

London Assembly
MQT – 13 June 2012
2nd Mayor's Report to the Assembly

This is my second report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 10 May to 30 May 2012.

Executive Summary

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Further appointments to my top team

On 15 May, I confirmed further appointments to the team set to deliver my key priorities, including more jobs and economic growth in a cleaner, greener and healthier city.

I have appointed Matthew Pencharz as my Environment Advisor, both to coordinate essential green programmes across my top team and to focus on particular areas, including delivering a high quality of life in the capital through the continued protection and creation of green space, boosting recycling, turning London's waste into a resource, planting more trees and delivering further improvements to air quality.

Rosie Boycott will continue in her role as Chair of the London Food Board and Kate Hoey MP will continue as my Commissioner for Sport. Barbara Windsor will retain her role as my Ambassador for street parties and Annie Lennox will continue as my HIV Ambassador.

On 25 May, I appointed Will Walden to be my new Director of Communications. Will, who is the BBC's Westminster News Editor, has been a broadcast journalist with 20 years' experience in both the public and commercial sector. For the last five years he has directed the BBC's day to day coverage of political news. He will begin his new role in early July.

Policing and Community Safety

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

On 10 May, I proposed Stephen Greenhalgh as my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. As leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council, Stephen has a wealth of experience in helping to drive down crime and make communities safer. His appointment is subject to a confirmation hearing to be held by the Police and Crime Committee on 31 May 2012.

Crime has fallen significantly across Hammersmith and Fulham, following an enhanced 24 hour a day local policing operation across three of the busiest town centres. Over the last 12 months youth violence has fallen by 26 per cent, business robbery by 47 per cent and gun crime has almost halved (49 per cent.) Hammersmith and Fulham was one of the first boroughs to take up my 'buy one get one free' scheme and gained an additional 44 fully warranted police officers.

If Stephen is confirmed, he will ensure London is safer than ever, by boosting the roll out of an extra three police officers and three Special Constables in every Safer Neighbourhood Team. His focus on community policing resulted in the Boroughs neighbourhood watch projects soaring from 6 to 150 schemes.

Police and Racism

I am deeply concerned about the recent reports of racist behaviour amongst police officers. As a result, I have prepared a report that outlines how these allegations are being responded to. Through the MOPC, I am exploring how racist officers or staff are swiftly identified and rooted out. It remains my imperative not to allow confidence in London's police force to be jeopardised by the behaviour of a small minority of individuals.

Transport

TfL seek consultants to join new architecture, design and urbanism procurement panel

On 16 May, architects and design professionals were invited to apply for membership of a new consultants' procurement panel which is being set up by TfL and I to promote quality architecture, public realm, urban regeneration and sustainable development in the capital.

The Architecture, Design and Urbanism Panel will be a joint GLA and TfL panel, also open to use by London boroughs, housing associations and other public sector organisations involved with the built environment in the capital. Up to £30 million of work is expected to be procured through the new panel, which will run for three years from 2012, with an option to extend for a further year. The new panel will replace the current LDA Architecture, Landscape and Urban Design Panel from 2008 and the TfL Urban Realm Design Framework from 2005.

Interested consultants need to complete and return a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire by 7 June 2012 and invitations to tender will be issued in the summer, with contracts awarded by October 2012.

Vital investment and reliability programme result in record year of Tube performance

On 15 May, I welcomed the latest performance figures for London Underground, which confirmed that the Tube had attained record levels of performance and improved reliability over the last twelve months.

These improvements are the result of the reliability programme introduced last year and also my massive programme of investment. To further improve reliability, work is being undertaken to cut delays on the Tube by an additional 30 per cent.

Performance statistics recorded during 2011/12 showed that more passenger journeys were made on the Tube than ever before, with 1.171 billion last year, while the volume of train services operated increased by 5 per cent to 72.4 million train kilometres.

The important indicator of reliability, measured by the amount of delays to customers, is also at record lows, with the number of customers hours lost to delays at their lowest since measurements began in 1999. Across the network, Lost Customers Hours have been reduced by almost 40 per cent since 2007/08.

