

## **6th Mayor's Report to the Assembly**

### **Mayor's Question Time 21 November 2024**

This is my sixth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 27 September – 7 November 2024.

Please note that the information in the Mayor's Report is accurate at the time of publishing.

## **Executive Summary**

### **First new Piccadilly line test train arrives in London**

TfL has welcomed the first of the new Piccadilly line trains to the capital, ahead of a programme of intensive testing before the new trains start entering service by the end of 2025.

The test train is the first of a fleet of 94 new trains that are being built for TfL by Siemens Mobility to replace the existing fleet which is nearly 50 years old. They are part of a £2.9bn modernisation programme which will boost journey times, train frequency and reliability as well as making the Piccadilly line more accessible and sustainable.

Around 80 per cent of the new trains will be built at Siemens Mobility's new factory in Goole, East Yorkshire, which was officially opened in October. The test train was built in Siemens Mobility's factory in Vienna, Austria and has spent the last year on the test track in Wildenrath in Germany. From there, it made its 400-mile journey to London where it is undergoing a period of commissioning activities before rigorous integration testing begins to ensure it is compatible with existing infrastructure on the Piccadilly line.

The new Piccadilly line trains are set to transform the journeys of millions of customers on one of the Underground's busiest lines. The nine-carriage trains will increase capacity by around 10 per cent and feature walk-through, air-conditioned carriages, wider all-double doorways to help customers get on and off more easily, enhanced digital display screens for real-time customer information, and on-train CCTV cameras for additional customer security. The trains are lighter than existing designs which means they are more energy efficient and provide a smoother ride for customers, consuming 20 per cent less energy.

It's an exciting moment for London as testing begins on the new Piccadilly line trains. These state-of-the-art trains are just one example of the work we're doing to continue delivering the world-class transport network Londoners deserve, building a better, greener London for everyone.

### **TfL announces bold plans to grow and improve toilet provision**

TfL has announced its ambitious programme to increase and improve toilet provision on London's transport network, in support of TfL's Equity in Motion plan to make London's transport network more accessible, fair and inclusive. The plan will see new accessible toilets delivered across the network, and improvements made to many existing facilities.

TfL is committed to making toilets more accessible for everyone and closing the gap in existing toilet provision so that Tube, Overground and Elizabeth line customers are always within 20 minutes of a toilet without having to change train. Following engagement with customers, campaigners and staff, a new programme has been developed to ensure new toilets benefit

customers who need them most. Stations were then chosen according to a number of factors, including whether the location is a terminus station, operates night services, has step-free access, high passenger footfall, proximity to other toilets on the network, and onward connections.

Toilet provision is critical for many Londoners and visitors, and can even determine whether somebody travels on public transport at all. That's why I'm planning to make the biggest ever investment to increase toilet provision across TfL services and boost accessibility. I'm pleased that the first round of my funding will enable toilet provision in new stations as well as upgrading current facilities - helping us to build a better, fairer London for everyone.

### **London's Cycleway network expands to cover more than 400km, as latest batch of new Cycleways are completed**

London's Cycleways network reached a key milestone in early October, as the expansion of eight Cycleways across the capital meant the total network is now more than 400km. As part of mine and TfL's commitment to making cycling around the capital safer and easier, the network has more than quadrupled in size from just 90km in 2016. This expanding cycling network plays a vital role in ensuring that Londoners can travel safely and sustainably, and helps to tackle air pollution, congestion and the climate crisis, improving the health and wellbeing of people in neighbourhoods across the capital.

In late September, TfL published new data which shows that road fatalities have reduced by 30 per cent in London compared to seven per cent for the rest of Great Britain. Improvements in infrastructure, including new Cycleways, are key to further reducing danger on the capital's roads.

London's rapidly expanding cycle network is helping people get from A to B safely and sustainably, and is enabling hundreds more Londoners to try cycling. I'm delighted that these recent improvements mean Londoners living and working across our city - from Hounslow to Camden, Redbridge to Waltham Forest - will now benefit from new Cycleways.

### **Designing out phone robberies**

On 22 October I visited Google's London offices to hear about new state-of-the-art AI technology that will make Android mobile phones less attractive to thieves and protect users and their data. The new enhanced security includes automatically locking the screen if the phone is snatched and allowing remote locking of a stolen device.

These updates are part of an ongoing partnership to 'design out' mobile phone robbery and follow the landmark meeting the Commissioner and I held with world-leading mobile phone companies at City Hall in October last year.

We know there is much more still to be done to tackle this problem, and I am committed to continuing to work with the mobile phone industry and the Met to prevent and reduce robbery in our city.

### **London Living Wage**

On 23 October, I announced the new London Living Wage rate of £13.85 per hour at Bird & Blend Tea Co in Islington, alongside my Deputy Mayor of London for Business & Growth Howard Dawber and Katherine Chapman, Director of the Living Wage Foundation. The Rt Hon Emily Thornberry, MP for Islington South & Finsbury joined the announcement. I highlighted

how 4,000 employers in London have made the commitment to fair pay and decent work by accrediting with the Living Wage Foundation. Over 140,000 Londoners will receive a 5.3% pay rise as a direct result of the new rate announcement.

## **Diwali on the Square**

On Sunday 27 October, I was delighted to join thousands of people from London's Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities – along with other communities – as we came together to celebrate Diwali.

Bringing together Londoners and visitors of all backgrounds to mark the symbolic victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance reminds us of Diwali's central messages of peace and hope, which are more pertinent than ever. As global tensions continue to affect us all, by uniting to celebrate our diversity, we are showing why our capital is the greatest city in the world, as we continue to build a better London for everyone.

## **Black History Month**

On Tuesday 29 October my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard and to City Hall over three hundred Londoners from grassroots organisations, councillors, MP's, business owners, change makers and activists, to mark Black History Month.

Under the theme of Reclaiming Narratives, we were honoured to hear a panel discussion from David Olusoga OBE, Big Manny, Shani Akilah and chaired by Melissa Sigodo, all of whom spoke on their careers and how they have been able to change narratives based on their respective platforms in history, science, literature and media.

Classically trained violinist, Just Kemi – also known as Violin Girl, delighted audiences with a combination of classical, afrobeats and hip-hop music; whilst Timeless DJ provided the soundtrack for the reception. Guests also experienced an exhibition, *Through the Lens*, curated by marketing agency KINDE, which saw a series of images from known London photographers, Normski, Ashley Verse and Only Film Abdi, telling a story of black British music through the generations.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime**

On 7 October I announced that Sophie Linden, who had been Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) since 2016, was to stand down to take up a new position as a senior adviser to Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, Shabana Mahmood MP. I pay tribute to the exceptional service that Sophie has given to London during the last eight years.

On 11 October I announced my intention to appoint Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Leader of Islington Council, as the next DMPC, and I'm pleased that following confirmation by the Police and Crime Committee Kaya is now in post. Kaya brings extensive experience to the role, working to make Londoners safer and improving trust and confidence in the police, which we know leads to reductions in violence and crime. I'm confident she will help us to continue reforming the police and deliver a safer London for everyone.

## **New toolkits and workshops to help London primary teachers educate pupils about healthy and respectful relationships**

On 18 October I was delighted to join pupils and teachers at a north London primary school to launch a new toolkit for primary teachers to help educate pupils about healthy and respectful relationships. It's never too early to start educating young Londoners about the need to treat one another fairly and kindly. And it's important for young boys and girls to learn about equality and respect for one another.

I have written to all primary school headteachers in the capital to outline the support, resources and funding I'm investing from City Hall so this important training can be delivered to thousands of young Londoners. It will give teachers the expert training they need to empower the next generation of Londoners to stand up to sexism and misogyny in all its forms.

The toolkit is available free of charge on [london.gov.uk](http://london.gov.uk) – and I welcome the support of Assembly Members in sharing it with your networks.

## **Transport**

### **TfL fundraising for the Royal British Legion's London Poppy Day**

Comedian and musician Bill Bailey and actor, author, presenter and the Royal British Legion's Ambassador Ross Kemp supported TfL's fundraising efforts for the London Poppy Day on 31 October as TfL paid tribute to servicemen and women in collaboration with the Royal British Legion (RBL).

Marking London Poppy Day, poppies returned to London's transport network. Continuing the decades-long collaboration with the RBL, TfL supported their aim of raising over £1m through the annual London Poppy Day with collections at 70 stations across the capital.

As the 'voice' of the London Poppy Appeal, musician and comedian Bill Bailey recorded special station announcements encouraging customers to support the cause, which was played across the London Underground and rail network on London Poppy Day on 31 October, while actor, author and presenter Ross Kemp supported the collections at Charing Cross Underground station. London Transport Commissioner Andy Lord and London Transport Old Comrades also supported fundraising efforts outside Tower Wharf to support the RBL's activity for this year.

I'm proud that once again TfL supported the London Poppy Appeal, which saw celebrities Bill Bailey and Ross Kemp fundraising alongside the thousands of volunteers who helped to make the day happen.

