

11th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time 22 May 2025

This is my eleventh report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 7 March – 8 May 2025.

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

Executive Summary

Record City Hall investment in policing protects 935 officer posts

The previous government chronically underfunded the Met, making cuts to policing in London that were in real terms equivalent to more than £1.1 billion. This has left the Met in an extremely difficult financial situation. As Mayor, I'm committed to doing everything in my power to support the police. That's why on 2 April I announced a record £1.16bn annual investment in the police from City Hall. This historic increase will protect neighbourhood policing in our communities and significantly reduce the level of cuts the Met had been planning.

It will also mean the Met can continue to reform and build on the crime reductions we have achieved in the capital. However, tough decisions have been made to protect neighbourhood policing and I'm under no illusions about the challenges ahead. As Mayor, I will continue to work with the new government and the Met – ahead of the forthcoming spending review – to ensure the Met gets the sustainable funding it needs to help us to build a safer London for everyone.

New £1m sports investment featuring holiday provision for young people at greatest risk of violence

On 9 April, I announced that my Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) had invested a further £1 million to deliver sports and physical activities for young people at greatest risk of being affected by violence.

Activities began during the Easter holidays with up to 20 community-led projects across London getting a slice of the investment over the next year to deliver opportunities during all school holidays for almost 2,000 young people most underrepresented in sport.

Funding will be used to deliver a variety of sports interventions for young people over the next year. There will be a strong emphasis on targeted provision and delivery during school holidays to provide safe spaces for young people and access to activities to benefit both their physical and mental health. Diversionary activities will work to support young people during the school break when evidence shows they are more vulnerable to exploitation and to violence.

Alongside funding for holiday provision, investment in sport over the next year will support a further 1,000 young people as they prepare to transition from primary to secondary school. Access to a mentor and sports sessions will combine to support those at greatest risk of exclusion to engage in education and school life.

It will also provide sports internships for young people in major sport sector organisations and build on connections and careers already developed with the likes of the Lawn Tennis Association, GB Snowsport and Formula E.

TfL's emissions reduction targets validated as aligning with limiting global temperature increases to 1.5°C

TfL's commitments on climate action have been recognised as the gold standard. This is after the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) validated TfL's near and long-term emission reduction targets, and net-zero target in line with limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels, meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.

SBTi is a UK based climate-action organisation that provides validated standards, tools and guidance to help companies and organisations like TfL, and thousands of others across the transport, financial and consumer sectors to reduce their carbon emissions in line with what is needed to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees and reach net-zero by 2050, at the latest.

The validated targets include:

- TfL's commitment to reduce emissions from its direct and indirect emission sources (Scopes 1 and 2) by 90 per cent by 2030. Examples include transitioning TfL diesel and petrol vehicles to zero emission technology and increasing the proportion of electricity acquired from renewable sources
- A commitment to reducing third party emission sources (Scope 3) such as carbon emissions from TfL's contracted services, construction projects and supply chain by 45 per cent by 2030.
- In the longer term, TfL commits to maintaining a 90 per cent reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions sources from 2030 through 2040 and a 90 per cent reduction in absolute Scope 3 emissions by 2040
- TfL's commitment to an overall net-zero target for greenhouse gas emissions by 2040

Taken together the validation of these targets by an independent, global assessment, represents the first time TfL has set near and long-term emissions reduction targets across all areas of its business. It confirms that the transport authority is on track with its work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across its operations and supply chain, and to drive sustainability across London, further supporting my ambition of a carbon neutral capital by 2030.

As part of wider work to make London a more sustainable city, TfL is transitioning its support vehicles and buses to zero emission technology. More than 1,900 buses of London's 9,000 buses are now zero emission. TfL's investment in zero-emission buses is supporting around 3,000 jobs across the UK, in locations such as Ballymena, Falkirk, and Yorkshire. By creating capacity and certainty for a wider zero emission bus market, this investment is paving the way for green national economic growth.

To improve energy efficiency and identify opportunities to generate renewable energy across its estate, TfL is working to remove fossil fuels across its buildings, installing green heating and energy efficiency measures in head offices and depots.

Across London, TfL is also converting lighting within stations, bus shelters and on trains to LED lighting, which uses up to 60 per cent less energy than traditional lighting while providing around 10 per cent brighter light. Currently, more than a third of Tube stations across London have been converted to LED lighting, and TfL expects to have all bus shelters, including those used in advertising panels, converted to LED lighting in 2025.

This is brilliant recognition for all the work TfL is doing to reduce carbon emissions not just within the organisation but across their whole supply chain.

I am committed to leading the way on cutting carbon emissions and initiatives like this are helping us to continue building a better, greener London for everyone.

TfL opens new accessible toilet at White Hart Lane Overground station as next steps in ambitious toilets programme announced

TfL has unveiled a new accessible customer toilet at White Hart Lane station, with Seven Sisters Overground station to follow soon, following major transformation projects, as it sets out the next steps in its bold plan I am funding to improve and increase the number of accessible toilets on its network and help remove barriers to travel.

Last year TfL committed to introducing toilets at selected stations, increasing the number of accessible toilets, enhancing existing facilities and improving the availability of toilets, to ensure that customers are always within 20 minutes of a toilet without having to change train. Supported by the biggest ever investment in toilets on the public transport network, £3 million every year over five years, TfL is working to deliver new toilets and improvements and planning the next stations in the pipeline. The programme is part of TfL's customer inclusion strategy, Equity in Motion, which includes more than 80 actions to make London's transport network fairer and more accessible and inclusive.

