

London Assembly
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Twenty-fourth Mayor's Report to the Assembly

This is my twenty-fourth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 2 to 29 September.

Executive Summary

Mayoral Academies

On 23 September, alongside my Advisor on Health and Youth Opportunities, Pamela Chesters, I officially opened the Nightingale and Aylward Academies in Enfield, the first to be opened under my Academies Programme.

The Sponsors, the London Academies Enterprise Trust, jointly formed by Academies Enterprise Trust (AET) and the Mayor's Academies Ltd, took over the running of the Academies from 1 September 2010. Working with AET, we will continue to prioritise our energies and resources into gaining the confidence and support of local parents and students, now the academies are open.

My academies aim to boost education results in schools which have underachieved historically, and raise the students' aspirations so they are confident they can go on in life to fulfil their best. Academy students will have a range of choices from age 16 to continue in full-time education, enter work-based learning, such as an apprenticeship, or part time training, alongside working or volunteering.

The partnership between the London Development Agency and the Academies Education Trust will also ensure their academies are centres of learning that serve their communities and improve local adult skills. I hope to invest in a number of other academies across London to provide more opportunities for young people.

The Aylward Academy will cater for 1,275 students in years 7-11, with a further 200 places for 6th form students. The Alyward Academy specialisms will be English and Literacy and Business and Enterprise.

The Nightingale Academy will cater for 900 students in years 7-11, with a further 214 places for 6th form students. The Nightingale Academy specialisms will be English and Sports and Fitness.

First Steps for Families Initiative

On 21 September, along with the London Homes and Communities Agency, I unveiled the First Steps for *families* initiative.

This initiative supports my aim to increase the proportion of family sized homes built for low cost home ownership. It will see up to 1000 new homes made available over the next 3 years to families aspiring to own their new property, with around 250 ready by next summer. There is strong support from both London boroughs and housing associations who have included their own sites in the programme, in addition to sites put forward by the HCA. Using the HCA's Delivery Partner Panel to appoint development partners for these initial sites will speed up the procurement process and ensure start on site at the earliest opportunity.

Despite difficult economic times, I am on track to deliver 50,000 affordable homes by 2012, and my aim is that 20,000 of these will be made available for low cost home ownership. So far, over 26,000 new

affordable homes have been delivered and, in the last year alone, over 15,000 affordable homes were started, a 35% increase on the year before I was elected.

In line with my Housing Strategy, London's affordable housing supply is now delivering homes that are better designed, with more and larger rooms for families, and giving Londoners more choice in where they live and more help for those that want to buy their home.

Mayor of London's Sky Ride

On 5 September, I was joined by Sir Chris Hoy, Kelly Brook, riders from Team Sky and around 85,000 Londoners, as the Mayor of London's Sky Ride returned to the Capital, allowing people to enjoy a day of entertainment with friends and family in the traffic-free, city centre streets of central London. The event was the third in the Capital this year, following two events earlier this summer in Ealing and Redbridge.

Cyclists of all ages and abilities took to the streets to take part in the biggest mass participation cycling event ever held in the UK. The new and extended 15km route took in more of the Capital's most iconic landmarks than ever before, weaving around iconic sights from the Tower of London to Buckingham Palace, via the City of London and St Paul's Cathedral. This year, for the first time, the route also took riders through Parliament Square, passing Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

The Mayor of London's Sky Ride is part of a series of initiatives during my 'Year of Cycling', which is bringing a cycling revolution to the streets of the Capital, including the delivery of landmark Cycle Superhighways and Barclays Cycle Hire.

As well as giving people the opportunity to re-discover and see their city in a new light, participants were able to take part in a number of exciting activities and entertainment taking place along the route and in the Sky Ride Entertainment Village in St James's Park.

The Mayor's Thames Festival 2010

On the 11 and 12 September, the Mayor's Thames Festival annual arts celebration took place. This event has developed incredibly over the years, and is now London's largest arts festival, attracting an audience of over 840,000 throughout the event. The Festival received GLA funding of £60,000 towards the event delivery, and £50,000 from the Food Strategy budget towards the Feast on the Bridge.

My Advisor on Arts and Culture, Munira Mirza, represented me at the event on the Saturday, where she spoke to partners and supporters of the event, and on Sunday I attended. I started the fabulous Night Carnival, and got to see and meet some of the 2,500 participants, including artists and school groups who work all year on the amazing costumes that feature in the parade. I also spoke at a reception held by the Festival's main supporter Barclaycard, who sponsored the event for the fourth year.

The event truly is a major spectacle, showcasing one of London's best assets – the river. Between Westminster Bridge and Tower Bridge, on the river banks and on the adjacent riverside walkways and public open spaces, the Festival featured street arts, pyrotechnics, illuminations, art installations, river events, street theatre, massed choirs, circus and music, with the event ending with a fantastic firework show over the river.

Story of London Launch

On 27 September, I launched the Story of London festival, alongside Lord Robert Winston, at the Royal Institution, home to Faraday's pioneering scientific work and discoveries. With over 100 events taking place from 1-10 October, the Story of London festival this year celebrates London's rich and varied history

as a place of innovation and ideas, and explores how it will develop as it faces the challenges of the 21st century and beyond.

For full festival information please go to www.london.gov.uk/storyoflondon

Policing and Community Safety

Weapons Bin Launch in Peckham

On 20 September, my Deputy Mayor for Policing, Kit Malthouse, urged the residents of Peckham to work together to fight violent youth crime as he helped unveil the first weapons bin in the area. The weapons bin is the eleventh to be installed by charity 'Word 4 Weapons', a pioneering National Weapons Exchange Programme.

The charity places the special bins outside churches, faith venues and shopping outlets in London, to encourage young people to anonymously get rid of knives and weapons. Only last month, three firearms were discarded in the Westminster weapons bin and in the last 11 months, over 650 knives have been recovered.

Safer Parks Award

On 28 September, I visited Danson Park, Bexley, to launch the Mayor's Safer Parks Award, which recognises and promotes new and existing good practice in tackling anti-social behaviour and increasing safety in London's parks.

The Mayor's Safer Parks Award is open to all parks in London up to a maximum of four hundred hectares in size. The award has three levels, gold, silver and bronze, and each level has progressively more demanding criteria. The first awards will be made in Spring 2011.

Further details can be found on the GLA website at: www.london.gov.uk/saferparks.

Mayor's Youth Summit

On 13 September, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Policing Kit Malthouse, and my Advisors for Youth Opportunity and Volunteering, Pamela Chesters and Lizzie Noel, I met a group of young people aged 14-19 to discuss serious youth violence.

The meeting gave me an opportunity to hear at first hand the experiences and views of young Londoners, about what the key issues are, as well as some fresh ideas about what is needed going forward.