### **World-leading Direct Vision Standard for HGVs strengthened in the capital, helping to reduce road danger and save lives**

On 28 October, TfL strengthened the requirements for its world-leading Direct Vision Standard (DVS), which is playing a vital role in helping to save the lives of vulnerable road users in the capital. DVS measures how much an HGV driver can see directly through their cab windows and sets minimum standards, to promote visibility and safe driving practices. TfL has now strengthened the minimum safety requirements for vehicles in the capital to reduce the level of risk that HGVs can pose to all road users, especially people walking and cycling.

HGVs over 12 tonnes now require a minimum three-star DVS rating or to fit an updated system of enhanced safety features – the Progressive Safe System (PSS) – to operate in Greater

London. Operators will receive a penalty charge notice of up to £550 if they operate an HGV over 12 tonnes in Greater London without a valid HGV safety permit, or do not meet the permit conditions. TfL has introduced these changes to further enhance the safety standards of HGVs operating in the capital, helping them to reduce road danger for everyone.

The DVS and HGV Safety Permit Scheme is a key part of my Vision Zero plan to eliminate all deaths and serious injuries on London's transport network, and this next phase of the scheme harnesses new technology to make London's roads safer. The PSS has been designed specifically to eliminate the most common causes of fatal collisions between an HGV and those who walk and cycle where vision is a factor, such as when a vehicle moves off from stationary or is turning left.

### **TfL begins work to continue making the Battersea Bridge area safer for people walking and cycling**

TfL is moving forward with its next phase of plans to reduce road danger for people walking and cycling on and near Battersea Bridge. Construction work began on 1 November and includes an 11-month programme of improvements to pavements and traffic signals, as well as changes to the road layout at several junctions along Battersea Bridge Road on the south side of the river, and at the Cheyne Walk junction on the north side.

TfL has begun work on the south side of the river at the junction of Battersea Bridge Road and Cambridge Road, moving north towards the bridge one junction at a time to minimise potential disruption. These works are part of TfL's Safer Junction programme to improve safety in areas across London with higher-than-average collision rates and to protect bus journey times along the Battersea Bridge corridor. Making roads and junctions safer for everyone is a key part of my Vision Zero goal of eliminating death and serious injury on the transport network by 2041.

TfL will work to keep disruption to the road network to a minimum. While work is being carried out, there may be some delays on roads and on several bus routes. TfL is advising people to plan ahead and use alternative routes where possible. The latest status updates can be found on the TfL website for both buses and roads.

TfL brought forward plans to improve safety on the bridge following a passionate campaign, led by local journalist Rob McGibbon and other groups, after the tragic death of Jack Ryan on Battersea Bridge on 13 January 2021. The first phase of work on the north side of the bridge was completed in November 2021 and included a new pedestrian crossing, wider pavements and a new lower speed limit of 20mph. These works complete the safety upgrade to the Cheyne Walk junction and delivery of additional improvements on the south side of Battersea Bridge.

Making London's roads safer is my highest priority and it is vital in enabling more people to choose walking and cycling. I'm delighted that the work to improve safety around Battersea bridge has started. These important upgrades will make the roads and junctions safer for all road users, building a better, safer and greener London for everyone.

### **TfL invites bidders to install and operate solar farms for the Tube network**

TfL is seeking a delivery partner to work collaboratively to develop purpose-built solar farms to connect to the London Underground network, with opportunities for a broader connection to TfL's estate. Bidders are invited to participate in a competitive tender, which opened on 31 October.

Following the conclusion of this tender, the appointed delivery partner will design and deliver proposals for solar developments that could bring up to 64 megawatts (MW) of electricity to the network, which is approximately five per cent of the electricity needed to run the Tube network. The project will explore developing and connecting solar infrastructure near the TfL network, facilitating development of assets at scale, contributing to the wider ambition to use 100 per cent renewable source electricity across TfL's operations by 2030.

I have ambitious goals to cut London's carbon footprint, so powering London's world-leading transport system with green energy is a clear win-win. Installing solar panels as a source of renewable energy is one of many ways organisations in London can lower their carbon footprint.

Not only will the solar panels help TfL to cut running costs and save passengers money, they will also create green jobs while helping TfL to reduce its carbon emissions.

This is a great opportunity for organisations to work with us as we build a greener, fairer London for everyone.

### **Major milestone reached in vital Elephant & Castle Tube station upgrade as TfL appoints tunnelling contractor to link new station box with existing platforms**

TfL has awarded a contract to Dragados UK for the design and construction of new passenger tunnels at Elephant & Castle Tube station, which will link the new station box to the existing platforms and overbridge. The contract award is the latest development in the vital capacity upgrade project and follows a competitive tendering process.

The first stage of the major upgrade of Elephant & Castle Tube station, which includes the tunnelling work, is funded by the GLA, London Borough of Southwark and contributions from local developers. Work on excavating around 135m of new passenger tunnels will start next year and is due to be completed in 2027.

I'm delighted TfL has now appointed a tunnelling contractor so work can continue on the vital station upgrade, which will give the station step free access for the first time and deliver a new Northern line entrance and ticket hall. These significant upgrades will not only improve customer journeys through the station but will also support the delivery of thousands of new jobs and new homes in Elephant and Castle, supporting my aim for a fairer, greener London for everyone.

### **TfL invites Londoners to participate in active bystander training during National Hate Crime Awareness Week**

This year, to mark National Hate Crime Awareness Week, TfL is funding hundreds of free Active Bystander Awareness sessions over the autumn and winter, as part of its efforts to empower Londoners to safely take action when they encounter hate crime on the transport network.

Throughout National Hate Crime Awareness Week (12-19 October), TfL worked with the police to run a series of events across the transport network to raise awareness of hate crime and the work TfL is doing to tackle it, to help reassure those who may lack confidence to travel on public transport and empower Londoners to support their fellow passengers.

Ensuring Londoners' safety is my number one priority, and tackling hate crime is a key component of our work to ensure that people can travel around our city with confidence. It's

brilliant to see these important training sessions being offered to even more Londoners, as part of our efforts to build a safer, fairer and greener London.

### **KeolisAmey retains the franchise to operate the DLR**

TfL has awarded KeolisAmey a new eight-year contract to operate and maintain the DLR, a franchise they have successfully run for the past 10 years.

The new franchise, which is due to start on 1 April 2025, was awarded to KeolisAmey following a competitive tendering process with the new contract focused on delivering a number of key improvements to help deliver a better customer experience and meet future projected demand for services.

Over the next few years, customers will benefit from a number of improvements, including a fleet of new trains offering increased capacity and frequency, so the continuing support and new ideas KeolisAmey will bring to enhance the experience for customers will be invaluable.

### **London Overground stations along the future Mildmay line partner with Crisis to fundraise on World Homeless Day**

TfL and Arriva Rail London partnered with the national homelessness charity Crisis to fundraise on World Homeless Day at five stations along what will become the London Overground Mildmay line later this year.

On Thursday 10 October, customers who bought hot drinks at cafes at Camden Road, Gospel Oak, Hackney Central, Highbury & Islington, and Shepherd's Bush London Overground stations supported people experiencing homelessness. TfL and Arriva Rail London donated the cost of those hot drinks to Crisis up to £1,000 per station, and Crisis volunteers also fundraised at stations along the London Overground Mildmay line. Alongside this, TfL hosted various charities across the transport network to further raise awareness of homelessness and how to support those who are homeless.

Mildmay was chosen as one of the new names for the six London Overground lines in part because of their pioneering work to support people experiencing homelessness. Homelessness affects too many people in the capital and I am committed to doing all I can to support them.

### **TfL marks Black History Month with new podcast featuring Levi Roots and the Windrush Foundation**

TfL marked Black History Month with the release of the Windrush episode of the successful Mind the Gap podcast series about the inspiration behind the new names for the London Overground lines.

In this episode, presenter Tim Dunn delves into the fascinating history of the Windrush generation and its links to the London Overground line that runs from Highbury & Islington to Clapham Junction, New Cross, Crystal Palace and West Croydon, with special guests Levi Roots and Arthur Torrington.

Arthur Torrington is advocate and co-founder of the Windrush Foundation. During the interview he talks about the impact of former Councillor Sam Beaver King MBE who served in the RAF for King and country before being sent back to Jamaica and later returning to England on the Empire Windrush.

In the second part of the episode, Tim speaks with former Dragons' Den contestant Levi Roots at Clapham Junction station. Levi talks about leaving his home in Clarendon in Jamaica to playing reggae music in The Providence Club in Clapham in his late teens, and after several years as a musician, he speaks about his journey into the food industry and his success with Reggae Reggae Sauce and his Dragons' Den triumph.

I'm delighted that everyone can now learn more about this movement through TfL's Mind the Gap podcast, and I also encourage Londoners to check out the Windrush Foundation's special exhibition at Dalston Junction station which explores the history of Windrush.

