short-term retail space who TfL appointed in 2014 to introduce pop-up shops across its retail estate.

The transformation of the retail offer at Old Street station is part of TfL's Commercial Development plans to generate £3.4 billion in non-fares revenue over the next decade to reinvest into maintaining and modernising the transport network.

Expansion of Santander Cycles to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

On 21 January, my cycling commissioner, Andrew Gilligan, joined Jessica Ennis-Hill to mark the expansion of London's flagship cycle hire scheme, Santander Cycles, to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Eight new docking stations and 310 docking points have been installed at the Park, furthering the reach of the popular scheme and contributing to my ambition to make cycling more accessible for everyone.

The latest expansion of Santander Cycles brings the total number of docking stations within the scheme up to 761. Plans are also in place to introduce two docking stations at Here East, the new digital quarter at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, in the spring, as well as in Kings Cross, Stockwell and Vauxhall.

Consultation on new bike routes to give safe cycle access to a million more Londoners

Detailed proposals in a public consultation which begins today would allow cyclists to travel on segregated tracks or low-traffic roads from Acton and Swiss Cottage to central London, Elephant & Castle and Canary Wharf, opening up vast new areas of London for safer cycling.

Pedestrians would benefit from less traffic in Regents Park, created by new restrictions to remove most through traffic from the Outer Circle. Motorists would still be able to drive to any point on the Outer Circle and the Inner Circle at all times, but it would be less attractive for through traffic to use the park as a rat-run.

There would also be a new public space at Swiss Cottage created by the removal of the five-lane gyratory.

The Westway proposals for the A40 also tackle the traffic pinchpoint at Savoy Circus, with new roadspace for motorists. This would improve westbound journeys by car, which would become quicker than now.

TfL releases new open data feeds to help Londoners find station parking spaces and avoid congestion

Live information on the number of parking spaces available in London Underground car parks, as well as improved traffic camera information that will help drivers avoid disruption, are the latest open data feeds to be released by TfL.

The data, available at <http://tfl.gov.uk/developers> is being released as part of TfL's commitment to make the information it holds openly available to create better products and services that can be brought to customers quickly.

This joins an extensive range of TfL data feeds already available, such as live travel information for all TfL services and details of planned roadworks and live road incidents, which help millions of people plan their journeys around London each day. Almost 500 mobile phone and online apps are already powered by TfL's open data.

More than a quarter of London 'pay as you go' customers using Contactless

TfL have revealed that millions of customers across London are using quick and easy Contactless payment technology to get around the capital. More than 300 million journeys have been made since its launch in 2014, with more than a million journeys now made each day using Contactless.

Nearly 25,000 new cards are used on the network every day, with 27 per cent of all pay as you go journeys on Tube and rail services now made using Contactless. Furthermore, around 3.5 per cent of all contactless journeys are now made using mobile technology, with around an extra 7,000 devices now seen on average every week.

Since July 2015, more than 3.2 million journeys have been made using mobile devices on London's transport network. This is predicted to further increase throughout 2016 as more devices come onto the market and more people adopt them and other Contactless technologies.

2016-17 Crossrail Business Rate Supplement

I approved the following policies for the Crossrail Business Rate Supplement for the 2016-17 financial year:

- The Crossrail BRS will apply for the full 2016-17 financial year across the entire GLA area;
- The Crossrail BRS tax rate shall be set at 2p per pound of rateable value in the 2016-17 financial year and the rateable value threshold above which the Crossrail BRS shall apply will be set at £55,000;
- Any reliefs for the Crossrail BRS will continue to apply on the same basis at the same percentage rate as for National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR), having regard to the local policies in place in the 33 London billing authorities and those set by central government; and
- Section 45 ratepayers will not be exempt from the Crossrail BRS as a class. The same automatic empty property reliefs will apply, however, at the same percentage rate to the Crossrail BRS as for NNDR. The GLA will not exercise its powers under section 16 of the BRS Act to apply an offset for eligible ratepayers liable to pay a levy towards a Business Improvement District.

I have also authorised the Executive Director, Resources, to issue a notification of the above policies to the 33 London billing authorities and an explanatory note for non-domestic ratepayers for 2016-17. The proposed policies are identical to those applying to the Crossrail BRS in the 2015-16 financial year as no material factors have emerged which would require me to amend them. The Crossrail BRS is projected to raise £219 million in 2016-17 after collection costs and an allowance for successful rating appeals.