Diamond Jubilee spirit on London's transport network

From 14 May, Londoners and visitors coming to the city to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee were able to get their hands on a collectable limited edition Diamond Jubilee Oyster card.

The cards were made available from London Underground stations in Zone 1 and at Heathrow Terminals 1, 2, 3 and 4, and TfL Travel Information Centres.

TfL produced 250,000 of the limited edition Oyster cards, that feature a portrait of The Queen, marking sixty years of Her reign.

Alongside the launch of the Oyster card, the first of two Jubilee line trains, wrapped in decorative Jubilee livery to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations entered service. The trains will run along the Jubilee line up to and during the Diamond Jubilee weekend.

UK's top free runners show commuters it's just a 'hop, skip and a jump' between stations ahead of the Games

On 14 May, commuters between London Bridge and Monument stations witnessed parkour (also known as free-running) acrobats performing a spectacular series of aerial stunts, jumps and leaps between the two stations. The team of free runners showed that the two sites are but a 'hop, skip and a jump' apart as they travelled across London Bridge, with the aim of encouraging commuters to walk rather than get the Tube where possible during the London 2012 Games.

TfL handed out free local walking maps to commuters arriving at London's mainline railway stations. The maps have been created to encourage people to swap short Tube journeys for walking ones during Games time, and were handed out to rail commuters throughout Walk to Work Week (16-24 May), as well as being available at mainline and some London Underground stations during Games-time.

Walking will be one of the simplest and quickest ways to make short journeys in London during this summer's Olympic and Paralympic Games, when 'hotspot' stations such as London Bridge will be exceptionally busy at certain times of the day.

Emirates Air Line flying high as all 34 cabins undergo rigorous safety testing

On 15 May, TfL announced that the construction of London's newest transport link had reached another milestone, as all 34 cabins of the Emirates Air Line took off for their inaugural load testing flight.

The extensive testing programme is part of a series of rigorous safety trials and follows the completion in April of the Emirates Air Line's three towers, with cabling extended across the river. The cabins will travel across 1.1km of cable, gliding 90m above the Thames with weights representing the maximum number of passengers before the Emirates Air Line opens for passenger service in summer 2012.

The innovative Emirates Air Line is a key plank of my plan to revitalise east London, create jobs for Londoners and attract investment into the capital. It will be a much needed new river crossing with the capacity to carry up to 2,500 people per hour in each direction, the equivalent of 30 buses per hour.

Hammersmith Flyover to fully reopen to traffic on 30 May

Vital repair work to the Hammersmith Flyover was completed on 30 May, allowing the structure to be fully reopened to all traffic well ahead of the London 2012 Games.

TfL will return to the structure during 2013 to strengthen the remaining spans. This work will be carried out, where possible, with no weight or lane restrictions and minimal closures to the flyover, which will be coordinated by TfL to minimise traffic disruption.

Wembley Central becomes the 65th step-free Tube station

On 16 May, TfL announced that three new lifts and one new stair lift have now been installed at Wembley Central station, making it the 65th Tube station to become step-free from street to platform level before the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

This will give easier access to passengers with luggage and buggies as well as wheelchair users at Wembley Central station, whether they want to get to a London Overground, National Rail or a London Underground Bakerloo line platform.

For passengers going to Wembley Stadium or Arena, it will complement Wembley Park Tube Station, which is also step-free and will be a lasting legacy long after the Games have finished. Network Rail installed the new lifts and constructed a new corridor linking the ticket hall with all the platforms, which means that National Rail customers are now under cover on their way to catch a train.

Olympic legends compete to be the fastest to cross London

On 17 May, Sally Gunnell OBE, former 400m hurdles Olympic gold medallist, and Chris Boardman MBE, former cycling world champion and Olympic gold medallist, raced against each other to find the easiest and quickest route across London to the Olympic Park.

The race was inspired by new research from London 2012 and TfL, which revealed that 86 per cent of central London businesses are planning one or more initiatives to encourage employees to consider alternative forms of transport. Of these, 60 per cent of businesses will encourage their staff to walk or cycle.