Violence Against Women and Health Roundtable

On 14 September, supporting my Health Inequalities Strategy, the Violence Against Women and Health Roundtable took place at City Hall. This was chaired by Professor Sir George Alberti as an initial step to open dialogue, develop partnerships and agree a way forward with the Health Sector. The discussions and outcomes of the roundtable will feed into delivery of the Strategy's commitments, and the upcoming Mayoral Leadership Summit on Health, which takes place on the 1 November.

The NHS is often the first point of contact for women who have experienced violence, although they may not disclose the violence directly. However, the health system has yet to fulfill its potential to reduce violence against women and the health problems associated with this. Many health personnel are unaware of the role of violence as the underlying cause of women's health problems and lack the information to provide the right interventions and referrals.

Transport

Barclays Cycle Hire

On 9 September, the 500,000th journey was taken on the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme, fewer than six weeks since its launch. There are currently 85,000 members, with around 800 new applications per day. The scheme played an important role during the recent Tube strikes, with 24,500 Londoners taking to two wheels to beat the strike.

The popularity of the scheme now means that around 18,500 journeys are being made every weekday by Barclays Cycle Hire bikes, despite the system currently being available to members only. These blue bikes have transformed the city's streets and are leading the charge in the two-wheeled cycling revolution that is taking place in the Capital.

Barclays Cycle Hire is due to be opened up to casual users and visitors later this year. In the meantime, anyone who has a UK bank or credit card account can sign up to use the scheme for as little as £4, the total cost of a membership key and an initial 24 hour membership. Those who sign up for a daily membership can choose to auto-renew, which means they can start a new 24 hour hire period whenever they want, by simply inserting their cycle hire key into a docking point and taking a bike.

A limited edition print, designed by Jean Pierre Braganza, was introduced on a small number of Barclays Cycle Hire bikes to mark London Fashion Week. The print design was unveiled at Jean Pierre Braganza's Spring/Summer 2011 Catwalk Show, on 17 September, and the bikes were also available for members of the scheme to use from 17 to 24 September.

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

On 18 September, London hosted the final stage of world-class Tour of Britain cycle race and 100 professional cyclists raced around the Olympic borough of Newham.

The race coincided with the Newham London Waterfront Festival, a celebration of food, music and entertainment, which was attended by 17,000 people, and the weekend was topped off with a fantastic fireworks display.

Tube Strike

On 3 September, TfL published details of a major effort to help people get to work and around the Capital in the event of industrial action. On 25 August, the RMT and TSSA unions announced that joint strike action would take place over 24 hour periods on 6-7 September, 2-3 October, 2-3 and 28-29 November.

Around a hundred extra buses, escorted bike rides, marshalled taxi ranks, and capacity for 10,000 more journeys on the river were organised to help keep Londoners moving. Volunteers were also positioned at Tube, bus, and rail stations, to assist Londoners with their journeys and provide maps and other useful information.

Londoners with a bike were encouraged to consider cycling to work, with a Cycling Journey Planner made available on the TfL website. For the first time during a Tube strike, members were able to utilise the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme to get around central London on 5,000 bikes.

During the strike period on 6-7 September, LU operated well over a third of its usual service, and catered for over a million journeys. The Barclays Cycle Hire scheme experienced record usage with 24,500 journeys being made, an increase of 32% compared to the same time the previous week. In addition, around 2,500 people signed up as scheme members the day before the industrial action took place. Good services operated across the bus network, Docklands Light Railway, London Overground and Tramlink. As a result, most Londoners got to work.

On the morning of 8 September, TfL announced that services on the Underground had returned to normal and expressed gratitude to Londoners for their patience and determination and to staff for keeping London moving.

New Platform at Stratford Station ahead of 2012

On 5 September, a new platform opened at Stratford Regional Station that will help keep passengers moving during the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games. The new platform, funded by the ODA, will mean passengers will be able to alight from both sides of Central Line trains, allowing customers to change more easily and help reduce delays and congestion at the station before, during, and after the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Until the new platform came into use, the station only had one 'island' westbound platform, shared with National Rail services to Liverpool Street, which was very busy during peak times.

The new platform will mean that westbound train doors can now open on both sides of the carriage, for passengers to use the right hand side to change for rail services and the left for the Jubilee line, Docklands Light Railway or to leave the station. It is expected that 120,000 people will use Stratford Regional Station at peak times during the Games.

Key Crossrail Milestone Passed as Network Rail Submits Cost of Surface Works

On 1 September, Crossrail announced that Network Rail had confirmed it had successfully delivered another important piece of work on the Crossrail project, the key date 1 submission, ahead of schedule. This contains the detailed costs and plans for designing, developing and delivering the above ground parts of the Crossrail project.

Extensive modelling and planning has gone into the submission, and cost savings have been identified in areas such as quicker ways to build parts of the scheme. Not only will this save money, it will also mean less disruption for Londoners.

Crossrail has also announced the shortlist for the refurbishment of the Connaught Tunnel, a major part of the Abbey Wood branch, and the Pudding Mill Lane Tunnel Portal. The Invitation to tender for both contracts will be issued next month and Crossrail intends to award contracts in 2011. The shortlists are as follows:

Contract 315 - Connaught Tunnel

- Vinci Construction UK Ltd
- Hochtief Murphy Joint Venture
- BAM Nuttall Ltd
- VolkerFitzpatrick Barhale Joint Venture.

Contract 350 Pudding Mill Lane Tunnel Portal

- Vinci Construction UK Ltd
- Carillion Construction Ltd
- Dragados-Sisk Joint Venture
- Morgan Sindall plc

Consultation commences to re-shape Tube Lines for the future

On 15 September, Tube Lines, the maintenance firm acquired by TfL in June 2010, commenced a consultation with staff and unions over improving efficiency and delivering greater value for fare and taxpayer money.

Under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangements, Tube Lines held responsibility for the upgrade and maintenance of the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly lines. It was acquired by TfL to enable these vital upgrades to be delivered in a way that minimises disruption to passengers and businesses and which delivers greater value for money.

Consultation with staff and trade unions has now commenced on proposals drawn up by new CEO Andie Harper, following the acquisition. These include the potential for a reduction of around 250 mainly managerial, clerical and professional roles, as the company adjusts its activities in the light of its acquisition by TfL. This includes ending duplication of roles with TfL. Tube Lines would in the first instance, look to achieve any such reductions through removing temporary roles and through voluntary redundancy.

Following TfL's acquisition of Tube Lines, an urgent review of the PPP upgrades was commenced with the aim of delivering the Tube improvements that London and the wider UK economy needs at the best possible value for money, and with the minimum of disruption for Londoners and for businesses. The first priority is the completion of the Jubilee line upgrade, delivering more frequent and reliable trains, as soon as possible.