### **TfL's 'Mind the Gap' podcast series delves into the history behind the London Overground Weaver line**

The final episode of this series of TfL's popular 'Mind the Gap' podcast looks at the rich history behind the textile industry and weaving in east London. The podcast episode also takes a closer look at the quintessential moquette seating designs, which are created through weaving, and used across London's transport network.

The first part of the episode sees the presenter, historian Tim Dunn, travel on what will become the London Overground Weaver line later this year. Tim speaks to fine artist Anna Ray who has a special family connection to weaving and the history of textile production in east London. Anna talks about how weaving is a highly skilled craft, and how her relative was a French Huguenot who came over from France in 1713 and lived in Spitalfields as a silk worker. She gives a fascinating insight into the turbulent history of weaving and textiles in east London and highlights how you can see the impact of weaving in the area today.

The latter part of the episode brings in Honor Clough from Camira Fabrics who goes into detail on how the famous moquette is woven and created for TfL's trains and buses. Finally, Claire Dilnot-Smith, a designer at TfL, spills the beans on what goes into designing the moquettes and designs across London's transport network.

The renaming of the London Overground lines provides an opportunity to reflect London's rich, diverse history. This latest episode of Mind the Gap offers a fascinating insight into east London's textile industry and the migrant communities who made east London their home.

### **New rain gardens with the largest sustainable drainage system in central London to improve transport network and climate resilience**

New Marylebone Flyover rain gardens, the largest sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) in central London, are now ready for rainfall. This project will add new plants to make the local area more pleasant, boost biodiversity, improve surface drainage and make the network more resilient to climate change and flooding.

Located at the busy A5 junction with the Marylebone Flyover, more than 3,500 square metres of rainwater collection area has been installed at the site of a disused subway system, known locally as the Joe Strummer Subway, where the late punk frontman was known to busk and entertain passers-by before he hit fame with The Clash. The ramps and stairs of the disused underpass system, which led to the subway, have been transformed into porous rain gardens, designed to capture approximately 3,500 square metres of storm water run-off and hold around 30,000 gallons of rainwater in total. The gardens are designed to help mitigate London's increasing risk of extreme weather, including larger storms seen only once in 30 years. They reduce the risk of localised flooding and the number of occasions in which sewer overflows occur.



TfL has worked with Westminster City Council to deliver improved pedestrian crossings in the area as part of the Safer Junctions programme. Since public access to the subway system under the Marylebone Flyover was closed, pedestrians can continue to use the safe surface level signal-controlled crossings at the junction. As part of this, TfL extended the pavement outside Edgware Road Underground Station and removed a left turn slip lane to improve conditions for the thousands of people who walk across the junction throughout the day.

I am committed to making the transport network more resilient to climate change in the face of extreme weather conditions. These rain gardens at Marylebone Flyover will not only brighten up the local area that holds a special meaning to the community and fans of Joe Strummer, but also improves the surface drainage system to protect a busy junction from flooding. This welcome addition will increase biodiversity, as well as contribute to my aim to improve our river water quality.

### **Green-fingered staff bring London's Tube and rail stations and depots into full bloom**

TfL's hotly contested staff gardening competition "In Bloom" recognises the variety of gardens that flourish on London's transport network. With awards in a range of categories – from indoor gardens and hanging baskets to larger cultivated gardens – the competition inspires gardeners from across TfL, with some even enlisting the help of customers.

Green-fingered staff from across the city innovatively used spaces across stations, depots and offices to develop gardens which provide beautiful scenery and fresh produce.

The In Bloom competition was first started in 1910 by the District Railway. TfL and its enthusiastic staff, often working with local residents and businesses have kept this century-old tradition alive. This year saw more than 60 entries from across the city – West Croydon to Croyley and Upminster to West Ruislip.

Climate change is a very real threat to all of us, and this year's In Bloom competition had sustainability firmly at its core.

The winners of In Bloom truly harnessed this message, creating unique and beautiful gardens which will brighten Londoners' journeys while reminding us of importance of looking after our planet and adapting to the effects of climate change.

### **TfL promotes Priority Seating Week with DLR trial and children's art competition**

In October, TfL encouraged school children across the capital to express their creative talents and design a piece of artwork to mark the start of Priority Seating Week.

TfL provides priority seating to help customers, including those with non-visible conditions, parents with infants as well as older people to travel more safely and comfortably. There are designated priority seats in every train and tram carriage and on buses. They are normally found close to doors and should be clearly signposted.

The art competition, which is open to children aged six to 14, calls for budding artists to submit photographs of an artwork they have created depicting why it is important for people to offer seats to people who need them. Children have until 17 November to apply, and entries will be judged by TfL's Independent Disability Advisory Group.

Making the public transport network accessible for all is a top priority for me, and Londoners can play their part by being aware of who's around them and offering their seat to those who need it, bearing in mind that not all disabilities are visible.

I'm pleased to see TfL take an innovative approach this Priority Seating Week, which includes trialling new signage designs on DLR trains which will clearly highlight priority seats.

### **New mural by Turner Prize nominee Claudette Johnson launches at Brixton Tube station**

A new mural by renowned British artist and Turner Prize 2024 nominee Claudette Johnson has been launched at Brixton Underground station as part of TfL's Art on the Underground programme.

Johnson's first public artwork, *Three Women*, follows a changing series of murals installed at Brixton Underground station by artists including Denzil Forrester, Joy Labinjo and Njideka Akunyili Crosby, in recognition of the local murals painted in the area in the 1980s.

Art on the Underground is part of the fabric of London's transport network and an amazing way to showcase incredible artistic talent to millions of people every day. I'm delighted that the renowned Claudette Johnson is the next artist to display her work at Brixton Underground station – putting a triptych of Black women centre stage and telling the unique story of their lived experiences. I hope it will inspire commuters and visitors travelling in our city as we build a better London for everyone.

## **Environment**

### **Keynote speech at the Circular Economy Week 2024 launch event**

On 30 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave a keynote speech to launch ReLondon's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Circular Economy Week at Sustainable Ventures, County Hall. The Deputy Mayor's speech covered circular economy policies in London, progress on transitioning London to a circular economy and the opportunities to work with national Government. Circular Economy Week is designed to show how the circular economy can address the climate crisis, as well as drive growth and tackle social inequalities.

### **Launch of the Zero Carbon Accelerator**

On 30 September my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, launched my Zero Carbon Accelerator at City Hall. Between 2016 and 2024, the Low Carbon Accelerators (LCAs) supported public sector organisations to reduce carbon emissions, to help London meet my ambitious target of Net Zero by 2030. In this new term the Zero Carbon Accelerator, building off the success of the LCAs, will offer a wide range of technical assistance, helping organisations from strategy through to delivery. We are delivering the Zero Carbon Accelerator in collaboration with Mott MacDonald, and an alliance of experts in energy solutions.

### **Visit to the Thames Barrier**

On 1 October my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined my Chief of Staff, David Bellamy on a visit to the Thames Barrier to see London's primary tidal flood defence asset. This event hosted by the Environment Agency explained London's main flood risks and highlighted the role of the Thames Barrier and associated tidal defences in protecting London from sea level rise and storm surges. The group also discussed the Thames Estuary

2100 plan for upgrading the Thames Tidal defences to meet the future challenge posted by sea level rise.

### **Attended the LSDC Full Commission meeting**

On 3 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended a full meeting of the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC). The LSDC are my independent advisors on sustainability. Throughout the meeting they discussed the need for a just transition to net zero, including green finance, opportunities for the Growth Plan, and engagement with Boroughs and communities.

### **Keynote Speech at the Green Alliance & Wellcome Trust event on Climate and Health**

On 7 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave the keynote speech at an event hosted by Green Alliance and the Wellcome Trust. The Deputy Mayor set out my priorities for the next term, including working with the health sector to implement the relevant recommendations of the London Climate Resilience Review. Alongside Emma Howard Boyd, Independent Chair of the Review, the Deputy Mayor highlighted the critical role of climate adaptation in supporting public health and building a resilient health system for the future.

Looking ahead, the GLA Group Public Health Unit will be central to ensuring that our climate response improves health outcomes for all Londoners, with a focus on protecting the most vulnerable.

### **Keynote speech at the Future of London Conference**

On 8 October my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave the keynote speech at the [Future of London Conference](#) 2024 on climate resilience and equity, organised by Future of London. The Deputy Mayor set out my priorities for the next term including implementing recommendations of the London Climate Resilience Review and the centring equality in our work to adapt London to climate change.

### **Keynote speech at the 50L Home-Water-Energy-Carbon Nexus Action Paper launch event**

On 8 October my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave the keynote speech and launched the action plan for the 50L home coalition at this East London University and Arcadis event. The Deputy Mayor set out my priorities for the next term including implementing the recommendations of the London Climate Resilience Review to secure the investment and delivering the action required for a resilient and prepared water supply system in the future.