A new toilet has opened at White Hart Lane station after extensive works to convert a disused space into a new, accessible facility, including the levelling of the floor between the platform and the toilet to ensure the facility is accessible for wheelchair users. A new accessible toilet will also open shortly at Seven Sisters station, with the conversion of existing facilities to make them accessible to all.

Toilet provision is critical for many Londoners and visitors, and can even determine whether somebody travels on public transport at all. That's why it's great news this new toilet at White Hart Lane is now open, with Seven Sisters and more to come.

I am committed to making our transport network as accessible as possible, and have provided unprecedented funding of £3 million every year over five years to improve and increase the number of accessible toilets on the network, the largest investment in toilets the network has ever seen. It's all part of our plan to continue building a better, fairer London for everyone.

TfL announces new £87 million investment for London boroughs to boost capital's cycleways and make our roads safer

TfL has confirmed it is investing more than £87m across London boroughs and the City of London over the next year to make our streets safer, healthier and greener.

The investment will work to create new cycle routes to strengthen London's growing network of Cycleways, more pedestrian crossings in local neighbourhoods and funding to support School Streets schemes, enabling children and young people to walk and cycle to school safely.

This is part of TfL's three-year agreement and programme with London boroughs, which includes £87.6m of delivery in the first year, to improve road safety in the capital. It will fund projects delivered in partnership with boroughs, who have strong expertise of local roads and transport networks across the capital.

Subject to funding in subsequent years, the boroughs have set out plans that will help deliver:

- Up to 95km of new cycle routes across the capital as part of a continued expansion of London's network of high-quality Cycleways. Recent expansion through both borough and TfL delivered routes means that 27 per cent of Londoners now live within 400m of the cycling network
- Up to 222 new School Streets schemes – there are now around 700 School Streets across the capital
- Up to 265 new pedestrian crossings to make it safer and easier for Londoners to walk in local neighbourhoods

The confirmed funding announced for the first year of this three-year programme is a nine per cent increase (£7.2m) on last year's allocation, and reflects the importance of the boroughs' work, alongside TfL and other partners, in delivering my Transport Strategy.

Creating greener and safer streets in London will enable more people to choose active travel to get around, and this is vital to achieving my environmental targets.

This funding for boroughs, a significant increase on last year, shows my commitment to improving walking and cycling in London, and I look forward to continuing working with boroughs to build a better, safer and greener London for everyone.

Knightsbridge Tube station becomes latest addition to step-free network

On Monday, 28 April Knightsbridge station became the 93rd station on the Tube network to offer step-free access. I was pleased to visit the station with my Deputy Mayor for Transport, to see the three 17-person lifts, which provide street-to-platform access to the Piccadilly line for the first time at the station.

The new entrance has been facilitated by TfL working with the Knightsbridge Estate and its developer, Chelsfield. The Estate has redeveloped the building above the station, opening parts of the station that have been out of use since the 1930s due to escalators being installed. TfL has restored architectural features of its façade while modernising other areas. As part of this work, the new entrance was constructed, and step-free access installed.

This represents another step towards my ambitious goal of making 50 per cent of Tube stations step-free, making the network more accessible to all Londoners. More than a third of Underground stations across the city provide step-free access, and the installation of lifts at Knightsbridge will provide a crucial service for those with access requirements, parents with buggies or those with luggage or shopping.

I am determined to do everything I can to make our transport network as fair and accessible as possible so that every Londoner can make the most of our city. Knightsbridge Tube station is one of the busiest stations in the capital, seeing more than 13 million journeys each year, attracting visitors to some of our most famous tourist destinations. This important upgrade will bring us closer to my target of making 50 per cent of Tube stations step-free by 2030 as we build a better and safer London for all.

TfL invites bidders to provide a long-term support service for those affected by road traffic collisions

TfL is seeking a supplier to provide a long-term support service for victims of road traffic collisions in London once the pilot scheme service ends on 31 October 2025. TfL launched the

pilot project in 2023, in partnership with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), the Metropolitan Police (Met) and the City of London Police (CoLP) to provide enhanced support for people who had been victims of the most serious road traffic collisions in London – collisions resulting in a fatality or life-changing injury. Given the success of the scheme, TfL has issued an invitation to tender to bidders to ensure this important service continues.

The Met and CoLP will work with the successful bidder to implement a direct consent-based referral mechanism from the police into the service. This will ensure that more victims are connected with services, and that those needing support receive early intervention. The contract length is 3.5 years, with a two-year extension option.

The pilot scheme has enhanced the level of support available to families left bereaved and those catastrophically injured following road traffic collisions. It has also made it easier for people to access the support they need. The service allows for direct referral from the police into support services, where previously, victims would have to initiate contact proactively. It provides timely and face-to-face support and to date, more than 200 people have been referred.

The new service complements the Sarah Hope Line, which continues to be a crucial source of support for anyone affected by an incident involving the TfL public transport network, including the Tube, buses, Elizabeth line, London Overground, Docklands Light Railway and Trams. Since 2016, the Sarah Hope Line's dedicated team has provided comprehensive help and support to hundreds of individuals. The team has also worked in partnership with other expert organisations to ensure that those involved in life changing incidents have access to the support they need.