Four-car trains complete London Overground's Electric Train fleet

On 15 September, TfL announced that the last of the four-carriage trains in London Overground's fleet had entered service.

The extra carriages have been added to 20 trains on the Clapham Junction to Stratford and Richmond to Stratford routes, and increase the capacity of the Class 378 electric trains by one third. It has been made possible by recent platform lengthening works, as part of a £326 million upgrade project.

Four-carriage electric trains are already running on London Overground's Watford to Euston route and the East London Dalston to Croydon route, which was opened in May.

Kender Street Triangle switched back to two-way traffic

On 5 September, TfL switched the gyratory system around the Kender Street Triangle back to two-way traffic, helping to further smooth traffic flow in south east London. The conversion back to two-way flow will make it easier for drivers passing through the area and will help to reduce traffic through the residential areas along Kender Street and Besson Street.

The gyratory, a one-way circular road, was removed as part of the TfL's Kender Street Triangle improvement project and my £220 million Great Outdoors public realm improvement initiative. Kender Street Triangle was identified as one of more than 50 public spaces to benefit from funding through the my Great Outdoors initiative, which is improving streets, parks and squares of all shapes and sizes.

As well as the gyratory removal, the Kender Street scheme, which began in February this year, has included improvements to footways, junctions and pedestrian crossings and a new bus and cycle lane which has been installed along Queen's Road. New Cross Road and Queen's Road will also be resurfaced.

New signs, road markings and advanced warning signs are currently being placed around the Kender Street Triangle, to alert road users to the new road layout and to help ensure a smooth transition to the new traffic system.

Earn Your Travel Back

On 11 September, as part of my Earn Your Travel Back (EYTB) scheme, my Transport Adviser, Kulveer Ranger, joined Carlo Laurenzi OBE, Chief Executive of consortium partners, London Wildlife Trust, at an EYTB session at Gunnersbury Triangle Nature Reserve, Chiswick.

This was to mark the first anniversary of the EYTB Scheme and to highlight that by the beginning of September, 1,051 young people have successfully passed through the scheme.

Cycle Task Force

I am pleased to announce that 10 additional officers have been added to my Cycle Task Force. Part of the MPS' Safer Transport Unit, which is funded by Transport For London, the Cycle Task Force was launched in June with a complement of 30 officers. The additional officers will focus on traffic enforcement and cycle safety.

Blackwall Tunnel refurbishment works to finish early

On 27 August, TfL announced that essential works to upgrade the northbound Blackwall Tunnel are expected to be completed six months ahead of schedule. When work started in February, it was expected to take three years to complete the £70 million refurbishment of the 113 year old tunnel. However, TfL and its contractor, BAM Nuttall, have made excellent progress on the refurbishment, which means the safety upgrade will be finished in time for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Work completed so far includes the installation of new ventilation fans and concrete floors in two of the tunnels four shafts and the installation of temporary lighting, CCTV and communications systems throughout the tunnel. Work to install the permanent systems, which will bring the tunnel up to current standards, will begin later this year.

Londoners urged to get their bikes security tagged

On 26 August, Sergeant Titus Halliwell, from my TfL funded Cycle Task Force team, joined my Transport Adviser, Kulveer Ranger, to urge London's cyclists to get their bikes security marked.

Hundreds of recovered stolen bikes are piling up in the Capital's police stations and cannot be reunited with their owners because cyclists are not security marking their bicycles. The recently introduced Cycle Task Force team called on London cyclists to take action and help them return stolen bikes to their owners. Any unclaimed bikes are destroyed, sold in auction or donated to charity.

Final leg of London Overground's multi-million pound upgrade

On 17 September, TfL and Network Rail announced the final phases of re-signalling work on the London Overground network. The work is part of the multi million pound upgrade project to increase capacity on London Overground services, due to be delivered by May 2011. In order to complete the work some closures are required. They will be:

- Gospel Oak to Stratford from the evening 18 December until 24 December 2010
- Richmond to Stratford and Shepherd's Bush to Willesden Junction from 27 December until the 3 January 2011
- Further shorter closures during spring 2011 to complete the works by next May and the dates of these will be confirmed closer to the time
- Works requiring weekend-only closures will carry on until mid 2011

To minimise inconvenience during these times, TfL will provide a rail replacement service on the closed sections of the network. Passengers will also be able to travel at no extra cost by Tube or national rail services through zone 1, providing they travel from a Tube or national rail station near their usual London Overground station.

Warning Londoners of the dangers of taking unbooked minicabs

On 23 September, together with TfL, I urged Londoners not to use illegal minicabs, as figures released revealed that in 2009/10 there were 143 cab-related sexual offences reported.

Young women are the most likely to be at risk of sexual assaults when using unbooked minicabs and with freshers' weeks getting underway, I called on everyone living in the Capital, and in particular female students about to start university and college, not to get into minicabs that are not booked.

King's Cross St Pancras Tube station Step-free Access

On 27 September, I confirmed that one of the Capital's oldest and busiest London Underground stations, Kings Cross St Pancras, is now completely wheelchair accessible from street to platform level. The final lift of 10 that will ease access to the station's platforms has been commissioned.

Providing step-free access to the six lines serving this key Underground station is good news, not just for wheelchair users, but parents with buggies, passengers with heavy luggage and also people with dogs, particularly visually impaired people with guide dogs who use the station regularly to get to the Royal National Institute of Blind People's Headquarters nearby.

The station redevelopment project won the National Rail Award's Civil Engineering first prize.

Celebrating London's Walking Weekend

On 25 and 26 September, Londoners and visitors to the Capital put their best foot forward and took part in a series of led walks organised by TfL and Walk London. The free guided walks on the 'Autumn Ambles' weekend, took in the sights and sounds that make London such a vibrant world city.

Autumn Ambles is one of three annual guided walking weekends, with the 54 led walks on this occasion covering seven different routes along my Strategic Walk Network for London, which connect some of London's best attractions, parks, rivers, canals and open spaces.

With the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games around the corner, one of the Autumn Ambles routes had a special focus on East London and along the routes that lead towards the Olympic Park. The Jubilee Greenway links the Games venues with parks, waterways and great attractions. Seven of the walks were flagged as 'Walking towards the Games', showing how easy it will be to walk to the Olympic site.

Economic and Business Policy

Beam Reach 5 Business Park

I have approved an increase in the LDA's gross project budget for Beam Reach 5 business park, from £20,582,487 to £21,951,284 (an increase of £1,368,797), together with associated output variations. This is arising from additional legal costs and professional fees to complete the marketing and disposal of the site, and payment to Ford Motor Company of compensation monies arising from the compulsory purchase of part of the LDA's land at Beam Reach 5 business park, which was not reflected in the original budget approval.