As part of the London 2012 and TfL challenge, Sally ran and Chris cycled from Liverpool Street station to Stour Space, a gallery and café, opposite the Olympic Park on the River Lea. The aim was to demonstrate to businesses and their employees the alternatives to getting public transport during Games-time. TfL and London 2012 are encouraging workers travelling in Games transport 'hotspot' areas to swap to cycling or walking for all or part of their journeys as part of the Get Ahead of the Games campaign.

New Oyster online accounts help customers keep track of their travel

On 18 May, TfL announced that millions of Oyster card users are now able to check their accounts online. The new service is now available for season ticket or Oyster pay as you go users, and allows them to look back over their journey history and fares paid.

Passengers who register for the new system are now finding it much easier to check that they have always touched in and out on their journeys. It also makes it a simple process for

passengers to download their journey history and use the information to claim for work expenses; rather than having to contact the Oyster help desk to ask for a printed journey history to be posted to them.

Feedback from customers who have trialled the accounts has been positive, with online accounts set out in a clear format showing a detailed journey history and fares paid.

The online accounts show where customers have benefited from the new system of automated refunds, which was introduced recently to save customers from having to make a claim themselves if a journey has been left incomplete, due to forgetting or being unable to touch out.

Economic and Business Policy

Small business key to boosting apprenticeships and jobs in capital

On 30 May, I called on more small and medium sized businesses in the capital to create apprenticeships and help drive London out of recession.

To help small firms to take on an apprentice, I have secured £6 million from Government to offer a cash incentive of £1,500 available from the National Apprenticeship Service. In addition, firms can receive up to 100 per cent funding towards their training costs.

In London small and medium sized companies are already responsible for the majority of the 63,700 opportunities created since 2010, contributing to my target to deliver 100,000 apprenticeships by the end of this year.

Expert support to deliver London's super connected city strategy

I have approved the procurement of expert, technical, analytical and project management services required to develop London's final submission to DCMS.

I have also approved the subsequent award of, entry into, and execution of contract(s) (with an aggregated value of up to £150,000), for the required services to the bidder(s) submitting the most economically advantageous bid(s).

Finally, I have approved a related exemption from the requirement of section 3.6 of the Contracts and Funding Code, to undertake an OJEU tender or call off from an accessible framework.

Environment

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Working with each of London's 33 boroughs, more than 80 projects including parks, high streets, squares and public spaces have benefited from more than £350 million invested through my Great Outdoors initiative, with a further 12 to be completed after the 2012 Games.

RE:NEW

My London RE:NEW homes programme has again achieved another key milestone, having now retrofitted over 65,000 homes. This programme is not only reducing CO₂ emissions, but is saving Londoners money on their homes energy bills. Demonstrating my ongoing commitment to domestic retrofitting, I have allocated £3.3 million to continue delivery of RE:NEW in 2012/13. This new tranche of activity is currently planned to deliver in excess of 20,000 additional home retrofits, as well as sustaining jobs created already through RE:NEW.

Help a London Park

On 21 May, my Environment Advisor attended an event to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the transformation of Mayesbrook Park in the LB Barking & Dagenham. The improvements to the park are part of a wider regeneration plan for the area. An Olympic Handball training centre, which will provide a legacy sports facility, has been built and the former University of East London campus is being redeveloped to create hundreds of new homes located adjacent to the improved and rejuvenated park.

The park was one of the 11 parks in my Help a London Park (HeLP) programme. It received £400,000 from HeLP to fund improvements which leveraged an additional £550,000 investment from partners. The project has now delivered a major river restoration project, which has brought the Mayes Brook back into the park to improve the park's aesthetic appeal, reduce the incidences of flooding downstream by creating new flood plain and, improved the water quality in the river. It has also improved the entrances, landscaping and play facilities to make the park more welcoming, which has already resulted in significant increase in the usage of the park.

The project is a fantastic example of partnership working, attracting support and funding from the Environment Agency and the SITA Trust and corporate sponsorship from the RSA Insurance Group.

Neasden Lane

My former Director of Environment wrote to the LB Brent and the Environment Agency, setting out my concern at the current high concentrations of air pollutants at Neasden Lane.