Regeneration, Business, Enterprise and the Economy

New initiative launched to protect and strengthen Park Royal

On 20 January, the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) launched a new initiative that aims to strengthen London's largest industrial estate, Park Royal, and support its future competitiveness.

Park Royal is situated adjacent to Old Oak, which is set to become home to a world-class HS2 and Crossrail Station by 2026. To ensure that Park Royal remains competitive into the future, and that its businesses are able to take full advantage of the investment at Old Oak, OPDC is now starting to develop a Park Royal Business Plan.

This will see the OPDC engaging directly with companies to hear their thoughts and concerns about the challenges and opportunities they face, so that an effective plan can be developed to ensure they can continue to thrive.

OPDC's Park Royal Business Plan was unveiled at an event hosted by the West London Business Group at Park Royal business, Fit Out UK, and was attended by local businesses, stakeholders and local MPs.

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) issues consultation for its Local Plan

The OPDC has now issued for consultation its Local Plan which sets out the Mayor's vision for the area and the guidelines for how the site will develop over time. The Plan includes details of how the area will be transformed, details of distinctive parts of the regeneration site and planning policies for future development.

This consultation runs until March 31 and is the first opportunity for the public to help shape the future of Old Oak and Park Royal. There are a range of ways in which to find out about the Plan and provide comments – at face-to-face workshops, online and by email and post.

£20m London Regeneration Fund to help London businesses & boost innovation

On 21 January, I announced that 24 businesses and community groups in the capital are to benefit from a new £20 million London Regeneration Fund.

The Fund aims to re-energise the capital's places of work and high streets by embracing the city's incredible talent for creativity and technological innovation. It was launched through the London Enterprise Panel (LEP), following a successful bid to Government in January 2015 as part of the LEP's Growth Deal.

I was pleased to reveal the successful bids while visiting the Building BloQs workshop in Edmonton, which offers shared facilities for professional makers, designers and small creative businesses. Building BloQs is already London's largest open workshop and the £1.35 million that it will receive from the London Regeneration Fund will allow it to move to a larger site, offering members the opportunity to use professional standard machinery and processing on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Along with Building BloQs, other recipients included local authorities, traders' associations, workspace providers, and community groups, who will use the funding to help new and traditional places of work thrive in a rapidly changing city.

Innovative ideas include introducing contactless payments to a 700 year old street market in Romford, turning the former Peckham Road Fire Station into an art gallery, and refurbishing a Grade II listed railway station to include a community garden in North Woolwich.

Poplar HARCA (Housing and Regeneration Community Association) has been awarded almost £1.8m to convert 81 underused garages and surrounding land into a new fashion hub, which will include a garment manufacturing unit and incubation space for designers.

Export Programme

I am pleased that over 250 London companies have now participated in my Export Programme over the last two years, exploring new markets across the world including the US, Australia, Brazil and Japan. Assistance has been focused on companies in the technology, life science and urban services sectors.

So far businesses that have participated in the programme have generated at least £10 million in new international sales and have created 106 new jobs in London, safeguarding a further forty. Building on this success, a new International Business Programme starts in February to assist fast growing London companies to internationalise.

Dot London Small Business Awards

On 21 January, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, attended the Dot London Small Business Awards reception. The awards highlight the contribution small businesses make to London's economic success.

London & Partners Ventures Limited

I have given my written consent for London & Partners' establishment of a new subsidiary company called London and Partners Ventures Limited.

The new company will hold the majority of London & Partners commercial ventures, to assist in more clearly delineating London & Partners commercial activities from GLA funded activity and, to mitigate any State aid risks which might arise from the potential conflation of commercial and non-commercial activity.

London & Partners – Regeneration Funding

I have given my written consent for the GLA to contribute £100,000 of additional grant funding for London & Partners to continue the appointment of development specialists until March 2017, split equally between 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Housing and Land

City Hall produces first register of public land in London

On 26 January, through the London Land Commission I published the first ever comprehensive register of public land in London, revealing 40,000 sites across the capital, including the capacity to deliver a minimum of 130,000 homes.

The Commission, which I Chair alongside the Housing and Planning Minister, Brandon Lewis, appointed Savills in July 2015 to compile the preliminary stages of a so-called 'Domesday Book' of all brownfield land owned by public bodies in London.