TfL has also published its interim evaluation report into the roads victim support service pilot, which highlights the positive difference the scheme has made. The pilot has increased both the reach and timeliness of support, demonstrating the benefits of direct referral from the police. This shows that the best outcomes are achieved through early intervention, as well as support from specialists trained in the specific emotional, legal and practical implications of a road collision. Service users have reported that the quality of personal support has been high, and that the referral and triage process has been smooth and simple, facilitating users' access to support at the right time for them.

In the aftermath of a road traffic collision, lives of victims, their families and loved ones are devastated. I am committed to ensuring they are able to get the support they need and deserve. That's why I'm proud that our roads Victim Support Service, which provides timely, face-to-face support for people who have been victims of the most serious road traffic collisions in London, is being taken forward long-term. I remain dedicated to my Vision Zero goal of eliminating death and serious injury on the transport network, which is an essential part of building a better London for everyone.

More investment to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse

On 18 March I was pleased to announce a new £6 million package of funding to support grassroots community organisations delivering life-changing support for victims and survivors of domestic abuse and violence across the capital. Later that day, I visited voluntary organisations Refuge, Solace and Asha in Lambeth to see first-hand how my Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation (DASA) programme is supporting the most vulnerable in London's diverse communities.

Since it launched in 2021, the DASA programme has helped more than 23,500 survivors of domestic abuse – including vulnerable men, women, and children from across London's communities – to recover and rebuild their lives. This new investment will help support many more survivors, funding keyworkers, helplines, advocates who can help support victims find new housing, legal advice, counselling and specialist play therapy for children alongside a range of other initiatives.

A new Police and Crime Plan for London

Nothing is more important to me than keeping Londoners safe and I'm determined to do all I can to tackle violence and crime in our city. On 28 March I was pleased to publish my new Police and Crime Plan 2025-29. The new Plan is about putting communities first and over the next four years we will work with the Government and the Met to improve visible neighbourhood policing and strengthen partnership working to deal with the violence, crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter to Londoners.

The Plan is about tackling the issues that matter most for our city and it has been created in consultation with thousands of Londoners, partners and local organisations. I want to thank everyone who took the time to give their views – and all of those who continue to work day-in, day-out to make our city safer.

The Plan will build on crime reductions already achieved in the capital where we have seen fewer young people being injured with knives and the number of teenage homicides in London in 2024 being at its lowest total since 2012. But clearly there is still much more work to do. At City Hall we are fully focused on that, and I will continue to do everything in my power to make London a safer city for all.

MIPIM

Between 10 and 11 March, I led a senior GLA delegation – including three of my Deputy Mayors – to MIPIM, the world's leading real estate conference, banging the drum for London. While there, I officially launched the new Opportunity London prospectus with 20 live opportunities to invest in London, seeking a record level of investment to build more affordable homes for Londoners and unlock new infrastructure and jobs in the capital.

St Patrick's Festival and Parade 2025

I was delighted to host London's St Patrick's Festival and Parade on Sunday 16 March. It was a privilege to stand alongside two outstanding sportswomen as our Grand Marshals this year, Olympic Gold medallist, boxer Kellie Harrington and Paralympic Gold medallist, para cyclist Katie-George Dunlevy. I was joined by Norma Foley, Ireland's Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, the Irish Ambassador Martin Fraser and Chair of St Patrick's Festival Community Advisory Group, Larry O'Leary.

The parade was enjoyed by over 50,000 people waving flags and wearing an array of Irish paraphernalia – we turned central London green. The festival in Trafalgar Square was enjoyed by over 25,000 people with a lively main stage programme curated by the London Irish Centre and other activities including The Old Bog Cottage, Peace Heroines Exhibition, Children's Arts and Crafts zone, Irish Dance workshops and Irish Creative Collective sessions. Celebrity chef Anna Haugh, owner of Myrtle and The Wee Sister restaurants in London, demonstrated how to cook Irish culinary delights and of course there was a busy bar where over 5,000 pints of 'the black stuff' were consumed.

London has the largest Irish population in the UK and St Patrick's Day provides a wonderful opportunity to honour the spirit of our Irish community and celebrate the enduring strength of the relationship between our two countries. From business and public service to the arts and culture, Irish Londoners have played – and continue to play – a vital role in shaping the very fabric of our city, making London a better, brighter and more prosperous place for everyone.

London Games Festival 2025

The London Games Festival supports and celebrates the best in esports and games development in the UK, attracting thousands to venues across the capital and has done since 2018.

As part of the wider festival, an activation took place on Trafalgar Square on Friday 11 April 2025, where visitors enjoyed the 'Actual Reality Arcade' - featuring retro favourites from Pac-man to Donkey Kong. The day also featured a pop-up gaming lounge where visitors could learn to play on portable devices and try out the latest releases in gaming. Alongside these activities, a large-scale exhibition 'Ensemble' featured prominent figures in gaming and esports from underrepresented backgrounds as well as highlighting the important cultural impact of the gaming industry in the UK and internationally.