Neasden Lane is a heavily industrial site, with these activities regulated by the Environment Agency and the London Borough of Brent. To counter long running issues with local PM10 emissions, a range of measures have been introduced which has halved the number of 'bad air days' since 2006. These local efforts are being enhanced by the application of Transport for London's dust suppressant technology on local roads, as well as through a range of long term, sustainable measures to reduce pollution all across the capital. Whilst I have no direct powers to intervene, the GLA will host a meeting of the key parties to agree further action to improve air quality in the area.

Assignment of Intellectual property of C40 to C40 Climate Leadership Group inc.

I have agreed to license and assign the C40 related Intellectual Property to C40 Inc, until such time as assignment terms can be agreed for the Intellectual Property.

London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Legacy and Sport

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Thousands of Londoners in pole position for jobs at Summer Games

On 17 May, I announced that around 12,000 people living in the six east London Olympic boroughs have been offered jobs this summer at the 2012 Games, many of whom are currently unemployed and will be supported into permanent work after their Games role is over.

I have been working with LOCOG and the six boroughs to ensure Londoners benefit from the Games. As a result, these jobs will see local residents delivering essential services in the Olympic Park such as catering, cleaning and security.

My £14 million 2012 Employment Legacy programme, which runs until 2014, has already helped nearly 7,500 local unemployed people with their job search, of which 2,000 have already started work. After the Games, they will be further supported by the programme.

Overall, 37,000 previously workless Londoners have already gained access to employment through London 2012 related activity and 8,000 additional permanent jobs are planned for the Olympic Park after the Games.

Glittering lighting makeover for Tower Bridge readies London's world-famous icon for historic year 2012

On 30 May, Tower Bridge, one of the world's most recognisable landmarks, had its first official switch on of its new state-of-the-art, energy efficient lighting system. The new world-class lighting system will gleam white this weekend to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and has been completed in time to mark the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The bridge will be firmly in the global spotlight this summer and thanks to an innovative funding deal reached between my office, the City of London Corporation, London 2012 sponsors EDF and Ge, the LED-lighting and cabling system has now been fully installed at no cost to taxpayers.

The new lights brighten up the bridge, enhance its architectural features and replace static lights with bulbs that can vary in intensity and colour, while at the same time cutting energy consumption considerably. The new lights will take centre stage during the 2012 Games when the bridge will be fitted with its giant Olympic Rings and Paralympic Agitos for the 45 days of the Games.

The new lighting system will be in place for 25 years. In total 1,800 special energy-efficient LED lights have been fitted, along with 2,000 meters of energy-efficient LED linear lights, 5,000 meters of cable and 1,000 junction boxes.

Provision of Games tickets to the families of victims of July 7 2005

I have approved payment of £221,000 to LOCOG, to be funded from the Olympics reserve, for the following tickets:

- 205 tickets to the Olympic Opening Ceremony
- 61 tickets to the Olympic Athletics Finals on 3 August
- 4 tickets to the Olympic Athletics Finals on 4 August

These tickets will be distributed to the 67 individuals contacted by the Met and who also accepted the offer of tickets.

I agreed an exemption from the Contracts and Funding Code on the grounds of there being a single supplier.

World-Class Legacy Cycling Event

I have authorised TfL, under section 38(1) of the GLA Act 1999, to exercise the GLA's powers under sections 30(1) and 34(1) of the Act for the purposes of supporting, preparing and delivering an annual two-day cycle weekend event from 2013, under the current working name of *"World-class Legacy Cycling Event"*.

I agreed to endorse the proposed event concept and the involvement and management resources of Mayoral agencies to prepare necessary plans to create the event: TfL, London & Partners and the MPS.

Housing

More homes for London – new board to drive housing investment

On 23 May, I appointed a new board to oversee the investment of my £3 billion housing budget and to help maximise the potential of newly acquired land assets to deliver thousands of new homes and jobs across the capital.

Chaired by Richard Blakeway, my Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, the Homes for London Board will bring together a mix of highly professional independent experts to help find creative solutions to London's unique housing need. Supporting and advising me on housing challenges in the capital, they will help oversee the delivery of housing programmes, including the affordable homes programmes and the use of newly acquired GLA land. The first 'Homes for London' board meeting will take place on the 18 June.