CoreNet Global EMEA Summit

On 28 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, attended and spoke at the CoreNet Global EMEA Summit on Corporate Real Estate at Lancaster Gate.

The Summit was held to focus on how corporate real estate executives are finding innovative solutions to managing limited resources, in order to achieve real business growth. Richard welcomed the delegates to London and emphasised the Mayoral support for London as a great place to do business in and invest.

London Fashion Week

I am pleased to report that another successful London Fashion Week has come to an end and we now have a better understanding of just how important the fashion industry is to the UK economy.

The London Development Agency (LDA) supported the British Fashion Council's 'Value of the UK Fashion Industry' report. It found that the direct value of the industry is more than £21 billion. On top of this, it found that fashion's wider contribution to the economy in influencing spending in other industries, ranging from IT to tourism, is estimated at more than £16 billion.

Environment

Free Access to Drinking Water Across London

I have approved proposals for the development and implementation of a coordinated programme of activity, designed to identify and deliver new and innovative solutions (at nil cost to GLA and its relevant stakeholders), to increase the accessibility to free drinking water across London, involving both the public and private sector.

This includes the commencement of procurement activity, designed to identify the most economically advantageous solutions on its own behalf and that of third party stakeholders, which may include Transport for London, Thames Water, the London Development Agency, London boroughs and the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

I have delegated authority to the Executive Director of Communities and Intelligence to approve the awarding of contracts to bidders submitting the most economically advantageous solutions and also to enter into arrangements with third parties, including the aforementioned stakeholders and successful bidders required for the implementation, delivery and promotion of the programme and solutions comprised therein.

Street Tree Programme

As part of my Street Trees Programme, I am delighted that we remain well on track to reach our target to increase leafy street trees in London by March 2012. Through the third round of the grant we have approved applications to plant over 4,000 trees.

Over 5,000 street trees have already been planted since the programme started in 2008, and by end of this planting season, Spring 2011, we will be well on track to meet our target of an additional 10,000 street trees in the Capital by March 2012.

Thames Festival Showcases the Best in Healthy & Sustainable Food

On 11 and 12 September, the GLA Food Team supported my 2010 Thames Festival to deliver healthy and sustainable food across the festival.

This included the 'Feast on the Bridge' on Southwark Bridge, which attracted thousands of Londoners and visitors, who were able to enjoy delicious food, including the milling of heritage wheat grown on London allotments that was then baked into bread in a wood-fired oven. Across the whole festival, traders made a commitment to ensure that all fish used were from non-endangered fish species, and that all chicken and eggs at the festival were free range.

The GLA also supported the festival to work with some of London's food social enterprises, to give them a chance to supply to the festival. The festival was a huge success, with over 800,000 people attending over the two days.

Capital Growth

On 25 September, my Capital Growth initiative held an Open Gardens Day, giving Londoners the chance to see some of Capital's newest and most exciting community food growing spaces.

The tour took in an edible roof garden on top of Budgens in Crouch End, where surplus produce is sold through the shop, and a food garden growing in skips in the heart of Kings Cross. These projects show how unused spaces across the city have been transformed by local communities as a result of Capital Growth. The day was a great success, with hundreds of Londoners enjoying the experience of discovering London's hidden vegetable gardens.

As part of the initiative, I am pleased to announce that London's green-fingered gardeners can now apply for a share of £50,000 to grow their own food on unused land. New community food growing projects have until Monday 8 November 2010 to apply online for small grants of up to £1,000, to help to turn underused land into a vegetable patch, as well as practical support, such as access to training, expert advice and discounted tools and seeds. More information can be found at: (www.capitalgrowth.org/apply).

Capital Growth aims to create 2,012 new growing food spaces by the end of 2012. There are already 576 plots in a wide range of places including plots at schools, housing estates, homeless hostels, universities and even in skips. £200,000 in small grants have been awarded since the scheme was launched in November 2009, helping to create 318 new plots to the total number of 561 growing spaces.

Drain London

I am pleased to announce that the second phase of the Drain London Project has commenced. We have recently appointed consultants to work with the Boroughs to develop a Preliminary Flood Risk Appraisal and a Surface Water Management Plan for each borough. These will be completed by March 2011.

This work is imperative, as it will help the boroughs manage the risk of local surface water flooding and help Londoners adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Litter Summit

On 21 September, I hosted and launched the London Litter Summit. This was the second in a series of events and activities that make up my Litter Programme.

The summit brought together a range of organisations involved in litter prevention and in cleaning up in the city. Held in partnership with the Campaign for Protection of Rural England, Local Government Regulation, Keep Britain Tidy and London Councils, the event also included speakers from Cleanup UK and Thames 21 discussing a range of topics, such as grass roots volunteering and ways to minimise litter in the design of the local environment. The idea was to share best practice, innovative ideas, plan new ways to combat litter and explore opportunities to improve the cleanliness of London's streets for less money.

I announced that 25% extra bins are being put on the Tube network by the end of the year, as part of efforts to tackle litter in the Capital in the lead up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The 171 new bins will be installed from November and by the end of the year there will be at least one bin in, or just outside, every LU station.

LU has been working hard to boost its recycling records, and has established a new system where all of the

rubbish placed in any of the stations bins gets sorted and anything that can be is recycled. A recent audit shows that 70% of waste left on the Tube network is recycled through this new waste management strategy.

I have also pledged to work with key organisations and Londoners to reduce litter in the Capital in the run up to the 2012 Games. Officers are currently talking to the boroughs about adopting a scheme to make it easier for people to report fly-tipping in their areas and there are plans to co-ordinate a large volunteer-led clean up next year. I am also planning to engage with tobacco manufacturers on finding ways to better tackle the problem of smoking related litter.

Low Emission Zone

On 20 September, I confirmed that from 3 January 2012, following a statutory public consultation, larger vans, minibuses and other specialist vehicles must meet a Euro III standard for particulate matter (PM), in order to drive, free of charge, in the Low Emission Zone.

These vehicles were originally due to be included in the Low Emission Zone from 4 October 2010. The deferral to January 2012 has given owners and operators of the estimated 70,000 non-compliant vehicles more time to make the necessary changes during the worst economic downturn since the 1930s.

Energy Efficiency Fund

On 7 September, on behalf of the LDA, the European Investment Bank (EIB) issued a call for expressions of interest from organisations interested in managing the £50 million Energy Efficiency Urban Development Fund, part of the £100 million London Green Fund.

The Energy Efficiency Urban Development Fund will invest initially in energy efficiency in public and voluntary sector buildings and social housing. It will be designed to allow its remit to expand to cover larger scale decentralised energy projects.

The London Green Fund is one of the LDA's initiatives that will support efforts to achieve my target of cutting London's emissions by 60% by 2025. The Fund is made up of contributions from the London European Regional Development Fund Programme, the LDA and the London Waste and Recycling Board.