Nairobi delegation meeting

On 14 April I hosted a delegation from Nairobi, Kenya led by Nairobi Governor Sakaja Johnson at City Hall. As a fellow member of the C40 steering committee, the Governor and I discussed how best we can expand our network of cities leading the fight against the climate crisis. We also exchanged ideas for innovate and forward-thinking planning strategies to keep our cities resilient for the future.

Passion of Jesus on Trafalgar Square 2025

On the 18 April, to mark Good Friday, I was delighted to welcome the Wintershall Players back to Trafalgar Square for two performances of the Passion of Jesus. With the largest turnout in recent years, thousands watched the retelling of the Holy Story, portraying Jesus' final days. The production was performed by a cast of more than 100 actors, two ponies, one donkey and a dozen or so trained pigeons.

The event is a significant cultural and religious event in London, attracting a diverse audience and fostering dialogue between different communities.

Major Sports Events: Impact for London 2024

On 28 April, London launched their Major Sports Events: Impact for London 2024 report, developed in partnership with social impact and sustainability consultancy, Think Beyond.

The report assesses how Major Sports Events contribute to my key strategic priorities: Economic Impact, Global Reach, Environmental Sustainability and Social Integration. Key information gathered in the report shows that major sports events in London have produced direct economic impact of £230 million, attended by some 480,000 spectators – truly remarkable figures. To mark the launch, we hosted an event at City Hall, attended by leading figures from across the sports sector, including international federations, national governing bodies and venue partners.

Vaisakhi on the Square 2025

London's Sikh communities were celebrated in style at the annual Vaisakhi on the Square event, where a large and happy audience were treated to a feast of Sikh and Punjabi tradition and culture.

The event, hosted by the fantastic accessibility specialist and broadcaster Dr Shani Dhanda, and DJ and presenter Sukhi Bart, had Kirtan performances from Qi Rattan and Taren Kaur, providing a wonderful soundtrack to the day. Audiences also experienced Baba Fateh Singh Gatka Akhara demonstrating the Sikh martial art of Gatka, a truly intense spectacle, especially when supported by the bold and dynamic rhythms of the Dhol Academy.

In keeping with the Sikh tradition of Langar, free vegetarian treats and traditional Indian tea were shared with all attendees, reinforcing the festival's message of community, equality, and selfless service, known as 'seva'. A fascinating exhibition and live podcast recording about Maharajah Ranjit Singh and the birth of the Khalsa and 'What is Vaisakhi' Exhibition provided an educational insight to visitors, alongside a wonderful exhibition of Sikh art, turban tying, and a children's marquee with fun activities for young visitors.

I was so pleased to once again hold this important event for Londoners on Trafalgar Square and share my message for a Happy Vaisakhi to the Sikh Community.

St George's Day Festival 2025

I was proud to hold our annual St George's Day celebrations in Trafalgar Square, bringing together communities and showcasing all that's brilliant about England, as we build a better London for everyone.

Large crowds gathered to watch an eclectic programme of live music, dance, spoken word, and interactive workshops, all held together by the wonderful Harleymoon Kemp. Our main stage included acts such as The Nigel Grice Jazz Collective, the English Folk Dance and Song Society, and singer-songwriter Matilda Garcia. South London-based dance company Bird and Gang delivered several amazing performances, as well as getting the crowd involved with hip-hop workshops. West End Kids displayed the incredible talents among London's young performers.

Within the Square, the Belles of London City performed traditional Morris Dancing, and crowds were greeted by, and interacted with, the famous Pearly Kings and Queens, as well as St George and his dragon!

Typically, the event was visited by yet another famous English wonder, a heavy April shower. Despite the rain falling, visitors still very happily danced a ceilidh led by the Cut A Shine band – a joyful performance to close out the day.

Yom HaShoah

I was pleased to support London's Jewish community on Wednesday 23 April as Yom HaShoah UK hosted their national commemoration event at Victoria Tower Gardens on the eve of Yom Hashoah itself.

The event this year marked the 80th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and the liberation of Bergen-Belsen and was a time to remember the six million Jews who were murdered – one of the darkest chapters in history.

My thoughts are with London's Jewish communities as we reflect on the Holocaust and honour the memory of the victims and survivors. As Mayor I will always stand against the poison of antisemitism, wherever it arises.

VE Day

Thursday 8 May marked the eightieth anniversary of VE Day. To commemorate the anniversary, alongside the national events taking place in London, an exhibition was displayed on Trafalgar Square, capturing unforgettable images from 1945. Visitors to the Square also saw performances from a marching band during the afternoon. Throughout the evening, a special lighting projection saw a giant V light up Nelson's Column, similar to that seen on VE Day itself in 1945, when giant searchlights were used!

I am proud to be part of London's tribute to the millions of people across the UK and Commonwealth who served in the Second World War, many of whom lost their lives. It was through their sacrifice that we enjoy the freedoms we do today – which should never be forgotten.

Policing, Crime and Security

New funding to boost the fight against hatred and extremism

On 25 April I announced new £875,000 investment to support community projects tackling extremism, hate, intolerance and radicalisation across London through my grassroots Shared Endeavour Fund. The Fund works to empower Londoners to challenge hateful views in their communities, better protect those vulnerable to radicalisation and stop the spread of growing hateful ideologies including the far-right. Since the Fund was launched in 2020, £3.9million has been invested in 115 projects with more than 170,000 Londoners benefiting from workshops, educational activities and interfaith community programmes.