### **Attended the 60 years of Wildlife Photographer of the Year event at Downing Street**

On 10 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended a celebration of 60 years of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year, hosted at 10 Downing Street on behalf of the Natural History Museum, which showed photographs highlighting the importance of our natural world.

## **Visit to Notting Dale Future Neighbourhood in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**

On 11 October, my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment, Mete Coban visited six projects in Notting Dale Future Neighbourhood (FN) funded by the FN2030 programme. He attended the launch of Maxilla Gardens, a space that has been revitalised for the benefit of the community by grassroots organisation Grow to Know and the Westway Trust. He saw the Energy Garden outside Latimer Road tube station, an example of urban greening made possible through the collaboration of Energy Garden and local community group Brown Baby. He met volunteers at the Space community centre which has supported residents in the wake of the Grenfell fire and heard about projects engaging young people on environmental issues at the Harrow Club and Henry Dickens community centre.

## **Speech at the Co-Operative Change Showcase**

On 12 October, my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment, Mete Coban spoke on a panel hosted by the Co-operative Party about how to drive community energy initiatives. Scaling up local and community-based energy is essential to improve London's housing stock and reduce emissions from buildings. It also aligns with central government's plans for GB Energy (Local Power Plan).

## **Visit to Beatrix Potter Primary School (Climate Resilient School) with Minister Emma Hardy**

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban joined Minister Emma Hardy and local MP, Dr Rosena Allin-Khan on a school visit to a Wandsworth Primary school. The school was part of my Climate Resilient Schools programme, where in partnership with Thames Water and the Department for Education we installed climate adaptation measures to 100 schools at highest climate risk. Measures included sustainable drainage rainwater planters, which help reduce flood risk and green the playground, climate adaptation plans, water audits and climate change education resources. The group met the school children on the eco council and heard about environmental initiatives the children were working on.

## **Keynote speaker at 'Local Leaders: The Key to Britain's Clean Energy Superpower Mission' (UK100)**

On 15 October, my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment, Mete Coban was invited to give a keynote speech at the UK100 Local leaders event. On this occasion, my Deputy Mayor signed the "UK 100 Charter for Collaboration" and stressed how the GLA supports the uptake of community energy through its Zero Carbon Accelerator and Community Energy Task Force. In particular, as part of the GLA signing this charter, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy highlighted the importance of local energy generation for a net zero carbon by 2030 London as well as the broader alignment with the government's goals for GB Energy.

## **Speaker at Too Good To Go's Partner Connect event**

On 15 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined 69 business leaders from the food sector to speak at Too Good To Go's Partner Connect event. The Deputy Mayor spoke about work in London to reduce food waste by 50% per person by 2030, London's ambitions to become a net-zero city and the role circular food economy can play in addressing inequality in London whilst also driving growth. At the event Too Good To Go presented the findings from their report *The Food Waste Data Gap*. Businesses discussed how the industry can address the challenges presented by food waste.

### **Official launch of Edgware Road sustainable urban drainage system**

On 16 October my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined Will Norman, my Walking and Cycling Commissioner and TfL colleagues to open a new sustainable drainage scheme in Edgware Road. Also present were Thames Water and Edgware Road Business Improvement District (BID) colleagues alongside local Westminster councillors for the opening of the Marylebone Flyover Rain Gardens. The scheme has repurposed a disused subway and converted it into a sustainable drainage scheme to help reduce local flood risk and provide new green infrastructure. The group were joined by local primary school children who helped with planting. The scheme was part funded by my Green and Healthy Streets programme and TfL alongside contributions from Thames Water and the BID.

### **Green finance breakfast roundtable, hosted by London & Partners**

On 17 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban opened and partook in a green finance roundtable hosted by London & Partners. The session brought together financial institutions, green finance practitioners, and start up and scale up businesses. They explored how London can maintain its competitive edge in the green finance sector and how industry, investors and government can collaborate to support it. The discussion will help shape my new Growth Plan, as well as my green finance programme.

### **National Preparedness Commission discussion: cities and the battle against cascading extreme weather impacts hosted by Lord Toby Harris.**

On 17 October my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban attended a roundtable discussion hosted by the National Preparedness Commission, alongside the Chair of the London Climate Resilience Review, Emma Howard Boyd, CBE. He briefed senior decision makers across the private and public sector on my plans to deliver the recommendations of the Review.

### **Visit to Walthamstow Fire Station**

On 18 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban visited the Walthamstow Fire Station. He was accompanied by Sem Moema, Assembly Member for Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest, and Cllr Ahsan Khan, Deputy Leader (Housing and Regeneration) London Borough of Waltham Forest. They saw the retrofit measures that have been installed to make Walthamstow the London Fire Brigade's (LFB) first net zero fire station. The measures included removing gas from the building and installing 100 PV panels and EV charging points. He also heard how this has informed the LFB's approach to decarbonising the rest of its estate and fleet as part of its Net Zero 2030 target.

### **Opening event for the new Market Place Playground**

On 20 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the opening of Market Place Playground in East Finchley, a project supported by my Grow Back Greener Fund, and met with representatives from Barnet Council and members of the local community. The funding supports community-led projects to create and enhance green space, plant trees and increase climate resilience. This project transformed a neglected, concrete play area into a new green, natural and climate resilient playable space in an area with little existing green space.

### **Keynote speech at the London Procurement Summit**

On 22 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke at the London Procurement Summit to showcase the way the Mayor of London has used his procurement budget to increase the number of green jobs and level of green investment in our city.

### **Mayor's Green Finance Fund – opening round 4**

On 22 October, my Green Finance Fund re-opened for Expressions of Interest. The Fund, established in summer 2023, will lend up to £500m to projects that help London meet its net zero ambitions. It will help accelerate decarbonisation by lowering the cost of borrowing for eligible organisations. Further details are [here](#), and a summary of projects enabled through the Fund in 23/24 can be found [here](#). Round four closes for Expressions of Interest on 17 December 2024.

### **ReLondon Board meeting**

On 24 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended ReLondon's (London Waste and Recycling Board) quarterly Board meeting as an observer. At the meeting the Deputy Mayor heard updates from the Chief Executive covering the organisation's programme delivery, events, finances and risk areas; and participated in discussions on the organisation's strategic priorities and financial plan.

### **Speech at the South Bank & Waterloo Sustains Us**

On 24 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban spoke at the South Bank & Waterloo Sustains Us event that launched the Southbank and Waterloo Business Improvement District's Fairer and Greener Neighbourhood 2030 communications and networking platform. The Strategy was published last year, and the event was for businesses and organisations in the South Bank and Waterloo area with net zero and sustainability responsibilities. This developed the close links to the Waterloo and Southbank Future Neighbourhood strategy and builds on that approach.

### **Visit to Beckenham Palace Park in LB Lewisham**

On 25 October my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with representatives from London Borough of Lewisham and members of the local community at Beckenham Place Park to see progress with the development of the park which received funding under my Green and Resilient Spaces programme. The funding delivers large scale enhancements to green and blue spaces to strengthen climate resilience, increase biodiversity and improve green space access as well as building green skills and health and wellbeing in the local community.

### **Speech at the All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) 'Why net zero is critical to the UK economy' event**

On 29 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban spoke at the APPG's 'Why net zero is critical to the UK economy' event. He highlighted that tackling the climate emergency is also a matter of social justice and can provide benefits to the economy and society through good growth and jobs. He also highlighted the importance of engaging with communities to co-design programmes to tackle climate and environmental issues in our cities if we want to create a just transition and lasting change.

## **Visit to London Stadium**

On 31 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban visited the London Stadium to view the solar membrane installed on the roof. The LLDC solar membrane project was the first to receive funding from my £500m Green Finance Fund. The £4.35 million project will enable the Stadium to save more than 200 tonnes of carbon emissions a year and generate enough to power all the venue's major events.

## **Meeting with members of the air quality grassroots campaigners**

On 5 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with grassroots campaigners for air quality. In this meeting, they discussed our ongoing work to meet the WHO's Air Quality Guidelines as soon as possible, and how we can continue to work together to improve London's air quality and raise awareness of the health impacts of pollution with the public.

## **Keynote speaker at The Big Creative UK Summit: Climate Solutions**

On 5 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave a keynote speech at the Big Creative UK Summit's Climate Solutions event at City Hall. The event focused on the creative sectors journey to net zero and the incredible work already being done across industries. The Deputy Mayor's speech highlighted how vital this is to London's net zero by 2030 target and discussed ongoing support for the industry from the Mayor.

## **Keynote speaker at LSDC Just Transition in Retrofits event**

On 6 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave a keynote speech at an event held by the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC) – 'Delivering a Just Transition in London's Retrofits'. The event was to launch the LSDC's report, presenting community research to help London's retrofit providers to design more inclusive retrofit programmes in future. The Deputy Mayor highlighted the need for climate policies to be accessible to all Londoners and tackle inequalities. Further details of the LSDC's work on London's just transition can be found [here](#).