The board members are:

- Nick Salisbury, former Head of Structured Finance for the Barclays Corporate Bank Property
- Mike Youkee, former head of housing at Quintain and former joint chief executive of the Greenwich Peninsula project
- Charmaine Young CBE, outgoing director of St George plc
- Sir Steve Bullock, Mayor, LB Lewisham
- Cllr Stephen Carr, Leader, LB Bromley
- Cllr Chris Roberts, Leader, RB Greenwich

Transfer of agreements and equity mortgages from GLA Land and Property Ltd to the GLA

I have agreed to:

1. The following being novated to the GLA from GLA Land and Property Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5 below):
 - all agreements between GLA Land and Property Ltd and house builders / developers that transferred from the HCA to GLA Land and Property Ltd under

the Transfer Scheme, which provide for financial assistance to be given to individual home buyers secured by way of an equity mortgage;

2. The following being assigned to the GLA from GLA Land and Property Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5 below):
 - all loan agreements and equity mortgages and any ancillary agreements between individual recipients of financial assistance and GLA Land and Property Ltd that transferred from the HCA to GLA Land and Property Ltd under the Transfer Scheme, including (without limitation) those made entered into under the following schemes or programmes: First Buy; Home Buy Direct Kickstart Round 3; the London Wide Initiative; and FTBI: Suttons Wharf, Tower Hamlets;
3. Any agreements, loans and equity mortgages that are the subject of Decisions 1 and 2 above being novated and/or assigned from the GLA back to GLA Land and Property Ltd, in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons;
4. The GLA entering into future loan agreements and equity mortgages and any ancillary agreements with individual recipients of financial assistance under the First Buy Direct scheme and Kickstart HomeBuy Direct schemes, and to any such loans and equity mortgages being assigned from the GLA to GLA Land and Property Ltd in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons;
5. To delegate authority to each of the Executive Director of Resources and the Executive Director of Housing and Land and, any senior officer nominated by either of them for such purposes, to execute any mortgages under any of the schemes referred to above for and on behalf of the GLA, and to do all things they consider reasonably necessary or desirable (including, without limitation, entering into further agreements) to facilitate the implementation of the matters referred to the Mayoral Decision; and
6. Authorise GLA Land and Property Limited and, to the extent necessary, Greater London Authority Holdings Limited, to do all things they consider necessary or desirable from the perspective of those companies to facilitate the implementation of the matters referred to in this Mayoral Decision including, without limitation, the application by GLA Land and Property Limited for a licence under the Consumer Credit Act 1974.
7. Any loans and equity mortgages between the HCA and individual recipients of financial assistance under the FirstBuy Programme, which completed after 1 April 2012, being assigned to the GLA from the HCA Ltd (if considered necessary or desirable by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5); and further agreed to these loans and equity mortgages being assigned from the GLA to GLA Land and Property Limited, in the event that this is considered necessary by a person with delegated authority under Decision 5, for legal or tax reasons.

Culture and Events

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

On 28 May, I urged Londoners and visitors to plan ahead for the unforgettable weekend of spectacular celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Hundreds of street parties and local celebrations will be taking place throughout the city, in addition to major events in central London. These include the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant and Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 3 June; the lighting of the National Beacon and the Diamond Jubilee Concert in the Mall on Monday 4 June; and the Ceremonial Procession, which will be watched by millions on television and broadcast on big screens in Hyde Park, St James' Park and Trafalgar Square on Tuesday 5 June.

It will be extremely busy throughout the weekend, with large crowds expected and those planning to come into central London should plan their journeys in advance, checking event times and using public transport where possible. More information can be found at: www.tfl.gov.uk/diamondjubilee.

Four groups from my Team London Ambassadors programme will, for the first time, be located at venues across the capital, including the South Bank, helping visitors find their way around the capital and these unique celebrations.

I will be taking part in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant on Sunday, as will youngsters from my Fund for Young Musicians. Young Londoners, aged 10-21 years, will be performing on a barge in the pageant as part of the recently formed Mayor's Jubilee Band.

Diamond Jubilee 2012 Funding

I have approved the allocation of funding of £100,000, from the 2011/12 Campaigns and Events budget, as my contribution towards events for the celebrations.