The new funding will support approximately 20 projects across London to run educational activities to empower around 50,000 Londoners to stand up to hate and become better protected from radicalisation.

Applications for the new £875,000 fund are now open and projects have until 11:00am on 6th June 2025 to apply for funding of up to £100,000. I welcome the support of Assembly Members in promoting this opportunity in your communities and through your networks.

Welcoming delegates from around the world to London's first international VAWG Summit

It's simply not right that in 2025, women and girls across the globe still live in fear, in their homes and on our streets. As Mayor, I've made tackling violence against women and girls a top priority, with record investment from City Hall and tough action to catch the perpetrators. But there's much more to do. That's why we helped to establish CHANGE – a global network of cities working together on this vital issue.

On 29 April, I was proud to host London's first ever international summit on tackling violence against women and girls, welcoming representatives and experts from around the world, from Bogota to Barcelona, Nairobi to Paris. Our cities may be different and have their own manifestations of this crisis, but our fundamental challenge is the same and there is so much we can learn from one another. On the following day, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime Kaya

Comer-Schwartz accompanied our international delegates to visit the OYA Consortium to hear from victims/survivors and some of the service providers working to support them in London.

My message to other city leaders is that we must turn our anger into action. We must be relentless in our pursuit of justice. And we must keep going until every woman, and every girl, in every city around the world, is safe. I look forward to working with CHANGE partners and others to achieve that.

Scrutinising the work of the Met at the London Policing Board

On 1 May I chaired the latest meeting of my London Policing Board, established following Baroness Casey's review into culture and standards at the Met. The Board's Membership brings together a diverse range of skills and experiences to help me to oversee the vital reforms being led by the Commissioner to deliver more trust, less crime and higher standards. I welcomed the rich and incisive discussion, which covered key issues for Londoners, including the London Race Action Plan and the Met's Stop and Search Charter.

Transport

TfL introduces new measures to halve fare evasion across all TfL services

TfL is expanding its professional team of dedicated investigators as part of a bold new strategy to crack down on fare evasion. The team will focus on identifying and targeting the most persistent and high-impact offenders, who cost TfL thousands of pounds in lost revenue each year.

Building on recent successes on the London Underground, this team will expand to cover the Elizabeth line and London Overground before covering all other rail modes. It will also complement the work of TfL's team of more than 500 uniformed officers already deployed across the network to deal with fare evasion and other anti-social behaviour, keeping staff and customers safe.

The investigations team will take an intelligence-led approach, using advanced tools, including TfL's Irregular Travel Analysis Platform (ITAP) which uses ticketing and journey data, passenger information, and CCTV to identify fare evaders responsible for the greatest revenue loss. By analysing travel patterns, the team will focus on those who evade fares repeatedly, ensuring they are caught and held accountable.

One major area of focus for TfL's enforcement teams is contactless payment card fare evasion. In one recent case, an individual used a contactless payment card to evade paying the correct fare across 202 journeys. After investigation, the individual was ordered to pay £1,472 in fines, one of the thousands who are caught and prosecuted each year, resulting in financial penalties and criminal convictions.

Other key measures in the fare evasion strategy include:

- Enhanced monitoring and quicker response to emerging fare evasion trends across the network
- Expanded data collection and analysis to refine intelligence-led enforcement
- Tailored interventions for each transport mode
- Managing known offenders across the network and working with the police to identify the most prolific offenders on social media

This comprehensive strategy aims to further reduce fare evasion across all TfL services, with the goal of driving down the rate to below 1.5 per cent by 2030.

Fare evasion is a criminal offence which deprives TfL of thousands of pounds of vital revenue every year that could be reinvested in London's transport network. That's why we're expanding our team of professional investigators to cover the whole network and investing in the latest technology to target the worst offenders. It sends a clear message: fare evasion will not be tolerated, and we will hold those who do it to account.

The team is supporting more than 500 uniformed TfL officers across the network who are already going after fare evaders and helping to keep the public safe. The latest data shows that TfL's efforts to reduce fare evasion on the network is working, but there is more to do. I'm determined to do all I can to support the vital work TfL is doing to ensure these vital funds are reinvested into improving transport services for Londoners.

TfL unveils new look for priority seating as it launches seventh annual Priority Seating Week

TfL is encouraging customers to offer their seat to customers who need it on public transport, and be mindful of non-visible health conditions, as it showcases its new priority seating design, with greater colour contrast.

Marking its seventh annual Priority Seating Week, with the support of my Deputy Mayor for Transport, TfL is encouraging people to look up and be aware of their surroundings on public transport, in case someone is in greater need of a seat. Some customers who need to sit down may not always have a 'Please offer me a seat' badge, Sunflower lanyard or similar.

Public announcements played on buses, DLR, Elizabeth line, London Overground and London Underground networks and a 'Travel Kind – Please offer your seat' poster displayed across the network. 'Please offer me a seat' badges were handed out on the DLR and London Overground, with 'Here to help' stalls on the Elizabeth line. Information about Priority Seating Week was also shared in customer emails and on social media, marked with #TfLTravelKind.

To ensure that customers can identify a priority seat more easily, all new priority seats introduced from now on across the TfL network will include the words 'This is a priority seat.' This matches the appearance of 'Please offer me a seat' badges and the Government's Blue Badge scheme and aligns with the priority seating design already in place on the Jubilee line.