## **Speaker at Cross River Partnership 30 Years Celebration**

On 6 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave a speech at Cross River Partnership's 30 Years Celebration event which took place at the Sea Containers building on the South Bank. The event commemorated the CRP's achievements in delivering community-focused projects, which have transformed London's streets and waterways, and improved air quality. The Deputy Mayor highlighted the important role that partner organisations continue to play in addressing London's challenges in relation to Air Quality, Transport, Placemaking and Wellbeing. He also emphasised the Mayor's commitment to continue supporting innovative projects to ensure that Londoners are breathing clean air.

## **Meeting with the Association for Decentralised Energy**

On 7 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban met with Caroline Bragg, the CEO of the Association of Decentralised Energy Association, to talk about the work that they are doing around the decarbonisation of buildings and heat networks and identify opportunities for partnership working in pursuit of the Mayor's Net Zero target.

## Fire

### **Holloway Fire Station visit**

On 16 October, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, visited Holloway Fire Station to meet with firefighters to discuss a range of issues including the fitness testing programme for firefighters and took part in a fitness test.

### **Deputy Mayor's Fire Board**

On 22 October, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, chaired a regular meeting of his Deputy Mayor's Fire Board.

### **Long Service Award Ceremony**

On 22 October, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, attended a service to honour LFB operational staff who have given more than 20 years of service to the Brigade.

## Resilience

### **Ministerial visit to LRF**

The London Resilience Forum, chaired by my Chief of Staff David Bellamy, welcomed Cabinet Office Minister Abena Opong-Asare, Parliamentary Secretary for national security, resilience, and civil contingencies, to its 78<sup>th</sup> meeting on 6 November. The discussion centred around the development of a new LRF strategy and alignment between London and national strategic priorities for resilience.

### **Winter Preparedness**

The London Resilience Forum held its annual Winter Preparedness briefing on 6 November, chaired by my Chief of Staff David Bellamy, and attended by relevant Deputy Mayors and LRF members. The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government shared details of the national winter horizon scan. The Met Office provided a seasonal weather and natural hazards overview. Other partners reported on flooding, energy and utility supplies, transport, seasonal health and infectious diseases, health sector preparedness, terrorist threats, protests, major events, fire and rescue service prevention and response capabilities, and support to vulnerable people. The group considered the wide range of seasonal risks, mitigation and preparedness for the winter.

## Growth and Skills

### **No Wrong Door Open Innovation Challenge – Phase 2**

On 21 October, I announced the winners of phase 2 of the No Wrong Door Open Innovation Challenge, where three innovators—Earlybird, Tailored Futures CIC, and Facework Group—were awarded up to £50,000 each. These innovators are developing creative solutions to help Londoners, especially those from underrepresented groups, improve their skills and access better employment opportunities. These organisations will collaborate closely with our delivery partner, Allia Impact, to ensure their programmes are both sustainable and far-reaching.



Additionally, runner-up organisations—Slinger, Successful Mums Career Academy, ELATT, MyPocketSkill, and GetZero—will each receive £5,000 to support their continued efforts.

### **Skills for Londoners Anchor Support Programme**

On 11 September, I launched my Skills for Londoners Anchor Support Programme, to support Further Education providers working towards achieving my Good Work Standard accreditation. Supported by The Equal Group, 20 training providers will work through workshops and tailored coaching sessions to achieve the standard. This will also include support to develop bespoke Equality, Diversity and Inclusion plans for their organisations to break down barriers to opportunities for their staff and the communities they serve.

### **Skills for Londoners Board**

On 2 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business & Growth, Howard Dawber and Cllr Peter Mason (London Councils' Executive Member - Employment & Skills) co-chaired my Skills for Londoners Board meeting.

The board discussed my strategic priorities for the 2024-28 Mayoral Term and how the London Growth Plan (LGP) aligns, the programme evaluation and early-stage proposals of the Mayor's Skills Academies (MSA) which have supported 93,000 Londoners into training and 14,000 progressing into employment or apprenticeships and the 2022-23 academic year impact evaluation of the Adult Skills funds (formerly Adult Education budget).

## **Housing**

### **Ministerial roundtable on increasing housing supply in London**

On Wednesday 23 October, the Minister for Housing Matthew Pennycook and the Deputy Mayor for Housing Tom Copley co-hosted a sector roundtable to discuss interventions to increase the supply of housing in London. The roundtable was attended by Deputy Mayor Jules Pipe, as well as other key stakeholders in London's housing sector including local authorities, housing associations, developers and trade body groups. Attendees cited a range of challenges impacting housebuilding rates in London and outlined a range of steps government may wish to consider to increasing levels of housing supply. The roundtable reflected a genuine commitment to partnership working to address London's housing crisis. Officers from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government will take forward next steps, with the potential for a follow up roundtable in the new year.

### **Barking Riverside vision to grow to 20,000 homes.**

In September Barking Riverside Limited (BRL) a joint partnership between housing association L&Q and I, signed a new £124m funding package of loan and grant funding from Homes England. The investment secured supports the new Outline Planning Application the team submitted the month prior and provides an opportunity to achieve up to 20,000 new homes to be delivered at Barking Riverside, up from the 10,800 homes previously permitted. The new Outline Planning Application also proposes enhanced green spaces, better connectivity in and around the neighbourhood, two additional primary schools, and better access to the River Thames. The Barking Riverside pier project also won Best Small Infrastructure Project at the [Institution of Civil Engineers London Awards 2024](#).

## **Rough Sleeping Plan of Action**

On 29 October, I convened an emergency roundtable with the Minister for Homelessness and Rough Sleeping, Rushanara Ali MP, boroughs and leaders from the NHS, local government, homelessness charities and people who have previously slept rough in London to officially launch a call for evidence that will inform my Rough Sleeping Plan of Action.

I also announced a new 'Homes off the Streets' initiative, which builds on my Clearing House scheme and is being delivered by City Hall, with funding for support to help more Londoners in their recovery from homelessness.

My Plan of Action will establish a shared mission for ending rough sleeping, including the scale of funding required and the best mechanisms for achieving this ambition by 2030.

The call for evidence will run until Tuesday 3 December. More information about the call for evidence is available at: [The Mayor's Rough Sleeping Plan of Action | London City Hall](#)

## **DASA Strategy Consultation launch**

On 4 October, I published my draft Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation (DASA) strategy for consultation. In the strategy, I set out my priorities for the provision of domestic abuse safe accommodation and support in London from 2024-2027.

I developed my first DASA strategy for London in 2021, after the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 placed new duties the Greater London Authority regarding the delivery of support in safe accommodation. In 2021, I set out my vision for all victims/survivors of domestic abuse, including children, in that they should be able to access and be supported by safe accommodation-based services which are tailored to their needs. My refreshed strategy for 2024-27 builds on this vision, with five updated and streamlined objectives. The consultation is open until 29 November 2024.

# **The Economy, Business and Enterprise**

## **International Investment Summit**

On 14 October, I attended the government's inaugural International Investment Summit to drive forward the national mission for economic growth. I also spoke at a pre-Summit reception for attendees on 13 October. I announced record-breaking investment deals worth more than £100million for Londoners so far in 2024, through deals supported by London & Partners, with 543 companies creating nearly 10,000 jobs in industries of the future such as technology, life sciences, and the green sector.

## **City Hall annual Business Reception**

On 16 October, I held my fifth Annual Mayor's Business Reception at City Hall with over 150 leaders from London's business community. I reconfirmed my commitment to be the most pro-business Mayor and shared reflections on the immense value of London's businesses to the prosperity and success of our city. I also announced that along with London & Partners, we've now supported more than 10,000 entrepreneurs through our Grow London Local programme with 89% of the small businesses we've supported owned by either Black, minority ethnic, women, or people with disabilities.