Children and Young People

BGC Partners Charity Day

On 13 September, I joined one of the world's leading banking brokerage firms as they hosted a major charity day, which will benefit thousands of youngsters in London.

BGC Partners, based in Canary Wharf, donated all profits from its 'global trading' on the 13 September to charity, some of which will be given to the Mayor's Fund for disadvantaged young people. BGC has also joined the Mayor's Fund Business Club to provide traineeships for young people.

Stephen Lawrence Memorial Lecture

On 9 September, I detailed an unprecedented push on youth opportunities to combat the recession and nurture talented youngsters, during my opening address at the Stephen Lawrence Memorial Lecture at the Royal Institute of British Architects.

I helped the charity, set up in Stephen's memory, launch a new design competition for aspiring young architects. 'Shape Your London', which is funded by the London Development Agency, is targeted at 16-19 year olds and gives them the opportunity to design a building that will transform their local area.

I paid homage to the tireless charitable and campaigning work of Doreen Lawrence, OBE, and said the city will be forever stained until the killers of Stephen Lawrence are brought to justice.

I also revealed plans to meet with people from London's most crime ridden neighbourhoods every month, as part of a new series of 'community meetings' across London.

UK Launch of Plan International's State of the World's Girls 2010

On 27 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, attended and gave the opening speech at the UK Launch of Plan International's 'State of the World's Girls 2010' in London's Living Room at City Hall.

Plan UK is an international children's development charity that works to bring positive change to the lives of all children living in poverty, particularly young girls. Plan UK believes that girls can provide a path out of poverty for themselves, their families, and communities. Since 2007, it has been committed to producing a report every year, until 2015, on the situation of girls globally. The event coincided with the publication of Plan UK's annual report.

Opening of Teach First's New National Office and Assessment Centre

On 7 September, alongside my Advisor on Health and Youth Opportunities, Pamela Chesters, I attended the opening of Teach First's New National Office and Assessment Centre at 4 More London Riverside.

In March this year, the Credit Suisse EMEA Foundation, together with the Garfield Weston Foundation and More London Development Limited, enabled Teach First to move into this new accommodation.

This has transformed the way they work and has allowed it to take a significant step towards achieving its aim of ensuring that every child in the country, regardless of their family income or background, has access to a first class education.

London's Criminal Justice Partnership

On 20 September, at City Hall, the GLA's Peer Outreach Workers participated in a consultation session with Monica Sharma and Graham Robb from The London Criminal Justice Partnership (LCJP).

The LCJP is undergoing a review of youth related activity in the criminal justice system. The LCJP linked with the GLA's Peer Outreach Workers to hear the experiences of young people who have been directly affected by the system, to listen to their opinions on what could improve a young person's experience and to ask for their recommendations for future provision.

The LCJP will be using these findings as part of the evidence for their final report, which will be presented to their board in January 2011.

Young Londoners Participation Network

On 20 September, City Hall hosted the quarterly meeting for the Young Londoners Participation Network. The Young Londoners Participation Network is a collective of both youth based and third sector organisations that come together to share best practice and strengthen existing partnerships across London.

This month's meeting focused on Peer Mediation and Near-Peer Mentoring, and included presentations from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea on near peer mentoring for young people in care and from Healthy Minds, an organisation based in Lambeth which co-ordinates peer mediation in 30 primary schools across the borough.

Social Inclusion and Health

Muslim Volunteers

On 3 September, I visited the Brick Lane Mosque in east London, at the heart of London's Muslim and Bangladeshi communities.

During the visit, I reiterated my call for 5,000 adult volunteers to work with uniformed youth groups such as the Scouts. I also asked for members of Muslim communities to put themselves forward as Ambassadors for the 2012 Games. Some 8000 Ambassadors are being recruited to provide the best welcome and experience of London to the millions of visitors expected during summer 2012.

My message about giving back to the community and society came during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which teaches Muslims the importance of community spirit, charity and helping those less fortunate.

Marking the final week of Ramadan, I met with the President of the mosque, Ataur Rahman Chowdhury, members of the mosque management committee, local community members and over 1000 worshippers.

London Strategic Migration Partnership

I have delegated authority to the Director of Resources to sign the Enabling Grant Agreement with the UK Border Agency in order to receive a grant of £79,434.40 in Year 1 (1 October 2010 – 31 March 2011) and £158,869 in Year 2 (1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012).

I have approved expenditure of £79,434.40 in period 1 and £158,869 in period 2, in order to lead the London Strategic Migration Partnership and deliver my strategy for refugee integration, London Enriched.

70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain Commemorative Service

On 4 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, attended the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain Commemorative Service at RAF Uxbridge.

Polish Air Force Reunion

On 4 September my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, attended the Second World War Polish Air Force Reunion at RAF Northolt.

HRH the Duke of Kent was also in attendance at the reunion and ceremony. At the ceremony, the Polish War Memorial was rededicated following its refurbishment by Hillingdon Council as part of its 'Pride in our Heritage Programme', under which all war memorials in the Borough have been fully restored and rededicated.

IVCA Champion Awards

On 24 September, My Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, attended and spoke at the IVCA Champion Awards on the South Bank.

IVCA is an independent, not for profit organisation, representing commissioners and creators of film, digital and live event communications in the corporate and public sectors. The awards recognise people who have made an outstanding contribution to society. Richard gave a short speech, giving a brief outline of the work of two of the winners at the ceremony and what qualities they had to make them into IVCA Champions.

Refugee Council's 'Sailing Stormy Seas'

On 27 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, attended and spoke at the Refugee Council's 'Sailing Stormy Seas' event in Holborn.

The conference focussed on the role that refugee community organisations play towards integration in the Capital. Some 120 people attended the event, in addition to the media.

Richard gave an overview of the current challenges and opportunities for asylum seekers and refugees in London, as well as expanding on my Refugee Integration Strategy.

Good Jobs Business Breakfast

On 8 September 2010, the National Grid hosted a business breakfast in partnership with the London Health Commission Good Jobs Campaign. A total of 25 employers attended the event, where Dr Mary Harris OBE outlined the successful National Grid Young Offender Programme.

The National Grid provides training opportunities for young offenders in the final year of their sentences. Participants complete industry standard training and all are assured of a job on satisfactory completion of the course. Re-offending rates for those completing is 7%, compared to a national average of 70%. National Grid is now working with over 80 other companies, helping them to design placements and to support and mentor young offenders into jobs.

London Health Commission Awards

On 20 September, I presented the Mayor's Award for Active Travel, in partnership with Transport for London, at the London Health Commission Awards. The award went to two impressive community organisations, Hillingdon Slipstreamers and Wheels for Well-being, who exemplify what can be achieved through the hard work of local communities.