Making the public transport network accessible for all is a top priority for me, and Londoners can play their part by staying aware of those around them and offering their seat to someone who may need it. TfL's striking new seat design will make priority seating easier to spot, and act as a reminder for everyone to consider their fellow passengers. Not all disabilities are visible so we're asking all Londoners to keep this in mind, and offer their seat to those who may need it more than them.

TfL begins second phase of work to improve safety and accessibility in Nine Elms

TfL has started the next phase of works to transform Nine Elms Lane and Battersea Park Road, upgrading bus stops and making it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle in the area, as well as making the area more resilient to climate change. Nine Elms is an area of growth for London and these improvements will support these developments and the changing use and demands along the road. The first phase of the scheme opened in August 2021 between Duchess Bridge and Sleaford Street.

Following public consultation in 2017, and ongoing engagement with local residents, developers, businesses, Wandsworth Council and the Nine Elms Vauxhall Partnership, construction work between Pump House Lane and the Vauxhall Gyratory began on 28 April and is expected to be completed by autumn 2026. Improvements include:

- 1.6km of continuous cycleways in each direction
- Additional and improved pedestrian crossings, and wider footways
- Improved signal-controlled junctions to facilitate improvements for cyclists and pedestrians
- Improved bus stops, with new bus shelters providing equal access for all bus users in line with TfL guidelines
- More cycle stands and benches to encourage more Londoners to walk and cycle
- Improved existing drainage systems, with new sustainable drainage helping the road to adapt to climate change
- 24 new trees to be planted
- Resurfacing of all pavements and the road

TfL aims to keep disruption to a minimum but journey times may increase slightly during the works. TfL will continue to monitor roads during the works and assess any impact on journey times. Bus stops will remain open and access to homes and businesses maintained. At some stages of the works, bus stops and pedestrian crossings will be moved to nearby temporary locations. Temporary cycle lanes will also be provided where possible.

Making London's roads safer is a key priority for me, and is vital to enabling more people to choose walking and cycling. That's why I'm delighted that the second phase of work to improve safety and accessibility in Nine Elms has begun.

These important improvements will ensure everyone living in and visiting the area can travel safely and sustainably, while supporting the regeneration of Nine Elms, building a better, greener, safer London for all.

Boost to cross-river public transport and journey times improved as new Silvertown Tunnel opens

Londoners now have significantly improved options for crossing the Thames following the opening of the Silvertown Tunnel on 7 April.

The 1.4km tunnel, which was first announced in 2012, now links Newham to the Greenwich Peninsula and allows for the hourly number of buses able to cross the river in the area to increase from six to 21, meaning new frequent, accessible and sustainable public transport options that connect communities to jobs, homes and leisure.

The new scheme will make journeys faster and more reliable, with average journey time savings expected to be up to 20 minutes at peak times. It has been delivered by TfL and Riverlinx Limited, which designed, built and financed the project and will also operate and maintain it over the next 25 years.

At my request, the scheme was reviewed in October 2016, with a series of enhancements made to the proposals to make it greener and more public transport-focused. The result is a scheme which best addresses the current congestion and air quality issues at the Blackwall Tunnel and delivers the best value for money and supports economic growth.

For at least 12 months, the new cross-river bus routes serving Greenwich, Newham, and Tower Hamlets – the route 108, 129 and the new Superloop 4 are free for pay as you go users. To allow cyclists to cross the river safely, an innovative cycle shuttle service has also been launched, which is also free for at least a year. I was pleased to travel through the tunnel on the SL4 with my Deputy Mayor for Transport when the tunnel opened.

The new Silvertown Tunnel will transform travel in the South and East of our city, particularly across the River Thames, and will help to address the chronic congestion and poor air quality around Blackwall Tunnel. The new tunnel will reduce journey times, help to manage pollution levels and improve cross-river public transport.

I want to thank all the engineers, construction workers, designers and others who have worked so hard over the years to deliver this project successfully on time and on budget.

Fastned and Places for London get green light for electric vehicle charging hub in west London

Fastned and Places for London have secured planning permission for a new EV charging hub at TfL's Hatton Cross station car park, following approval by the London Borough of Hillingdon.

This is the first of an initial five hubs planned by the public/private joint venture between Places for London and Fastned, which will improve access to charging infrastructure for the growing number of EV drivers in London and across the UK – helping drivers confidently make the transition to cleaner vehicles.

London leads the way in EV uptake nationally, with around 193,000 plug-in electric cars and vans already registered in the capital. EV numbers on the road in London are projected to reach between 1-1.4million by 2030, making up to 49 per cent of London's car and van fleet. This rising demand would mean Londoners need 40,000 to 60,000 chargers, including up to 4,000 rapid chargers and this scale of infrastructure is needed to help reach my 2030 net zero carbon target.

This is welcome news for Londoners looking to benefit from EV technology, which makes driving cleaner and cheaper. Rapid charging hubs like this are particularly vital for key workers across the capital to get where they need to be fast.

Cutty Sark station to get four brand-new escalators during temporary closure

Cutty Sark DLR station is set to get four new state-of-the-art, energy efficient escalators, providing customers with easier and more reliable access to and from the station. To complete the complex installation in the safest and most efficient way, the station will close from 31 May until next spring.