I have agreed to procure and enter into a contract for event management services for the celebrations; delegating to the Executive Director of Resources authority to approve entry into a contract for the full event sum, estimated up to £2,000,000, subject to DCMS's confirmed underwriting of costs over and above £100,000.

I approved, subject to DCMS's confirmed underwriting, the expenditure of up to £2,000,000, of which the total sum, less £100,000 and any revenue generated by the GLA, will be reimbursed to the GLA. I have also agreed that if the total project costs should exceed the estimated £2,000,000, all additional costs to be to be reimbursed by DCMS less any commercial revenue.

I agreed to undertake a competitive tender exercise to contract a suitable organisation to provide bar, catering, and retail concession opportunities, in order to raise commercial revenue to underwrite part of the costs of staging the events.

Finally, I agreed to delegate approval to the Executive Director of Resources to finalise, approve and execute the Event Organisation Contract; to sign a MOU between the DCMS, Mayor of London and Royal Parks, relating to the delivery and management of this project; to approve entry into and sign any sponsorship agreement to secure income for the events and, to

enter into an agreement with the BBC to enable BBC coverage of the Diamond Jubilee events to be shown on the screens at no cost to the GLA or DCMS.

River Pageant Stewarding and Crowd Management

I have approved the allocation of funding of up to £500,000 from GLA reserves as my contribution towards to cost of the Stewarding and Crowd Management Plan for the Thames Diamond Jubilee River Pageant, on Sunday June 3 2012.

I amended the Memorandum of Understanding with the DCMS and Royal Parks, as approved by MD 949, to enable the GLA to pay an additional sum of up to £500,000 towards the Contract Costs for the event services.

To off-set this additional sum, the DCMS, together with the Home Office, will pay the total estimated cost of up to £1.5 million for the River Pageant Stewarding and Crowd Management Plan, this sum is to cover the GLA's contribution of up to £500,000.

London Mela, August 2012

I approved the allocation of £60,000 from the 2012/13 GLA Programme budget for Events For London to London Mela 2012. I have approved the award of grant funding (of up to £60,000) to and entry into a funding agreement with LB Ealing, as a contribution to its costs of the London Mela 2012.

GLA Organisation

Future Standards Regime at the GLA

I agreed (noting that these matters require a joint decision with the London Assembly):

- To re-establish the GLA's Standards Committee, as currently required by law, on the same basis that it is currently constituted for the period up until the existing regime is abolished, expected to be 30 June 2012; and to agree (which is not a joint decision with the Assembly) to delegate my role on the Committee to the statutory Deputy Mayor of London;
- Formally to approve a revised Code of Conduct and associated complaints procedure, to come into effect when the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011 are commenced, expected to be 1 July 2012; and agree that the operation of the new Code of Conduct for elected Members be the responsibility of the Authority's Monitoring Officer, who will exercise that function in accordance with the associated complaints guidance, seeking advice from the Independent Person(s) appointed in accordance with Section 28(7) of the Localism Act as necessary;
- To note appendices B2 – B4 to the Code;
- To approve the proposed criteria set out at Appendix C5 to the new Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted Members of the Greater London Authority, in relation to granting dispensations to GLA Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any business of the Authority, and agree, noting that this is a matter for joint decision with me, that once

the relevant regulations have been issued by the Government, that Appendix be amended to include the prescribed categories for disclosable pecuniary interests;

- To approve a process for the recruitment of the Independent Person(s) charged under Section 28(7) of the Localism Act, with assisting in the discharge of complaints-handling procedures under the new Standards regime;
- To approve the proposals in relations to an attendance allowance for the Independent Person(s) and the applications of the Authority's Expenses and Benefits Framework.

Audit Reports

I have noted the recent reports from external and internal audit and the arrangements for the appointment of the Authority's external auditor for the audit of its 2012-13 accounts.

Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

I have agreed to:

- Carry out an exercise to procure a value added reseller who can facilitate the establishment of a GLA Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft;
- Transfer existing LDA (and, if possible, HCA) Microsoft licences to the GLA, as part of the process of establishing a GLA Enterprise Agreement;
- Seek to negotiate an agreement with Microsoft via the value added reseller selected during the procurement process, whereby the GLA can access Microsoft Project and Visio software in a flexible manner.
- Approve total revenue expenditure of up to £162,000 per year for up to 5 years and, capital expenditure of up to £54,000 for the purpose of establishing the GLA Enterprise Agreement;
- Approve growth to the IT Revenue Budget of £162,000 per year, after the initial period of the agreement, to allow the GLA to meet the continuing costs of future agreements;
- Approve a contingency of 25 per cent above the estimated cost in case unforeseen costs or requirements arise during the process of setting up the Enterprise Agreement;
- Delegate to the Executive Director of Finance responsibility to sign undertakings as necessary with Microsoft, and/or the selected procurement partner, to establish the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement; and
- Approve the GLA Finance department to make budget adjustments necessary to establish the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.

Hidden London project

I have approved a one off virement of £140,000 from the Sports Accord Budget in the London Engagement budget, to the City Ops LOOK and FEEL programme required to deliver the Hidden London project.

Government Relations

Oslo Ceremony

On 22 May, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, attended and spoke on my behalf at a tree planting ceremony in Oslo to commemorate the atrocities that took place in their city on 22 July 2011.

In December 2011, I met with the Governing Mayor of Oslo, Mr Stian Berger Rosland and offered the gift of an oak tree to the people of Oslo on behalf of the people of London to commemorate the atrocities. This gift was accepted by the Governing Mayor. Jennette Arnold AM also attended the ceremony as Chair of the London Assembly. A plaque accompanies the tree and reads as:

'This tree is a gift from London to the people of Oslo in memory of all the innocent lives lost on 22 July 2011. They will never be forgotten. Boris Johnson, Mayor of London'.

Appointments

Further appointments to my top team

On 15 May, I confirmed further appointments to the team set to deliver my key priorities, including more jobs and economic growth in a cleaner, greener and healthier city.

I have appointed Matthew Pencharz as my Environment Advisor, both to coordinate essential green programmes across my top team and to focus on particular areas, including delivering a high quality of life in the capital through the continued protection and creation of green space, boosting recycling, turning London's waste into a resource, planting more trees and delivering further improvements to air quality.

Rosie Boycott will continue in her role as Chair of the London Food Board, promoting and delivering programmes to make London a fairer, healthier city, along with an enhanced local environment. Kate Hoey MP will continue as my Commissioner for Sport and will continue working to increase opportunities for Londoners of all ages to participate in sport, raising further funds for investment and, ensuring a strong sporting legacy for communities as a result of this summer's events.

Barbara Windsor will retain her role as my Ambassador for street parties and Annie Lennox will continue as my HIV Ambassador.

Will Walden appointed as Director of Communications

On 25 May, I appointed Will Walden to be my new Director of Communications. Will, who is the BBC's Westminster News Editor, has been a broadcast journalist with 20 years experience in both the public and commercial sector.

He began his career as a reporter in local newspapers, before moving to commercial radio and has worked extensively as a reporter, producer and editor across local, regional and national television and radio, for the BBC, ITN, GMTV and Granada.

For the last five years he has directed the BBC's day to day coverage of political news, having previously spent three years as the Corporation's senior producer in Washington D.C, where he worked as right hand man to Chief US Correspondent, Matt Frei. Before that he was senior political producer to the then Political Editor Andrew Marr. He will begin his new role in early July.

Contracts of Mayoral Appointments

I have noted that the employment contracts of my appointments to posts under section 67(1) of the GLA Act ("Mayoral Appointees") will terminate by operation of law at the end of my term of office.

I have agreed that, before the end of my term of office, the Authority enters into a Compromise Agreement with each of my Appointees, under which the Authority agrees to pay each of the Mayoral Appointees a termination payment, upon the terms and conditions set out, in full and final settlement of all claims they may have arising from their employment and the termination of their employment.

Finally, I have authorised the Head of Paid Service to exercise delegated authority to negotiate other terms and conditions of the Compromise Agreements and, after consulting with the Authority's other statutory officers, to enter into those Compromise Agreements for and on behalf of the Authority.