Hillingdon Slipstreamers is a volunteer-run Saturday morning cycling club for children, which promotes social, community and competitive cycling to benefit health, fitness and enjoyment. Wheels for Well-being is a Lambeth-based charity, which enables disabled people to cycle safely for transport and also encourages off-road cycling in parks and green spaces.

Three other small community-based organisations and one small business were also selected as winners from a total of over 120 applications across the Capital.

London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

London 2012 Roadshows

I am pleased to report that another series of innovative roadshows have been launched this September to provide jobless Londoners with advice on jobs, training and volunteering opportunities, linked to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The "Ask Coach" roadshows are part of the London Employment and Skills Taskforce for 2012 programme, and are run by the G15 Group of Housing Associations, along with the London Development Agency.

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and JobCentre Plus participate in these roadshows, promoting jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. The roadshows also promote volunteering in the current Personal Best programme and the London Ambassadors and Olympic "Games Makers" programmes.

Government Relations

Meeting with Chair of London Councils

On 8 September, I met with Mayor Jules Pipe, Chair of London Councils. We discussed Local Enterprise Partnerships, devolution, housing benefit, London Councils' grants review and school places.

Meeting with Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

On 14 September, I met with Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. We discussed devolution and the Comprehensive Spending Review.

Meeting with Mayor of Newham

On 14 September, I had dinner with Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham and the acting Chief Executive of Newham, Kim Bromley-Derry. We discussed preparations for the 2012 Games, Tax Increment Financing, Local Enterprise Partnerships, Newham's position regarding local government cuts/efficiencies, Housing benefit changes, transport and policing issues.

Meeting with LFEPA

On Tuesday 21 September, I met with Brian Coleman AM, Chair of LFEPA, Richard Tracey AM, Deputy Chairman of LFEPA and Ron Dobson, Commissioner of LFB. We discussed the LFB Life Project, industrial relations, funding, the Top Management Review and the Merton Control Centre.

Housing

People's Question Time, Barking

On 21 September, alongside my Housing Adviser, Richard Blakeway, I attended the Housing People's Question Time at the Broadway Theatre in Barking. The meeting looked at the quality and affordability of available housing.

The event was chaired Baroness Neuberger DBE, and myself and Richard were joined on the panel by David Montague, Group Chief Executive L&Q Group, Rachel Orr, Shelter London Campaigns Manager and Councillor Phil Waker, Cabinet Member for Housing, London Borough of Barking & Dagenham.

Over 220 people attended the event, including many people from within the Borough of Barking and Dagenham, but also many individuals from across London.

More information including the webcast, audio and full transcript of the event is available on the GLA website at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/event-meeting/2010/sep/delivering-more-quality-affordable-housing-have-your-say>

Supported Housing Needs

I have procured HGO consultants, at a cost of £14,600, to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the number of homes required to meet the need for supported housing for the five year period 2011/12 – 2015/16. A report setting out these estimates is scheduled to be published in October 2010.

Culture and Events

Latin American Independence Bicentenary Reception

On 2 September, I hosted a reception to celebrate 200 years of Latin American independence and to highlight the immense contribution that Latin American communities have made to the economic, cultural and social fabric of the Capital. I also paid tribute to the key role played by London in providing a home to many of the architects of the independence movement.

At the reception, I met with key community leaders, business people, faith groups and those with links to the Latin American community in London. Mr Anibal De Castro, Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, attended and spoke at the event and the Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes officiated over the proceedings.

The bicentenary anniversary is being used as an opportunity by Latin Americans to showcase their culture and promote the contribution of Latin Americans to London. This anniversary also highlights the historical links between London and Latin America. The Latin American community in London is large and diverse and numbers around 100,000. In addition, as emerging economies, there is huge potential for strengthening trade links between the Americas and London.

The GLA has been working with the Latin American Bicentenary Group, as well as a number of cultural event organisers, to pull together events and resources to mark the bicentenary. As a result of this work, I also launched a commemorative eight-page brochure containing information about the anniversary and a list of events, as well as A3 posters and souvenir postcards.

Liberty Festival

On 3 September, with only two years to go to the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012, I unveiled the line up for this year's Liberty festival, a showcase and celebration of the artistic and sporting talent to be found within the deaf and disabled community, in London and across the UK. The event took place in Trafalgar Square on Saturday 4 September.

Trafalgar Square was animated with street arts, dance, aerial performance, comedy, cabaret and children's activities. Highlights of the Liberty afternoon programme, showcasing the best of disability arts and culture, included an exclusive preview from Graeae's new musical 'Reasons to Be Cheerful', featuring the songs of Ian Dury; an aerial collaboration between Candoco and Scarabeus, inspired by the myth of the minotaur; a showcase of exciting new musical talent from Heart n Soul; and an array of cabaret artists, including Francesca Martinez, Steve Day and Liz Carr.

This year's Liberty is dedicated to the memory of David W. Morris, who was an advisor on disability issues at the GLA and LOCOG, and who died earlier this year. As in previous years, the Liberty Festival was organised to be as inclusive and accessible as possible, and was attended by a very mixed audience of disabled and non-disabled people.

70th Anniversary of the Blitz

On 6 September, I announced that Londoners and visitors were offered a unique opportunity to descend into a disused Underground station to mark the 70th anniversary of the Blitz and the Battle of Britain and, experience firsthand, where thousands took refuge from the bombs that rained on the Capital.

The 'Under London' Blitz Experience Tours at Aldwych Tube station were open to the public between 24-26 September, and offered the public a rare glimpse into what life was like for people travelling and sheltering on the Tube during the Blitz, when 50,000 bombs and millions of incendiaries fell on the city between 7 September 1940 and 11 May 1941. The station was dressed to add to the wartime atmosphere

and parked outside, at street level, was be a pre-war RT8 bus. All 2,700 tickets for the 45-minute tour sold out within days of going on sale.

I also opened two important exhibitions, at City Hall and the London Transport Museum, to highlight the experience of the Blitz. I was joined by Dr Eckhard Lübke from the German Embassy, the Mayor of Dresden Helma Orosz, the Lord Mayor of Coventry Brian Kelsey, as well as people who lived during the Blitz, members of the transport and blue light services and guests from Coventry and Dresden.

At City Hall, 'The London Blitz 70th Anniversary Exhibition' is dedicated to the people involved in the emergency, volunteer, transport and specialist services, who kept London going during the darkest days of the war. Bringing together images for the first time from a range of organisations, this exhibition told the story behind the struggle to keep London working during the intensive aerial bombing campaign on London. The exhibition was free and ran from 1-27 September.

The London Transport Museum is showing 'Under Attack: London, Coventry and Dresden', from 7 September to 31 March 2011, with rare images focusing on the men and women who worked on public transport throughout Europe to keep their cities moving.