During the closure use nearby Greenwich station, which is 11 minutes by foot, or local bus services. Improved street level signage has been installed to help guide customers more easily between Cutty Sark and Greenwich stations.

The four new escalators will replace the existing ones which have become increasingly unreliable and were eventually taken out of service as they were beyond economical to repair.

Replacing escalators at this station is complex due to the way the existing escalators were installed. Replacing all four at the same time is the best way to minimise disruption to customers. Limited space at the station meant keeping the station open during the works was not possible.

Once installed, the new state-of-the-art escalators will provide customers with reliable and easier access to DLR services at the station.

Innovative on-demand ventilation in TfL's Stratford office saves £182,400 in operating costs and 140 tonnes of carbon a year

As London's biggest user of electricity and one of the capital's largest landowners, TfL is pushing ahead with innovative measures to reduce its carbon footprint and improve green ways of working.

A groundbreaking project that began at its Stratford office has seen smart sensor technology used to adjust ventilation, cooling and heating levels in real time based on the number of people in the building. As an early adopter of this technology, the initiative is now being extended to other sites across the TfL estate after a year-long pilot.

TfL is among the first few companies to use this on-demand energy innovation, which recognises the changes in working patterns after the pandemic and ensures TfL is being as energy efficient as possible. It is predicted this innovation will reduce the total energy used by 12 per cent at the Stratford office building, saving the equivalent of 140 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually - which is about 20 car journeys around Earth - as well as £182,400 in annual operating costs of the building. In the long term, this will extend the lifetime use of building equipment and generate even greater savings with the reduced need for maintenance and repair.

As a result of the trial success, the same innovation has been introduced to the Pier Walk office in North Greenwich, with plans for installation at the Buckingham Palace Road office in Victoria and Palestra in Southwark to be completed in the first half of this year. Similar percentages of cost, carbon and energy savings are expected when this technology is installed at those buildings.

TfL announces safety ban of non-folded e-bikes on its transport network

On 26 March, TfL announced that all non-folded e-bikes would be banned on parts of London's transport network from 31 March to ensure the safety of customers and staff.

TfL worked closely with the London Fire Brigade and other partners to carry out a comprehensive review of the safety of e-bikes and their suitability for carriage on the TfL transport network.

While the majority of e-bikes are safe, there have been a small number of incidents where non-foldable e-bikes have caught fire on the transport system in London. To ensure the safety of the network for customers and staff, customers in possession of non-foldable e-bikes will not be permitted to travel on most TfL services, including on the Tube, Overground, Elizabeth line and DLR. The ban includes all non-folding e-bikes, including standard cycles that have been converted to e-bikes using conversion kits.

TfL recognises the important role of e-bikes and micro-mobility for London now and in the future so will keep these changes under review, pending any future measures to improve product safety by the Government regarding e-bike safety standards. TfL continues to work with the Government and the London Fire Brigade on this. TfL is the first transport operator in the UK to enforce a ban on its services.

The safety of Londoners is my top priority and, while most e-bikes are safe, there have been a small number of incidents where non-foldable e-bikes have caught fire on the transport system, which have caused me great concern.

This is why, following a comprehensive review of the safety of e-bikes, TfL has banned all non-folding e-bikes on tube and rail services. I have asked TfL to continue to work with Government and partners to improve e-bike safety as we build a safer London for everyone.

TfL celebrates World Poetry Day with West London College by displaying poems from talented students at TfL stations

To celebrate World Poetry Day, TfL displayed excerpts from winning poems from West London College's 'Student with Voices' competition. The poems were displayed at several west London stations on the District line to mark World Poetry Day on 22 March.

The competition included 20 schools in Ealing and 20 schools in Hammersmith and Fulham, with young people challenged to write about various themes from wellbeing and mental health to sports, arts and creative media. More than 130 students from Foundation Learning, Art and Design and Health and Social Care entered poems, which were judged by published poets Kavita Hansla and Alex Murdock, with excerpts from seven of the poems chosen to be displayed at TfL stations.

This celebration of poetry follows the recent launch of the latest Poems on the Underground series, which has been inspiring and entertaining customers travelling for almost 40 years – with the first posters appearing on the London Underground in 1986.

For decades TfL has brought poetry to the millions travelling on its network every day and Poems on the Underground has become much loved by so many. It's fantastic to see TfL celebrate World Poetry Day by giving talented young pupils the chance to have their works shown.

TfL sets out new plan to support the taxi trade, private hire industry and passengers over the coming years

TfL has set out a new plan to enable the capital's taxi trade and private hire industry to meet the challenges of the next five years.

London's licensed taxi and private hire services play a vital role in London's green and sustainable transport network. They provide important services for Londoners and visitors alike with safe, accessible and inclusive options that complement London's public transport network.

Since TfL's first action plan was published in 2016, much has changed and a number of challenges remain: falling numbers of licensed taxis and taxi drivers; concerns about driver and passenger safety and accessibility; and the need to continue to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions.