The register is now available in the form of an interactive map on the Greater London Authority website, detailing the locations of land owned by the GLA, Government departments, London boroughs, TfL and the NHS. There are sites across every London borough, ranging from tiny parcels of land capable of building a small number of homes to larger sites, which could accommodate hundreds of new homes for Londoners. We have already identified that there could be a minimum of 130,000 homes built for Londoners on public sites which are potentially surplus. The register also includes details of the existing use of each site, including whether they are office, residential, transport or industrial.

The Commission is now working with the land owners to determine availability and to encourage the marketing of public land to obtain the best possible housing development for Londoners, rather than selling with no obligations. It will also identify areas to group together potential plots of surplus land to yield a more significant number of homes and to create better regeneration sites across London.

More information on the London Land Commission Register can be found at:
<https://maps.london.gov.uk/webmaps/LLC/>.

Manifesto pledge to release City Hall-owned land

I am pleased to announce that all 414 ha of developable land in the GLA portfolio has now either been developed, is in the course of development, is contractually committed or, is currently being marketed.

This fulfils my pledge to release all City Hall-owned unused land for development by the end of my second mayoral term. These sites, together with the GLA's joint venture interests, will deliver 50,000 new homes, 1.5 million square meters of work and office spaces, 14 new schools and 11 parks.

Beam Park developer to deliver 3,000 new homes

On 22 January, I announced that I have chosen a developer to create a new neighbourhood on a derelict former Ford factory plant in East London. This is the last major site to be released by the GLA.

Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd, with London and Quadrant Housing Trust (L&Q), will take forward the regeneration of Beam Park, delivering over 3,000 homes, a new train station on the C2C line and community facilities on the 29 hectare site, which sits alongside the River Beam. The homes set to be delivered will be mixed tenure and over 35 per cent affordable, including a significant proportion of shared ownership to be marketed at the local community first.

The new train station will be open by 2020 and will commute local residents to central London in 20 minutes. The redevelopment will include improved routes for pedestrians and cyclists and two energy centres delivering savings for residents. The brownfield site spans the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and the London Borough of Havering.

New £2.6 million Boiler Cashback Scheme to help reduce energy bills

On 2 February, I launched London's first Boiler Cashback Scheme, which will offer £400 to help home owners and landlords replace their old boilers with new high energy efficient models.

Heating homes accounts for more than half of what the average household spends on energy bills every year and thousands of Londoners will be eligible for the new replacement boilers, which will provide savings of around £340 on annual bills.

Old, inefficient boilers can emit high levels of carbon emissions and waste energy resulting in higher bills. Each new boiler replacement through the Cashback Scheme will save around 1.5 tonnes of carbon each year. To qualify for the scheme, boilers must be the main source of heating in the house, in full working order and, running at 70 per cent or less efficiency.

Home owners and London Rental Standard-accredited private landlords with qualifying boilers are being urged to seek at least three quotes from accredited installers at the earliest opportunity. The applicant can then complete an online application form in order to receive the cashback voucher. For more information, including details of how to apply and the terms and conditions of the scheme please visit: www.london.gov.uk/boilers.

I have given my written consent for capital funding to be allocated to this,

Severe weather shelter for homeless people opens

On 18 January, I announced that the GLA has partnered with St Mungo's to open an emergency severe weather shelter for when temperatures plummet across the capital.

The shelter opened in Harrow on 14 January to help vulnerable rough sleepers off the streets and stayed open during the recent freezing weather to help anyone sleeping rough across London.

As well as a warm bed to stay in, people are offered a hot shower, clean clothes, and hot food, whilst staff work to link them into services to find them more permanent accommodation to stop them returning to the streets. The Severe Weather Emergency shelter will be in place throughout the winter whenever three consecutive nights of freezing temperatures are predicted.

This pan-London severe weather provision forms part of my wider work to tackle rough sleeping in the capital, where I annually invest £9 million to run services which include outreach, accommodation, and help to support homeless people into a permanent home, as well as jobs and skills training.

Disposal of 4 acres of land at Royal Albert Dock.

I have approved GLA Land and Property Ltd entering an option agreement with University of East London to enable it to draw down long leases of four acres of land in the east of the Royal Albert Dock. This is to enable development of this land for educational uses.