On 23 September, my Cultural Advisor, Munira Mirza, along with Transport Commissioner Peter Hendy and Sam Mullins, Director of London Transport Museum, attended a dress rehearsal preview of the 'Under London' tour, with competition winners from TfL, GLA and London Transport Museum staff.

Eid in the Sqaure

On Sunday 26 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, attended celebrations for the Muslim festival of Eid-ul-Fitr in Trafalgar Square. The jubilant Eid celebration follows immediately after the month long fasting during the holy month of Ramadan.

This is an annual event, organised by the Mayor of London in partnership with Muslim community organisations. The event has grown to become one of the key cultural highlights of London's events calendar and sees crowds of over 25,000 attend to enjoy the festivities.

The programme of exciting and diverse performances on the day reflected the diversity, culture and language of the varied Muslim communities in London. There were performances in different languages and performers and artists came from various countries and backgrounds, including Pakistan, London, North Africa, Somalia, Egypt, Venezuela and the Middle East. In addition to stage based performances, there were Souks, exhibitions, and free activities for children.

With regard to production, delivery and funding of Eid in the Sqaure 2010, I approved the following:

- The GLA, in association with the Eid Committee, to organise Eid in the Square, a key celebratory event for the Muslim community, to take place on Trafalgar Square on Sunday 26 September 2010;
- The setting of a core budget of up to £50,000 (dependent upon external income being secured), to procure core production and event management services (including event organisation and management, marketing, branding and miscellaneous costs);
- The commencement of a competitive procurement exercise, using the Events for London 'Framework' of companies to source core event production services which shall also include the seeking of quotations: (i) on behalf of the Malaysian Board of Trade for optional additional event production services for the Malaysian Night Festival taking place on Friday 24 September; and (ii) on behalf of the Peace Alliance for optional additional event production services for Peace Week on 25 September, all utilising the infrastructure for the Eid event;
- The subsequent award by the Executive Director of Resources to the bidder submitting the most economically advantageous proposal;

- The seeking of sponsorship for Eid in the Square and entry into related sponsorship / media partner agreements and the Director of Marketing's approval of entry into related sponsorship / media partner agreements;
- Additional expenditure of up to £30,000 for Eid on the Square, including marketing and Square's costs, subject to raising sponsorship and other income.

Malaysia Night

On 24 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, attended the opening ceremony of Malaysia Night in Trafalgar Square. Richard formally opened the event, along with the Malaysian High Commissioner, Datuk Zakaria Sulong.

The evening was a vibrant presentation of dance, arts, culture and food from Malaysia. The many Londoners who attended the event were treated to samples of food from some 20 different London Malaysian restaurants. Richard toured the Square greeting stallholders and watched the stage performances.

This was the first Malaysian themed event to take place on Trafalgar Square, and follows the success of other events celebrating Thai, Korean and Chinese culture and communities.

Culture Strategy

On 6 September, public consultation on my draft Culture Strategy, 'Cultural Metropolis', ended. Since June, a number of round-table events have taken place, involving several hundred individuals and organisations. These have included events with young Londoners, the Carnival sector, the Creative Young Entrepreneurs Network, London Councils and London Older People's Group. Members of the public have also responded via the GLA website.

The role of the Culture Strategy, in setting the cultural agenda for London, has been widely welcomed. The Culture Strategy will now be revised in response to the consultation and the launch will take place on Monday 15 November at City Hall.

Skills

Green Expectations: London's low carbon job prospects

On 13 September, the LDA launched a report entitled "Green Expectations: London's low carbon job prospects", which provides a blueprint for future job growth in London's low carbon sector. The report forecasts that employment in "Green" jobs is set to grow by 18,000 over the next two years, despite the current jobs climate. Other key findings include:

- Job growth in London's low carbon sector, particularly in renewable energy, is forecast to exceed all other sectors in the next two years
- An estimated 2,200 of the estimated 18,000 new jobs will be accessible to workless or low-skilled Londoners
- The current skills profile of the sector is characterised by high skills, with more than one in two employees having a degree. However, a quarter of all jobs in the sector currently require skills at Level 2 and below.
- Higher Education provision is well developed and is seen as meeting the needs of the emerging sector. In contrast, the Further Education sector is has yet fully to respond to the potential of the low carbon economy.

The findings of the report will be used to build on existing job support programmes to help workless Londoners benefit from these job opportunities.

The full report is available from the LDA website:

http://www.lda.gov.uk/Documents/Green_Expectations_Londons_low_carbon_job_prospects_9743.pdf

GLA Organisation

2009/10 Annual Governance Report and Statement of Accounts (Audited)

I have approved the audited 2009/10 Statement of Accounts in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended).

Planning and Development Control

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

169-183 Regent Street, 1-4 New Burlington Street and 2-4 New Burlington Mews, 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.

Stockley Park, LB Hillingdon

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

Trocoll House, London Thames Gateway Development Corporation

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

Land adjacent to Jenkins Lane, London Thames Gateway Development Corporation

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

Fresh Wharf, London Thames Gateway Development Corporation

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

Former Brenley Playing Fields, LB Merton

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

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals - Delegated)

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

Gibbs Road, LB Enfield

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

Former BIBRA Site, LB Sutton

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

Swiss Cottage School, LB Camden

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

Gallions Housing Association, LB Greenwich

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

Eltham Hill Technology College, LB Greenwich

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

Temple House, LB Harrow

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

ArcelorMittal Orbit, Olympic Delivery Authority

The Deputy Mayor has written to the Olympic Delivery Authority stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

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

- 150-196 Great Cambridge Road, LB Enfield
- RMC House, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
- Tote House, LB Wandsworth
- Canon House, LB Sutton
- Redundant Railway Viaduct North of Pooley House, LB Tower Hamlets
- Former British Gas Works Site, LB Croydon
- Hanworth Rectory, Park Road, LB Hounslow
- Land adjacent to Bollo Bridge Road, All Saints Road and Palmerston Road, South Acton, LB Ealing

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals- Delegated)

The Deputy Mayor has asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- Surrey Cricket Club, LB Lambeth
- Former Middlesex Hospital Annex, LB Camden
- Vauxhall Island Site, LB Lambeth
- Dollis Hills Estate, LB Brent
- Plot N24, Stratford City, Olympic Delivery Authority
- Sugar Quay, City of London
- Norwood Hall, LB Lambeth
- Land adjacent to Jenkins Lane, LB Newham
- Aberfeldy Estate, LB Tower Hamlets
- 79-83 Beddington Lane, LB Sutton
- Plot M0117, LB Greenwich
- Plot 301, Greenwich Peninsula, LB Greenwich
- Former Oldchurch Hospital (West) Site, LB Havering
- Units 1-6 and 8-12 Beam Reach Business Park, LB Havering
- Former Randolph and Pembroke House, LB Croydon

