

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Rebecca,

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting, 25 January 2024 – Motion

Thank you for your letter and the motion proposed by Zack Polanski AM at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 25 January 2024. My reply is set out below, and I am sorry for the delay.

Retrofit Budget Related Motion

I welcome the cross-Assembly consensus to tackle the climate emergency and reach net zero. I also support the general call for more skills development in the retrofit industry. I am doing all I can with the current powers and funding available to me. The motion could have been more specific about what further measures the Assembly would like included in the Group Budget.

I am already committed to retrofitting London's homes as part of my target of reaching net zero by 2030. This will decarbonise London's housing stock and cut Londoners' energy bills while creating good, green jobs and skills. Further, I am prioritising green skills across my skills and employment programmes, using my funding powers to invest in developing the training employers need and supporting Londoners into good jobs.

While I am doing all I can using the levers available to me, as the Assembly is aware, we currently only have a one-year funding settlement from the government, making long-term planning difficult.

I therefore welcome the Assembly's motion asking for the government to provide multi-year funding without restrictive conditions, and I look forward to next year's Multi-Year Spending Review.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the 'h'.

Sadiq Khan

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Cc: David Bellamy, Chief of Staff
Mete Coban MBE, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy
Fay Hammond, Chief Finance Officer