Housing Zone Budget

I approved expenditure of up to £1,757,000 in order to:

- Appoint external property consultants and legal advisors in relation to the legal contracting process, review of state aid compliance, cost and value assumptions and governance structures;
- Undertake activities in relation to publicity, training and events in connection to the Housing Zone proposals and future announcements; and
- Cover Housing Zone staffing costs associated with the newly created Housing Zones Contracting Team.

Housing Zones Designations - Phase 2

I agreed to:

- Extend the Housing Zones programme to create a further 10 commissioned Housing Zones;
- Reallocate £200 million from the Mayor's Housing Covenant to the Housing Zones programme;
- Allow adjustments to the existing Housing Zone delivery profile to increase the total number of homes to be delivered; and
- Extend the delivery completion deadline and long stop dates for the Havelock Estate site within the Southall Housing Zone.

Environment

Inviting Londoners to take part in a royal clean-up

On 22 January, I called on Londoners to join thousands of volunteers preparing to spruce up their local areas in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday.

Grants are also now available for my 2016 Capital Clean-up scheme, where Londoners can apply for up to £1,500 plus special clean-up kits in order to brighten-up and rejuvenate their local areas. This year I am also supporting a nationwide campaign, Clean for the Queen, in honour of Her Majesty's 90th birthday, by donating up to 100 clean-up kits containing litter pickers, gloves and rubbish bags for a special clean-up weekend in March.

Thames Water's Lee Tunnel

On 28 January, I opened Thames Water's Lee Tunnel sewer at Beckton in East London.

This £650 million project will capture all of the sewage overflows from Abbey Mills (just south of the Queen Elizabeth II Olympic Park) and transfer them to Beckton sewage treatment works. The tunnel will prevent an average of 18 million tonnes of mixed sewage and rainwater from

polluting the River Lee and River Thames every year. The project has been constructed to time and budget, with minimal disruption to local communities by using barges to transport the majority of construction materials and tunnel spoil.

This major engineering achievement is the deepest ever tunnel built under London and by 2023 will have the Thames Tideway Tunnel linking into it, which will provide a comprehensive solution to London's long running problem of combined sewer overflows. Keeping rainwater out of the sewerage system is a key theme in making London more sustainable and ensuring that our infrastructure remains fit for purpose.

London joining forces with European cities to trial smart technology

On 19 January, I revealed that London is joining forces with cities across Europe in a €25m project that will demonstrate how innovative uses of technology can improve the lives of their residents. The GLA, working in partnership with the Royal Borough of Greenwich, has been chosen to take part in the Smart Cities and Communities Lighthouse programme, which aims to develop solutions to challenges faced by all major cities as they continue to grow and develop.

The 'Sharing Cities' Lighthouse programme will see Greenwich used as a testing ground for new technology to deliver a better future for local people. Initiatives taking place in Greenwich include:

- Trialling 300 smart parking bays that aim to optimise parking spaces and help drivers find a space quickly and conveniently;
- Testing shared electric bikes to see if these support a shift from private cars, while electric vehicles will be piloted for local deliveries and car sharing;
- Using the River Thames as a renewable energy source to provide affordable heat to local homes;
- Installing solar panels on homes to provide green energy and improve energy efficiency.

Similar projects will be put to the test in the cities of Milan, Lisbon, Warsaw, Bordeaux and Burgas and could eventually be rolled-out across Europe. The project will also develop a new model of sharing data across cities to make the best use of encyclopaedic amount of information now available that can be used to change the way cities, their communities and services work. This will deliver a common data sharing platform that can be used by all the programme cities and beyond.

Smart London Demonstrator Programme

I have approved:

- A reprofiling of the remaining programme budget;
- Expenditure of £229,000 revenue funding on an Innovation Accelerator to support the development and implementation of scalable smarter environment demonstrator products, services and projects through an open competition process;
- Expenditure of £483,037 to part grant fund Islington Council to deliver the Bunhill Smart Energy project; and
- Capitalisation of £107,000 of programme revenue budget as award of grant funding to Gnewt Cargo, for the delivery of Category 2 Agile Urban Logistics project.

I have also delegated the authority for consequent decisions on the Smart London Demonstrator programme, including changes to the programme, to the Executive Director for Development, Enterprise and Environment.