## **Business engagement and support**

Throughout this period, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber continued to work with key stakeholders on the development of the London Growth Plan and support business, including:

- On 27 September: Met with Soho Business Alliance to discuss challenges facing hospitality and night time businesses in Soho.
- On 30 September: Met with HCLTech's Senior Leadership Team to discuss the company's future growth plans.
- On 30 September: Online stakeholder briefing jointly led with Mayor Jason Perry, London Councils lead for London's Future: Business and Economy. Around 300 participants attended.
- On 1 October: Met with Lambeth Strategic Partnership on the London Growth Plan and synergy with Lambeth's own growth agenda.
- On 2 October: Workshop with London Councils, London's SMEs and diverse-owned businesses and representative groups.
- On 2 October: Keynote address at the Women Driving the Growth of Sustainability, Responsible Innovation & Inclusivity Conference focusing on female entrepreneurship and the significant role of women in driving growth and innovation in London.
- On 3 October: Joined Confederation of British Industry (CBI) London's Q3 Council meeting.
- On 9 October: Attended The Future Is Now Lunch, delivering opening remarks highlighting the success of East London as a hub for business, creativity and tech.
- On 10 October: Met with a Business Advisory Board member to discuss London's current status as a tech hub and proposed initiatives to help London to continue to be at the forefront of technological innovation.
- On 16 October: Met with the chief executives and chief finance officers of the London NHS Trusts and Integrated Care Boards alongside Senior Health Advisor, Dr Tom Coffey, to present on and discuss the London Growth Plan. Discussion covered NHS role in improving health and wellbeing, as employers and as anchor institutions, as well as the economic and health opportunities created through London's life sciences sector.
- On 17 October: Met with the West London Alliance to hear a sub-regional perspective on interventions and investments needed to unlock the West London economy.
- On 18 October: Roundtable with Tech London Advocates at Here East to identify opportunities for the tech sector to contribute to the plan.
- On 21 October: Workshop with Neurodiversity in Business and their stakeholders on reflecting the needs of London's neurodivergent workforce in the Growth Plan and our wider skills and employment work.
- On 22 October: Attended launch event and panel discussion hosted by Workwhile and Youth Futures Foundation on their panel of 18-25 year-old Londoners on their definition of good work and the practices employers should adopt to meet it.
- On 23 October: Attended a dinner with SMEs and skills training providers, hosted by NatWest and London & Partners, to discuss the skills needs of SMEs and how to address them.
- On 24 October: South East London Chamber of Commerce Executive Lunch delivering remarks and Q&A on plans for growth in London.
- On 29 October: Met with Lloyds Banking Group's London Ambassador to discuss respective priorities for London.
- On 30 October: London Communication Agency's event delivering remarks and Q&A.

- On 30 October: Roundtable discussion with the Knowledge Quarter, exploring the contribution of the KQ and its members.
- On 31 October: Roundtable discussion with regional organisers of Trade Unions across sectors in London.
- On 4 November: Attended London Living Wage Week launch event at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, which recently became accredited, joining over 100 theatres nationwide. Attendees included living wage campaigners and employees in the creative industries, who set out the impact a living wage has made to their lives and the importance of good working conditions in London's world-leading cultural and creative industries.
- On 5 November: CBI UK mayoral roundtable with regional mayors in Birmingham discussing an industrial strategy for the UK and partnership priorities.
- On 6 November: A visit with the Heart of London Business Alliance (HOLBA); meeting businesses including cultural, retail and hospitality within the Business Improvement District area.
- On 7 November: PageGroup DE&I event delivering keynote remarks.

On 4 October my Statutory Deputy Mayor Joanne McCartney attended a Making London a Living Wage City Programme Steering Group meeting. Steering Group members discussed recent progress on accreditations, plans for Living Wage Week and the evolution of the programme beyond 2025. Since launch in 2021, the programme has so far delivered 1,950 accreditations of businesses headquartered in London, leading to pay rises for 58,000 workers.

### **International promotion**

Throughout this period, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, continued to promote London as the best city to do business, and to support London companies to expand internationally, at the following events:

- On 30 September: Spoke at London & Partners' Grow London Global Cohort 5 Launch event, for scaleups looking to expand into new markets internationally.
- From 12 to 15 October: Led a delegation of 50 tech companies to Dubai, including London-based companies expanding to the Middle East and Indian companies using the Middle East as a gateway to establishing themselves in London.
- On 7 November: Spoke at London & Partners' Grow Summit 2024 annual VIP dinner on 7 November, with entrepreneurs and CEOs of some of the fastest growing UK tech companies, alongside investors and corporate innovation leaders.
- On 7 November: Spoke at Global Mobility Executive Live 24 conference to promote London is open to global HR and mobility experts.

## **Communities and Social Policy**

### **Diwali celebrations**

On Sunday 27 October, twenty of my Team London volunteers were deployed to assist with the hosting of Diwali on the Square on Trafalgar Square. These volunteers supported with the arrival of 200 dancers, supplying them with accreditations and managing the backstage area before the opening dance sequence that began the festival. My volunteers then also provided wayfinding support and information to members of public inside the festival site.

## **Black History Month Reception**

On Tuesday 29 October, six of my Team London volunteers were deployed to assist with the hosting of the annual Black History Month Mayoral Reception at City Hall. My volunteers provided a welcome to arriving guests, and supported GLA staff by manning the cloakroom and checking in guests. They provided ongoing support for the whole event, assisting GLA staff and engaging with guests throughout the evening.

## **International Day of Older People**

On Tuesday 1 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited St Lukes Community Centre in Islington. This is where the borough announced that it has become the ninth of London's 32 boroughs to be recognised as a member of the global network of age-friendly communities. Debbie spoke with older residents and heard how they are playing an integral role in strengthening our communities and neighbourhoods, as workers, carers, volunteers and activists.

## **Oaks Lane Reform Synagogue**

On Thursday 3 Oct, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited Oaks Lane Reform Synagogue in Ilford for their Rosh Hashanah High Holy Days morning service.

## **Little Village's Winter Warmers campaign**

On Wednesday 9 October, I launched Little Village's Winter Warmers campaign at their hub in Camden. Winter Warmers is a citywide appeal for donations of pre-loved coats (0-6 years sizes), pram suits, boots, shoes and blankets for Little Village to pass onto families in need. I also announced £93,000 in funding to allow Little Village sites in Brent, Camden and Tooting to be able to open later on weekdays and Saturdays, improving access for working families across the capital.

## **Pension Credit campaigns**

On Thursday 10 October, following the success of the second year of my Pension Credit campaigns, I released a video encouraging Older Londoners to apply for Pension Credit. The video highlights the outcomes of the campaign which has so far reached 12,400 people over the two years and raised £17m in additional income for older Londoners.

## **London Durga Puja at Swiss Cottage Library**

On Friday 11 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited Swiss Cottage Library for the London Durga Puja and took part in community celebrations with the Bengali Hindu community.

## **Black-Owned London**

On Tuesday 29 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, met with the co-founders of Black-Owned London (BOLO), an initiative to spotlight and support Black-owned businesses around London.

## **Anti-Apartheid Legacy: Centre of Memory and Learning**

On Tuesday 29 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, 'broke ground' on the Anti-Apartheid Legacy: Centre of Memory and Learning, alongside South African High Commissioner Kingsley Mamabolo. The ceremony commenced building works on Europe's first cultural centre and museum dedicated to the history of the Anti-Apartheid Movement in Britain, on the site of the former UK HQ of the exiled African National Congress. This important development project has been made possible thanks to a £1.05million grant from my Good Growth fund.

## **London Jewish Forum**

On Wednesday 30 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, met with the new co-chairs of the London Jewish Forum, Amanda Bowman and Michael Ziff.

## **The Mayor of Chicago, Brandon Johnson**

On 13 October, I met with the Mayor of Chicago, Brandon Johnson during his visit to London. This meeting was part of a broader initiative to promote trade, investment and tourism connections between London and Chicago and London's hosting of NFL Games. We discussed collaboration in areas such as economic development, crime prevention and housing.

## **Children and Young Londoners**

### **Thousands of young Londoners accessing mentoring through the New Deal for Young People**

Through my record £34 million investment in my New Deal for Young People (NDYP), over 90,000 disadvantaged young Londoners have had access to life-changing mentoring. Thousands more young people are set to benefit in the coming months, and we are well on track to reach the ambitious target of 100,000 young people by the end of December 2024.

### **Haringey Schools Superzones vaping and young people seminar**

On 17 October, Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, opened a seminar on vaping and young people that formed part of the Haringey School Superzones programme. The seminar presented the latest research on vaping and its impact on young people, showcased the work that has taken place to tackle this problem and shared the tools and support services available for young people and families who may be at risk of vaping harms. Five schools took part in this initiative and a case study from one participating school showed a reduction in the number of students excluded due to vaping, demonstrating the successful impact of this Superzones programme.

## **Culture**

### **Thames Estuary Production Corridor Road Maps**

On 28 September, my Culture, Creative Industries and 24 Hour London team published the Thames Estuary Production Corridor Road Maps for Growth, in partnership with the Thames Estuary Growth Board and Creative Estuary and developed by We Made That.

These plans lay out steps to attract investment, maximise assets, and promote sustainable development in the region's screen and fashion sectors, with the potential to add £1.7bn to the UK economy. The reports outline a framework for the creative potential of the region, where initiatives across fashion design and screen industries are expected to drive significant growth.

The Thames Estuary is on track to create 50,000 jobs and add £3.7bn to the UK's economy by 2050.

### **Children's Plinth, St Martins in the Fields**

On 3 October Justine Simons, OBE, my Deputy Mayor for Culture, Creative Industries and 24 Hour London attended the launch of the Children's Plinth at St Martin-in-the-Fields. For the first time three age group winners of the Fourth Plinth Schools Awards Competition were created in 3D and displayed on plinths in the church's Crypt. The fabrication of the winning works by schoolchildren from the 2024 competition was supported by construction company Sir Robert McAlpine. The exhibition was opened by multi award-winning children's author, playwright and women's and refugee human rights activist Onjali Q. Raúf and will be open to the public until December.