Appointment of Directors to the London Academies Enterprise Trust

I have approved the nominations of the following candidates, made by the Mayor's Academies Ltd, for appointment onto the Board of the London Academies Enterprise Trust:

- Joan Deslandes
- Barbara Harrison
- Toby Young

Planning and Development Control

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Victoria Deep Water Terminal, 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.

Greenwich Peninsula Plot M0120, 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.

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

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

- Box Lane Freight Depot, LB Barking & Dagenham
- Bronte House and Fielding House, LB Brent
- 22 Lamson Road, LB Havering
- Airport Bowl, Bath Road, LB Hillingdon
- Prices Candles, LB Wandsworth
- St Barts Estate, Corporation of London
- Victoria Circle, City of Westminster
- Woodbridge High School, LB Redbridge
- Skylines Village, LB Tower Hamlets
- West London Volkswagen, LB Hounslow
- Cuba Street (updated stage 1), LB Tower Hamlets

Development Plans

I have written to the following Councils giving a response to their development plan consultations:

- Lewisham Site Allocations DPD, Submission, LB Lewisham
- Lewisham Town Centre Area Action Plan, Submission, LB Lewisham

Decisions made under delegation to Director – Development & Environment

- ‘Live Site’ River Lea Planning Delivery Zone 5, ODA
- Battersea Power Station, LB Wandsworth
- New Covent Garden Flower Market, LB Wandsworth
- New Covent Garden Flower Market, LB Wandsworth

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Havering Planning Obligations SPD, LB Havering

Key Engagements

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

- I addressed City Hall staff in the City Hall Chamber on 10 May
- I had lunch with Sarah Sands, Editor of the Evening Standard, on 10 May
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 10 May
- I attended the opening of the ArcelorMittal Orbit in the Olympic Park on 11 May
- I attended the Ahmadiyya Charity Challenge at the Tower of London on 13 May
- I had my regular meeting with Lord Coe & Paul Deighton, LOCOG, and Justin King on 14 May to discuss preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games
- I attended the London Live Sites Launch event at BT Tower on 15 May

- I hosted a meeting of interested parties to discuss preparations for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on 15 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 15 May
- I visited Greece on 16, 17 and 18 May for the Olympic Torch handover
- I attended the Olympic flame ceremony at the Acropolis hosted by the Hellenic Organising Committee on 16 May
- I attended a dinner hosted by the British Ambassador on 16 May
- I attended a Breakfast round table UK media briefing on 17 May
- I attended a reception hosted by the British Ambassador for the UK Business and Shipping community on 17 May
- I attended the Olympic Torch Handover Ceremony at the Panathenaic Stadium on 17 May
- I attended the Handover reception at the Ambassador's residence on 17 May
- I received the Medal of the City of Athens from the Mayor of Athens, Yiorgos Kaminis, at a reception at the Athens City Hall on 18 May
- I attended the Olympic Torch arrival event at RNAS Culdrose on 18 May
- I had my regular monthly catch up with Andrew Boff AM, Leader of the Conservative Group on the Assembly, on 21 May
- I met with Transport for London to discuss Olympic Transport on 22 May 2012
- I met with Barry, Margaret and Billy Mizen on 22 May
- I met with the Deputy Commissioner Craig Mackey and Assistant Commissioner Chris Allison to discuss Olympic Security on 22 May
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 23 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 23 May
- I attended the Cabinet Olympics Committee on 23 May
- I attended the re-opening of Leicester Square on 23 May
- I visited Wimbledon on 24 May to see the new Team "Technique Knowledge & Opportunity" Scheme
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 25 May
- I visited the Chelsea Flower show on 25 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 28 May
- I met with Stephen Daldry, Creative Director, on 28 May to discuss the Olympic and Paralympic Ceremonies
- I had dinner with George Osborne MP, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on 28 May
- I met with Bernard Hogan Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, and Catherine Crawford, Chief Executive of the MOPC, on 29 May
- I chaired the London Enterprise Panel on 29 May
- I chaired the Olympic Board Meeting on 30 May
- I visited a small financial services business in the City on 30 May to meet with current and former apprentices to highlight that small businesses are key to boosting apprenticeships and jobs in the capital
- I met with Theresa May MP, the Home Secretary on 30 May.

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