Social Inclusion and Health

Know Your Rights

On 28 January, my Deputy Mayor, Roger Evans, launched my annual Know Your Rights Campaign. Both Roger and I are urging pensioners to check that they are receiving all the benefits they are entitled to as part of this year's campaign, which is run in partnership with Age UK London.

This year's campaign focuses on Pension Credit – a passport benefit that can help claimants get extra financial support. One in three older Londoners are missing out on Pension Credit worth an average of £23 a week, or £1,200 a year, simply because they are unaware they are eligible for it or, because they feel too embarrassed to make a claim. This is money that can make a real difference, when it comes to being able to heat their homes during the winter months and budgeting for the weekly food shop.

Older Londoners can call Age UK, or contact their local Citizens Advice Bureaux for advice about benefits and other support they might be able to claim.

Holocaust victims commemorated at City Hall

On 26 January, I joined members of the London Assembly, MPs, Rabbi Raphy Garson, Holocaust survivors and other Londoners at City Hall's annual Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony.

Organised to remember victims of the Holocaust and other acts of genocide, and marking 71 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, this year's theme for Holocaust Memorial Day was 'Don't Stand By'. As well as honouring the courageous individuals and communities who helped victims of Nazis and subsequent genocides, it emphasises the need to stand up to persecution.

I gave a reading from Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel's 1986 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech and Rabbi Raphy Garson also addressed the audience with a memorial prayer. Jennette Arnold, Chair of the London Assembly, opened the event.

Those gathered also heard emotional accounts from Holocaust survivor Hannah Lewis and Jean Baptiste Kayigamba, who survived the Rwandan Genocide.

Calling on Londoners to get tested for TB

On 13 January, I urged more people to get tested for TB as part of my campaign to raise awareness of the disease, which is more prevalent in London than any other capital in western Europe.

My TB Ambassador, Emma Thompson, and her son Tindy Agaba, visited London's 'Find & Treat' screening unit which travels the capital diagnosing and treating TB and other infectious diseases, in order to raise awareness of TB and the importance of being tested. The visit came as the National

Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) published updated guidance to better treat and prevent TB.

I am working with bodies including Public Health England and University College London Hospitals (UCLH) to raise awareness of the disease and encourage people to consult their GP if they have any symptoms.

Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport

Olympic Legacy Waterways Framework

On 4 February, the Olympic Legacy Waterways Framework was formally launched to promote the use of waterways in the Park for both commercial and public benefit and to commit to the continued renaissance of the waterways for future generations. One of the most extraordinary legacies of the London 2012 Games was the rejuvenation of the rivers flowing through Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Activities on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

I am pleased that preparatory work is now underway to install the world's longest enclosed slide onto the ArcelorMittal Orbit to enhance the visitor experience.

The Park also hosted two international netball matches between England and Australia staged at the Copper Box Arena on 22 and 24 January, both played in front of sell-out crowds.

Culture and Events

London Games Programme and Festival

This month I was rendered as a Minecraft character in order to launch my new £1.2 million London Games Programme and Festival. The programme will deliver £35 million in new games investment to the London economy and create around 300 jobs. The festival will take place at the beginning of April.

London Lumiere Festival

Between 14-17 January, Lumiere London transformed the capital in spectacular style for four consecutive evenings. In one of the quietest retail periods of the year, artists from around the world created a stunning festival of light which attracted around 1 million people to central London.

The festival included light installations at sites including Kings Cross, Regent's Street, Mayfair and Piccadilly. The festival was supported by volunteers recruited through Team London, who acted as the friendly face of Lumiere by assisting visitors across the various installations.

The event trended on Twitter and Facebook, and received extensive coverage in the national and international press.

I also approved:

- Expenditure of up to £500,000 to grant fund Artichoke Trust's production of Lumiere London, subject to Artichoke Trust securing investment from partners to the value of a minimum of £1,500,000; and
- The underwriting of up to an additional £125,000, based on total agreed expenditure of £2,277,000, subject to Artichoke securing £1,652,000 and continuing to seek further external income beyond that level.

Punk London

On 19 January, I supported the launch of Punk London, a year-long cultural festival marking punk's cultural impact in London over the last 40 years on art, design, fashion, film and of course music.

It is a unique collaboration of cultural organisations, including the British Library, BFI, ICA, Museum of London and the Roundhouse, all working together to celebrate the people, places and heritage of London's diverse cultural offer that attracts 17 million visitors to the capital every year.