### **London Film Festival Mayor's Gala**

On Thursday 17 October, I spoke at my Gala screening of the film, 'We Live in Time' for the BFI 68th London Film Festival at Royal Festival Hall. The film is directed by John Crowley and screen written by Nick Payne. I fund the Gala as part of my Creative Economy Growth programme to create inward investment and showcase diverse talent.

### **Esports Panel**

On 30 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business Howard Dawber opened a business-to-business esports panel event alongside London and Partners at Fnatic Headquarters. Fnatic are widely regarded as the most established and successful esports team in the UK.

Organised by my Culture, Creative Industries and 24-Hour London Unit alongside my Host City Programmes team, the event explored what more London can do to support the esports sector. It was also announced that we have commissioned a GLA esports report to further explore what more can be done.

The event took place a few days before the League of Legends World Championships at the O2 Arena, which was the largest esports event in UK history. League of Legends has over 180 million monthly active users. The O2 arena sold out in minutes and millions watched from around the world.

### **World Cities Culture Summit**

From the 30 October to 1 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries and 24 Hour London, Justine Simons OBE, attended the World Cities Culture Summit in Dubai. The annual event brings together hundreds of Deputy Mayors, Heads of Culture and other cultural city leaders from across the globe to participate in panels and site visits in the host city. Described as a 'Masterclass in cultural policy' it offered the opportunity to showcase London's work on a global stage and learn from the innovative work of other cities. Leaders debated the common challenges cities face today, including the climate crisis, tourism and rapid advances in generative artificial intelligence.

## **The Big Creative UK Summit: Climate Solutions**

On 5 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries and 24 Hour London, Justine Simons OBE, addressed the Big Creative UK Summit on Climate Solutions at City Hall, shining a light on the extraordinary breadth of work happening within the Creative Industries to reduce impact on our climate.

The event was organised by my Culture and Creative Industries and 24 Hour London team, in partnership with Creative UK. Hosted by journalist and presenter Qasa Alom and supported by EIT Culture & Creativity, it showcased the results of Creative UK's Creative Catalyst Challenge Fund: a programme that finances the research and development of an innovative new product, system or process, which supports our journey to net zero, decarbonises or reduces waste within the Creative Industries.

## **Health**

### **World Mental Health Day**

On 10 October, I marked World Mental Health Day by sharing resources to support Londoners with their mental wellbeing on [X/Twitter](#). This year's theme focussed on workplace mental health. I was pleased to see my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, amplify the message through his own channels ([X/Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)) to reach business leaders, employers and workers across the city.

I want to create a city where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. That's why I encourage employers to take advantage of available resources and toolkits designed by my health and care partners - such as Good Thinking - to help create healthier work environments in London.

Investing in workplace mental health, is good for all of London. It helps individual Londoners reach their full potential, enables more resilient communities, and boosts the productivity and resilience of our city's economy.

I remain committed to working with partners to help break the stigma around mental health and amplify the resources that can help us create a thriving and compassionate society.

### **King's Fund conference: The shift towards prevention**

On 16 October, to share insights into supporting healthy lives with leaders and practitioners from across the country, my Senior Health Advisor, Dr Tom Coffey, spoke at a conference at the King's Fund on how policy can be used to enable people to live healthier for longer. He shared lessons from our health in all policies approach, including the London Living Wage and the restriction of junk-food advertising on the TfL network, and explored crucial issues such as the potential for businesses to contribute to and benefit from the improved health of Londoners.

### **Flu Vaccination**

On 25 October, I received my flu jab. I used the opportunity to support the NHS and UKHSA's latest "Get Winter Strong" campaign. I used my social media channels to encourage eligible Londoners to do the same and get protected to stay healthy, over the winter season.

Thanks to the hard work of our health service, it's easier than ever for Londoners who are eligible to book their COVID-19 and flu vaccines through the NHS website, the NHS App, or by calling 119. I also reminded Londoners that as well as visiting their GP they can get their free



flu jab at a local pharmacy, and access COVID-19 vaccinations at walk-in sites around the capital.

Flu season typically peaks in December and January, when many of us gather indoors with loved ones. It is therefore crucial to top up our immunity as viruses evolve, and vaccination reduces the risk of severe illness. Getting vaccinated helps us protect ourselves and others, so we can all enjoy the festive season and everything our city has to offer this winter.

Getting vaccinated and encouraging more eligible Londoners to take up the vaccine, is how we support our city's health and our NHS' resilience over the winter.

## **Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)**

### **Planning approvals**

On 10 October, OPDC's Planning Committee resolved to grant planning permission at 4 Portal Way in North Acton.

The mixed-use redevelopment will provide two buildings of 43 and 58 storeys, delivering 669 homes (35% affordable), a 90-room hotel and 733 sqm of commercial floorspace.

### **Heat Network Zone**

On 25 October, the government announced Old Oak and Park Royal as one of its first heat network zones.

Announced as one of six designated heat network zones, Old Oak and Park Royal will be home to a new district heat network – using pioneering innovative technology that draws waste heat from data centres to provide low-cost, low carbon energy to over 10,000 new homes, businesses, and a major hospital.

This announcement is part of the government's plan to accelerate the delivery of heat networks across England in areas where zones are likely to be designated in the future. The learnings from the zones will inform the work to reduce bills, enhance energy, security, and achieve net zero by 2050.

OPDC is finalising procurement for a delivery partner to develop the network and expects to announce the successful partner in early 2025.

### **Early market engagement**

On 5 November, OPDC commenced early market engagement for the emerging Old Oak scheme. This engagement will help OPDC to shape the proposition, increase awareness of OPDC/Old Oak and update the market on our plans.

OPDC will engage with developers, investors, and registered providers with the skills, experience and expertise in delivering large-scale residential, office or mixed-use development. A Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published in late October to notify the development and investment market and provide an opportunity to express interest.

## **Sustainability Charter**

On 26 September, OPDC's Sustainability Charter was approved by Board. The Charter embeds the corporation's sustainability ambitions across all of OPDC's activities.

The Charter sets out OPDC's pledges and objectives relating to environmental, social and economic sustainability. Work is also being undertaken on a wider sustainability framework which will allow OPDC to monitor and assess its performance against the ambitions set out in the Charter.

## **London Legacy Development Corporation**

### **Events**

Several successful events have been held at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park during this period, including the World Halal Food Festival on Stadium Island from 28-29 September, two West Ham home fixtures at London Stadium and Sky Sports Fight Night: High Voltage which took place on 19 October at Copper Box Arena.

### **Elevate Fund**

Elevate – LLDC's youth board – announced the recipients of the inaugural Elevate Fund on 2 October. They have awarded £83,751 to 31 local young people and community organisations, thanks to generous funding from Spirit 2012, as well as support from East Wick and Sweetwater and Foundation for Future London.

The fund seeks to support impactful projects that help young people and youth organisations from across the four local boroughs and ensures the perspective and experience of young east Londoners continues to shape the 2012 legacy.

### **SHIFT**

SHIFT sponsored the Global Women Innovators and Inventors Network (GWIIN) Conference, held at Plexal on 2-3 October. My Deputy Mayor for Business Howard Dawber spoke at the event, joining several inspirational leaders across the innovation space.

SHIFT has also launched a new innovation trial on 17 October. Led by MOSA, the 3-month trial brings smart bike parking docks to key locations around the Park.

### **Stratford Station**

The new Carpenters Estate entrance to Stratford Station was officially opened on 21 October, with London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) Chief Executive joining Stratford & Bow MP Uma Kumaran, Mayor of Newham Rokhsana Fiaz OBE, local Assembly Member Unmesh Desai and various project partners to mark the completion of works. This is a crucial project for the local area which will help to reduce walking time by up to 20 minutes for people entering from Carpenters Estate and improve access to the station for visitors to East Bank and the Park.

### **East Bank**

On 22 October, the V&A announced its V&A East Storehouse will open at Here East on the Park on 31 May 2025. A world-first in scale and ambition, V&A East Storehouse will offer access to

over half a million creative works while the David Bowie Centre, opening on 13 September 2025, will showcase over 90,000 items from the legend's archive for the first time.

UAL's London College of Fashion building was awarded a BREEAM Outstanding rating, the highest ranking possible. The surrounding public realm and retail premises were also awarded the BREEAM Excellent rating for their high levels of energy efficiency, strong public transport connections, and sustainable use of materials. This comes shortly after UCL was awarded the same accreditation for its UCL East campus. This is a clear reflection of the dedication of LLDC, East Bank partners and contractors in advancing sustainable construction.

## **London Stadium**

London Stadium is set to become one of the world's greenest sports and concert venues, made possible through funding from my Green Finance Fund. Work to install 6,500 sqm of solar membrane panels has commenced and once complete, the £4.35 million project will enable the Stadium to save more than 200 tonnes of carbon emissions a year and generate enough to power all the venue's major events. This is a great example of how the Green Finance Fund can support public sector bodies in lowering their carbon footprint and becoming more sustainable.