- Phase 1 Woodlands, LB Hammersmith & Fulham

Development Plans

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

- Islington Core Strategy – Submission, LB Islington

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Sutton Council Draft SPD, LB Sutton
- Islington Core Strategy Submission Document, LB Islington
- Alperton House, LB Brent
- 60 Commercial Road, LB Tower Hamlets
- 163-169 and 171-173 Knightsbridge, City of Westminster
- Land with Planning Delivery Zone 4, Olympic Delivery Authority
- Enfield LDF: Ponders End Central Planning Brief SPD

Key Engagements

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

- I shared a cycle ride and met with the Rt Hon Phillip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 2 September
- I met with Ray Lewis on 2 September to discuss mentoring
- I met Bob Morton on 2 September to discuss Walthamstow Stadium
- I met with my Serious Youth Violence Group on 2 September to discuss ways in which to tackle knife crime
- I met with the London Business Advisory Council on 2 September
- I attended the Latin American Bicentenary Reception at City Hall on 2 September
- I visited Havering-atte-Bower in the London Borough of Havering on 3 September to unveil a new village sign
- I visited the Brick Lane Mosque on 3 September
- I took part in the London Skyride on 5 September
- I attended the Evening Standard London 2012 Open Day on 6 September
- I had my regular meeting with Lord Coe, Paul Deighton, LOCOG, and Justin King on 6 September to discuss preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games
- I attended the Transport for London Blitz Reception at the London Transport Museum on 6 September
- I spoke at the opening of the Capital Markets Climate Change Initiative on 7 September
- I had my regular meeting with Harvey McGrath and Peter Rogers, LDA, on 7 September
- I had my regular meeting with the Conservative Group on the Assembly on 7 September
- I chaired the Olympic Park Regeneration Steering Group on 7 September
- I opened Teach First's new National Office and Assessment Centre on 7 September
- I had a meeting on the Orbit with Peter Rogers (Stanhope), Andrew Altman and Malcolm Ross (OPLC), David Higgins and Jerome Frost (ODA), and Lakshmi Mittal (Arcelor Mittal) on 8 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 8 September
- I met Jules Pipe, Chair of London Councils, on 8 September to discuss areas of joint working
- I attended the Crimestoppers reception on 8 September

- I had a meeting on the Orbit with Peter Rogers (Stanhope), Andrew Altman and Malcolm Ross (OPLC), David Higgins and Jerome Frost (ODA), Vince Corrigan and Tony Aikenhead (Sir Robert McAlpine) and Phillip Dilley (Arups) on 9 September
- I met with Daniel Moylan, Deputy Chair of Transport for London, to discuss transport issues on 9 September
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 9 September
- I gave the Stephen Lawrence Memorial lecture on 9 September
- I attended the NHS Cycling event at St Charles Hospital on 10 September
- I hosted a Borough Leaders lunch to discuss crime on 10 September
- I attended the Thames Festival Carnival on 12 September
- I attended the BGC 9/11 Fundraising event on 13 September
- I held my regular meeting with Ruth Carnall, Chief Executive of NHS London, on 13 September
- I hosted a Summit on Preventing Youth Violence with young people on 13 September
- I met the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for the Department of Culture Olympics, Media & Sport, on 13 September to discuss the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- I met the Rt Hon Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, and Stephen Hammond MP, on 14 September to discuss devolution of powers and LEPS
- I met with Margaret Ford & Andrew Altman, OPLC, on 14 September
- I had dinner with Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham, & Kim Bromley-Derry on 14 September
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 15 September
- I attended the unveiling of the Keith Park Statue on 15 September
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Paul Stephenson and Catherine Crawford on 15 September
- I had a meeting on the Orbit with Peter Rogers (Stanhope), Andrew Altman and Malcolm Ross (OPLC), David Higgins and Jerome Frost (ODA), Lakshmi Mittal (Areclor Mittal), Vince Corrigan, (Sir Robert McAlpine) and Roger Ridsdill-Smith (Arups) on 15 September
- I met Nick Varney, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Merlin Entertainment Group, on 16 September to discuss tourism
- I met Paul Wilcox, MD of Nissan, on 16 September to discuss electric vehicles
- I met with Daniel Moylan, Deputy Chair of Transport for London, to discuss transport issues on 16 September
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 16 September
- I greeted His Holiness The Pope when he arrived at Heathrow on 16 September
- I met with Andrew Boff AM on 17 September to discuss the Olympic Village
- I had my regular monthly catch up with Roger Evans AM, Leader of the Conservative Group on the Assembly, on 17 September
- I had my photo taken with LOCOG Apprentices on 17 September
- I attended the "Garden Party to make Difference" at Clarence House on 17 September
- I attended the address given by His Holiness the Pope at Westminster Hall on 17 September
- I addressed the World Green Building Council Event on 20 September
- I had my regular meeting with Harvey McGrath and Peter Rogers, LDA, on 20 September
- I met with Peter Hendy & Daniel Moylan on 20 September ahead of the TfL Board
- I attended the London Health Commission Awards Ceremony on 20 September
- I addressed the London Litter Summit on 21 September
- I had my regular meeting with Brian Coleman, Chair of LFEPA, and Ron Dobson, London Fire Commissioner, on 21 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 21 September
- I attended Peoples Question Time taking place in Barking on 21 September
- I chaired the Transport for London Board meeting on 22 September
- I met with Lord Sterling on 22 September to discuss the River Thames
- I attended the Peace Alliance Reception at City Hall on 22 September

- I attended the opening of the Gladys Aylward Academy and also the Nightingale Academy in Enfield on 23 September
- I met with Daniel Moylan, Deputy Chair of Transport for London, to discuss transport issues on 23 September
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 23 September
- I attended the Olympic Board Meeting on 23 September
- I chaired the London United Board Meeting on 24 September
- I addressed the PricewaterhouseCoopers event regarding London's competitiveness on 24 September
- I attended the Story of London Launch on 27 September
- I met with the Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP, Secretary of State for Work & Pensions, on 27 September to discuss housing benefits
- I met with Daniel Levy, Chairman of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, on 27 September to discuss planning issues
- I attend the launch of the City Year event for the Mayor's Fund on 27 September
- I attended the Mayor's Safer Park Awards launch on 28 September
- I met with Commissioner Hahn on 28 September to discuss EU funding in London
- I attended the Mayor's Design Advisory Panel on 28 September
- I attended the Olympic Cabinet Committee on 28 September
- I attended the London Transport Museum Fundraising Dinner at the Royal Opera House on 28 September
- I met Bob Neill MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government, on 28 September to discuss the legacy of the Olympic and Paralympic Games
- I chaired the Promote London Council meeting on 29 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 29 September
- I chaired the London Crime Reduction Board on 29 September

Ends