Punk London also recognises the importance of London's grassroots music venues and cultural spaces that were the stage where many of these famous names cut their teeth. I want to ensure these places continue to inspire and nurture future talents that contribute to London's status as a leading world city of culture.

London Dance Schools Network

On 28 January, I hosted the first London Dance Schools Network event, in which teachers, artists and organisations explored ideas of how the GLA could help support new collaborations to connect the capital's dance offer to teachers and artists working in schools. This event also included an overview of the London Curriculum Dance Unit, an overview of a tri-borough approach for dance in schools across local authorities in west London, a Big Dance Pledge introductory workshop and, presentations by People Dancing, Trinity Laban & The Place and One Dance UK.

Volunteering and Community Relations

New app launched to get more Londoners volunteering

On 7 January, I launched a new app to make it easier for more Londoners to become volunteers. The Team London free app, which matches volunteers with local speed volunteering opportunities, makes it possible for busy people to commit a small amount of time to suit their schedules.

Greenwich and Lewisham Community Reception

On Monday 18 January, I hosted the latest of my Community Receptions for the London Boroughs of Greenwich and Lewisham in London's Living Room. My Community Receptions are always a fitting way to recognise those individuals and organisations who have given up

their time to bring about positive benefits to their communities through volunteering and social action projects. I was delighted to present 10 Team London Community Certificates to organisations such as For Jimmy Young Citizens, who have set up and organised projects to bring young people together to create a safer community and build a legacy of peace in memory of Jimmy Mizen.

Planning and Development

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Audley Square Garage, 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.

Land at Marshgate Lane, London Legacy Development Corporation

I have written to the London Legacy Development Corporation stating that I am content to allow the Corporation to determine the application itself.

Land at Somerleyton Road, LB Lambeth

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

Arcadia House, Cairo New Road, LB Croydon

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

Walthamstow Central Phase 2, LB Waltham Forest

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

Nova Place and Nova East, 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.

1 – 5 Grosvenor Place, 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.

Hackbridge Primary School Expansion, LB Sutton

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

Tolworth Tower, RB Kingston upon Thames

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

70-73 Piccadilly, 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.

41 Picketts Lock Lane, LB Enfield

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

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

Art Hotel, Great Eastern Street, 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.

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

Abbotsfield and Swakeleys School, LB Hillingdon

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

- Cringle Dock and Battersea Power Station, LB Wandsworth
- Abbey Retail Park (South), LB Barking and Dagenham
- Gunnersbury Park, LB Hounslow
- Whiteley Shopping Centre, City of Westminster
- 28-30 Addiscombe Grove, LB Croydon
- 17 Newport Street. LB Lambeth
- Former Parsons Green Depot, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Land at Cessna Road, Heathrow Airport, LB Hillingdon
- South Quay Plaza 4, Isle of Dogs
- Stamford Bridge Stadium, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- South Grove/Brunner Road, LB Waltham Forest
- Land Adjacent to and to the South West of the O2 (Plot N0201), RB Greenwich
- Thrayle House, LB Lambeth
- BHS Site, 104-110 Broadway, LB Ealing
- Dora House, City of Westminster
- Whitechapel Estate, between Varden Street and Ashfield Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Sainsbury's, 55 Roden Street, LB Redbridge
- 156 West End Lane, LB Camden
- Hawkswood Special School, LB Waltham Forest
- Unit 1, Cantium Retail Park, LB Southwark
- Newcombe House/Kensington Church Street, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- The Exchange Shopping Centre Car Park, LB Redbridge
- Land on the south side of Swandon Way, LB Wandsworth
- Duncan House, London Legacy Development Corporation
- 41-49 Nine Elms Lane and 49-59 Battersea Park Road, LB Wandsworth
- 111-119 Charing Cross Road, City of Westminster

- Apex House, LB Brent
- Footzie Social Club, LB Bromley

Decisions made under delegation to the Assistant Director - Planning

- Health Club, East Acton Lane, LB Ealing
- Beddington Waste Management Facility, LB Sutton
- 263-289 Holloway Road and 2-16 Eden Grove, LB Islington
- Peabody Estate, LB Wandsworth
- Ahern Compound, LB Havering
- 56 Curzon Street, City of Westminster
- Oval and Kennington Development Area – Draft Masterplan, LB Lambeth