## **LLDC Planning Decisions Committee**

22 October marked the end of an era as LLDC's Planning Decisions Committee held its 112<sup>th</sup> and final meeting, ahead of planning powers returning to the boroughs on 1 December.

Coinciding with the final meeting, LLDC launched [\*A Town Planning Legacy: Outcomes from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games\*](#). This report reflects on LLDC's 12 years as a Local Planning Authority, highlighting the key successes, challenges and lessons learnt.

## **Waterden Green**

LLDC has partnered with Elevate on a pioneering engagement initiative to create gender-informed public spaces on the Park. This 'co-client' approach has empowered girls and young women to play a pivotal role in designing a safe and welcoming environment for teenagers at Waterden Green. This initiative is part of a broader effort by the GLA to address the needs of women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals in public spaces, with Mayoral Design Advocates involved in various workshops with LLDC and Elevate.

## **Planning and Regeneration**

On 30 September, GLA officers responded on my behalf to London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Draft Thames Road Vision and Design Code Supplementary Planning Document consultation. In that response I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 1 October, GLA officers responded on my behalf to London Borough of Hackney's Future Shoreditch Area Action Plan Regulation 18 consultation where I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 15 October, GLA officers responded on my behalf to East London Waste Planning Group's (Havering, Redbridge, Newham and Barking and Dagenham) East London Joint Waste Plan Regulation 18 consultation, providing guidance to bring the emerging draft Joint Waste Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 25 October, GLA officers responded on my behalf to London Borough of Sutton's Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. In the response I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 25 October, GLA officers responded on my behalf to London Borough of Hounslow's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation. In that response I made it clear that it is my opinion that the draft Local Plan is in general conformity with the London Plan but also provided some guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 28 October, GLA officers responded on my behalf to London Borough of Tower Hamlet's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation. In that response I made it clear that it is my opinion that, as currently written, the draft Local Plan is not in general conformity with the London Plan because of the proposed approaches to affordable housing and tenure split, waste management, developer contributions and parking. I provided guidance to address the issues and ensure alignment with the London Plan.

On 4 November, GLA officers responded on my behalf to London Borough of Enfield's Traveller Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. In that response I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

### **Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)**

I have sent a letter in response to the following Statutory Stage 2 referrals. I have informed the relevant Local Planning Authorities that I am content for them to determine the cases themselves.

<b>GLA Number</b>	<b>Development Name</b>	<b>Local Planning Authority</b>	<b>Decision date</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Application Type</b>
2023/0809	Dudden Hill Lane	Brent	30/09/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2024/0126	99 - 113 Broadway	Ealing	30/09/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0660	Anglo Aquarium Plant	Enfield	21/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0284	EDGE Shoreditch	Hackney	07/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0535	Euro House	Hounslow	07/10/2024	Allow LPA to refuse	Stage 2
2022/0355	Homebase (100 Woodgate Drive)	Lambeth	21/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2024/0250	Chobham Farm North	London Legacy Development Corporation	30/09/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0614	James Glancy Design Ltd	Southwark	21/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2024/0210	City House	Sutton	30/09/2024	Allow LPA to refuse	Stage 2

## Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)

The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & the Fire Service, under powers delegated to him, sent a letter in response to the following Statutory Stage 2 referrals. The Deputy Mayor informed the relevant Local Planning Authority that he was content for them to determine the case themselves.

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2023/0772	Land adjoining the Whalebones	Barnet	14/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0686	42 Hastings Road and 50-54 Drayton Green Road	Ealing	14/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0705	Central Thameside West	Newham	14/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0163	Land at Royal Mint	Tower Hamlets	14/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0772	Land adjoining the Whalebones	Barnet	14/10/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2

## Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

I have asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following Stage 1 referrals:

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2024/0465	Barking Riverside	Barking and Dagenham	14/10/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0522	ADM Erith	Bexley	17/10/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0470	Capitol Way	Brent	14/10/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0152	Bury House, Holland House and Renown House	City of London	10/10/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0480	99 Bishopsgate	City of London	21/10/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0459	Alma Estate	Enfield	07/10/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1

2024/0488	Stopping Up Order Devonshire Road at the junction with Green Lanes in Palmers Green	Enfield	14/10/2024	Do not hold Inquiry	Stopping up order
2024/0421	Coopers Yard	Greenwich	14/10/2024	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0515	Fulham Gas Works	Hammersmith and Fulham	30/09/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0464	St Andrews Park	Hillingdon	07/10/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0481	101 Syon Lane	Hounslow	21/10/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2024/0486	Concord Road Data Centre	Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation	17/10/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2024/0474	The Aylesham Centre	Southwark	21/10/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1

### **Good Growth Fund – Revitalising the Brixton Rec opening**

On 30 September, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service attended the opening of the new Brixton Rec workspace, where £2.17m of Good Growth Fund investment supported the transformation of this iconic community building.

The project was delivered by Lambeth Council in collaboration with local stakeholders, creating 1,100sqm of workspace to provide a new home for Advocacy Academy, a pioneering local social engagement charity, and Photofusion, one of the UK's largest photographic resource centres. Both organisations have been granted long leases at affordable rents to help safeguard and grow their activities. There have also been improvements to shopfronts, market infrastructure and lighting and signage to the building.

### **Rainham SIL opening**

The public realm works delivered as part of the [Rainham SIL project](#) recently opened this week. This was funded by £1.6m from the second round of the Good Growth Fund. The project aims to address the need of the local industrial BID who have been campaigning for improved public realm and green spaces for the over 5000 employees of businesses within their area. The project looks at tracing the heritage of the site with interventions to provide shelter, increase biodiversity, and increase spaces to dwell along the River Thames.

## **Visit to Redbridge**

Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service, visited Ilford town centre at the end of October to meet with the leader of Redbridge Council, Kam Rai. During the visit, Redbridge Council and the GLA discussed Redbridge's investment in leisure and culture assets and the status of housing delivery and stalled sites in Ilford. The discussion included building on GLA Funding including Good Growth, the Town Architect pilot programme and the £3m of Civic Partnership Programme funding into Ilford. Lastly, the GLA and Redbridge discussed the potential of an Opportunity Area Planning Framework and the benefits it could bring to development in Ilford.

## Key engagements

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

- I held my regular planning meeting on 30 September
- I visited a project funded by my Shared Endeavour Fund on 1 October
- I attended the London Transport Museum Charity Dinner on 2 October
- I joined the Secretary of State for Transport for the opening of the Siemens train manufacturing facility in Goole on 3 October
- I visited a new installation "*Congregation*" by Es Devlin on 3 October
- I held my regular planning meeting on 7 October
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 8 October
- I visited Little Village Baby Bank to announce new funding support on 9 October
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 10 October
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 10 October
- I joined the first meeting of the Council of Nations & Regions in Edinburgh on 11 October
- I joined the NFL Commissioner for one of the London season games on 13 October
- I met with the Mayor of Chicago on 13 October
- I attended a welcome reception for the International Investment Summit on 13 October
- I attended the International Investment Summit on 14 October
- I attended the closing reception for the International Investment Summit on 14 October
- I had a phone call with the Met Police Commissioner on 15 October
- I took part in the Times Earth Summit on 15 October
- I attended COBR on 15 October
- I chaired the Transport for London Board on 16 October
- I hosted the City Hall annual Business reception on 16 October
- I joined the Metro Mayor's Meeting on 17 October
- I attended COBR on 17 October
- I attended the London BFI Film Festival on 17 October
- I officially launched a new educational toolkit focused on VAWG on 18 October
- I visited Fulham FC to see work on the new stadium and riverfront development on 20 October
- I held my regular planning meeting on 21 October
- I hosted my annual City Hall Media reception on 21 October
- I visited Google to see work on tackling mobile phone robbery on 22 October
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 22 October
- I met with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on 24 October
- I had my flu booster jab on 25 October
- I joined a Metro Mayors Meeting with Downing Street on 25 October
- I joined Diwali on the Square on 27 October
- I met the Attorney General on 28 October
- I hosted a Rough Sleeping Roundtable at City Hall on 29 October
- I joined a Home Office Taskforce on Knife Enabled Robbery on 29 October
- I hosted the annual City Hall Black History Month reception on 29 October
- I had a phone call with the Home Secretary on 29 October
- I joined UK Mayors for a meeting with the Chief Secretary to Treasury on 30 October
- I marked London Poppy Day by meeting volunteers and veterans on 31 October
- I met with the Speaker of the House of Commons on 31 October



- I visited Kingsbury Temple for Diwali celebrations on 31 October
- I held my regular planning meeting on 4 October
- I joined the Deputy Prime Minister to visit one of London's Homelessness Hubs on 4 November
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 5 November
- I met with the Mayor of Beijing on 6 November
- I welcomed members of the Movember campaign to City Hall on 6 November
- I joined the Assembly Police and Crime Committee Plenary on 7 November