Key Engagements

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

- I took part in a radio phone in hosted by Vanessa Feltz on 7 January
- I visited The Passage, Victoria, on 7 January to launch Team London's new speed volunteering app
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 7 January
- I met with HE Mr Liu Xiaoming, the Chinese Ambassador, on 8 January to discuss UK/China trade & investment
- I chaired the MOPAC Challenge on 11 January
- I had lunch with Francis Elliott, Times Political Editor, on 11 January
- I appeared before the London Assembly Budget Committee on 12 January
- I had my regular meeting with Mayor Jules Pipe, Chair of London Councils, on 12 January to discuss areas of joint working
- I met with Frank Lowy, Westfield, on 13 January to discuss London's economy
- I met with David Burrowes MP on 13 January to discuss cycling
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 13 January
- I met with AC Mark Rowley on 13 January to discuss policing and security
- I visited the Blossom Street development site on 14 January ahead of the Representation Hearing
- I chaired my regular planning decisions on 14 January
- I addressed the London Government Dinner on 14 January
- I visited the Baitul Futuh Mosque in Morden on 15 January and met with His Holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad
- I visited the Timpson's store in Cheapside on 18 January
- I opened the roundtable summit on prisoner rehabilitation taking place at City Hall on 18 January
- I met the new GLA apprentices on 18 January
- I chaired the Blossom Street Representation Hearing on 18 January
- I hosted a community reception for RB Greenwich and LB Lewisham on 18 January
- I chaired the London Land Commission on 19 January

- I had my regular meeting with Ron Dobson, the London Fire Commissioner, and Gareth Bacon AM, Chairman of the London Fire Emergency Planning Authority, on 19 January
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 20 January
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 20 January
- I had my regular meeting with Sir William Castell, Chair, and Caroline Underwood, Chief Executive, of the Foundation for Future London on 20 January
- I had my regular meeting with David Goldstone, Chief Executive, and David Edmonds, Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation, on 20 January
- I launched the Rail Devolution Prospectus along with the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 21 January
- I visited Building BloQs in Enfield on 21 January to launch the £20m London Regeneration Fund
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 21 January
- I attended and gave out an award at The Sun 'Millies' awards at the Guildhall on 22 January
- I hosted a meeting on 25 January of those involved in London's governance to discuss key principles for London's approach to resettlement of Syrian refugees and how to secure a financial mandate
- I attended the Head of Paid Service Performance Review on 25 January
- I attended the Annual GLA Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony on 26 January
- I appeared before the London Assembly Plenary on 27 January to discuss my draft Budget
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 27 January
- I met with the Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP, Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change, on 27 January to discuss a number of issues of mutual interest with regards to energy and climate change in London
- I visited the Thames Water Plant at Beckton on 28 January to formally open the new Lee Tunnel
- I held my regular "Ask Boris" Twitter session on 28 January
- I chaired my regular planning decisions on 28 January
- I visited the Monmouth House development site on 29 January ahead of the representation hearing
- I visited Harefield Academy on 29 January to open the Hillingdon Make A Splash
- I met with the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 1 February to discuss transport issues in London
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 1 February
- I had my regular meeting with Gordon Innes, Chief Executive of London & Partners, on 2 February
- I hosted my regular monthly "Ask Boris" Phone in with Nick Ferrari on 2 February
- I launched the International Business Programme on 2 February
- I met with Duncan Wilson, the CEO of Historic England, on 2 February to discuss working with Historic England
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 2 February
- I chaired the Transport for London Board Meeting on 3 February
- I met with Lord Adonis, Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission, on 3 February to discuss infrastructure
- I attended the London Planning Awards on 3 February
- I visited the Future Streets exhibition on 4 February

- I chaired my regular planning decisions on 4 February
- I met with Sir Richard Lambert, British Museum, on 4 February to discuss the British Museum in London
- I chaired the Monmouth House Representation hearing on 8 February
- I attended the Total Excellence in Policing Awards Ceremony on 8 February
- I met with Mike Brown, Transport Commissioner, on 8 February ahead of our appearance before the Plenary Assembly to answer questions as the Chair and Commissioner of Transport for London
- I met with Peter Mucklow, Sixth Form Commissioner, Marylin Hawkins, Deputy Further Education Commissioner & Roger Cotes, Head of Intervention, Quality & Governance at BIS on 8 February to discuss Further Education provision in London

Ends