The new Taxi and Private Hire Action Plan sets out a number of bold actions that will help to make positive changes in these industries and enable it to continue to provide excellent services for Londoners. These include:

- Ensuring that taxis continue to have access to bus lanes wherever possible and encouraging boroughs to grant taxis access to bus lanes on borough roads

- Working with the Government to secure greater powers to make taxi and private hire services even safer, including powers to tackle cross-border hiring, powers to issue fixed penalty notices and powers to regulate taxi booking companies
- Improving the training offered to taxi and private hire drivers, including new online voluntary training courses and new Disability Equality Training that will be designed in partnership with disability stakeholders. Online voluntary training courses will cover a range of topics such as safety advice and conflict management, customer service skills and health and wellbeing advice, in response to calls from taxi and private hire representatives
- Making further amendments to The Knowledge to help attract new people to join the taxi trade. Earlier this year, TfL published a list of points candidates can be asked in their assessments. It is also in the process of reviewing and updating the Blue Book guide to learning The Knowledge. TfL continues to discuss options with taxi trade representatives to make better use of technology and for further changes to modernise the assessment process and make it more efficient
- Reviewing the optimum allocation, position and design of taxi ranks, including at public transport hubs
- Making the case to the Government to continue the plug-in taxi grant, reduce VAT from public charge points and remove VAT from the purchase of taxis and designated wheelchair accessible private hire vehicles
- Reviewing the optimum allocation, position and design of taxi ranks, including at public transport hubs, to ensure that taxi ranks are available for where needed

The new plan is the result of wide-ranging engagement with stakeholders, the taxi trade and the private hire industry, as well as customer groups. TfL will now work closely with the taxi trade and private hire industry, local councils and passenger groups to deliver the plan, helping to make the capital's transport network safer, more accessible and more sustainable.

London's black taxis have a rich history and play a vital role in keeping London moving and providing an accessible door-to-door service, and I want to ensure they keep doing so for years to come.

At a time when the taxi trade and private hire industry face huge pressures, this new action plan will help to bolster and protect them, retaining and attracting more drivers to the trade and ensuring high safety standards for both passengers and drivers, building a better, fairer London for all.

Construction work on major scheme to transform A23 Streatham Hill to begin in summer

TfL is due to begin construction work this summer on a major new scheme to make A23 Streatham Hill safer and better for residents and those visiting the area. The scheme, developed in close partnership with Lambeth Council, will create new pedestrian crossings, a protected cycling route and improvements to bus lanes in the area.

Ensuring that everyone can travel safely and sustainably is important to the health and wellbeing of people in neighbourhoods and communities across the capital. This includes being able to access local high streets, shops and other businesses and amenities easily and affordably. Currently, roads in the area do not make it easy or attractive to walk or catch the bus. TfL also needs to protect bus journey times on this important corridor to enable more people to benefit from London's affordable network of bus services. The scheme will make it easier to cross busy roads, offer protected space for people to cycle and provide continuous bus

lanes with fewer obstructions. The work will be undertaken in five main stages and is due to be completed by spring 2027.

The plans to transform A23 Streatham Hill for everyone who lives in, works in and visits the area will make it easier and safer for people to travel and enable more people to walk and cycle.

TfL is working to minimise the impact of construction work on local residents and people travelling through the area and would like to thank everyone for their patience during this vital project. It is developing comprehensive travel advice around the works which will be communicated to our customers, and I encourage everyone to plan ahead.

Santander Cycles scheme doubles Day Pass ride time from April

TfL and Santander have made significant improvements to the Santander Cycles scheme by doubling the day pass ride time and reducing the price of hiring an e-bike. The changes are helping to make cycling more accessible to Londoners and tourists and provide them with affordable and green methods of travelling across the capital. Lack of access to a bike is a key barrier that stops people cycling and Santander Cycles is helping to eliminate this hurdle by boosting sustainable transport options for people.

Following feedback from Santander Cycles users, customers indicated the changes would encourage more people to try the scheme and is a more economical way to use the service. The new Day Pass option provides an unlimited number of one-hour rides over a 24-hour period. This is double the 30-minute option previously offered and will cost £3.50. The new cost provides better value for money for many customers as they are now able to enjoy an uninterrupted hour of cycling for only 50p more as many times as they like in the day. TfL has also reduced the price of a single 30-minute e-bike ride from £3.30 to £3. The e-bike single ride price is cheaper than any other operator in London*. The e-bikes have been hugely popular since their introduction, and these changes will encourage even more people to enjoy London by bike.

TfL is committed to offering the best deal possible to customers, and the cost of annual and monthly subscriptions has been frozen, at £120 per year for an annual pass and £20 per month for a monthly pass.

Enabling more people to cycle improves health, cuts congestion and helps the environment and is key to my vision for transport.

TfL searching for 25 young transport enthusiasts to record station PA announcements and go behind the scenes

TfL invited transport 'superfans' aged 5 -16 to share their love for London's transport network for the chance to record special 25th anniversary PA announcements and gain exclusive access to parts of the network usually closed to the public.

To enter, participants had to explain in 100 words or less why they are a 'superfan' of a particular mode of transport, whether it's the London Overground line they use to visit their grandparents, the bus route that takes them to football matches or the Cycleway they use every Sunday. Twenty-five winners, chosen by the staff of each service will have the chance to record their own personalised 25th anniversary message for TfL, which will be played at a London station.

Winners will also enjoy a behind-the scenes tour that relates to their entry, such as depots for buses, cycle hire or trams, the IFS Cloud Cable Car or a Tube or rail station, and learn the secrets of how TfL keeps London moving every day. A 'goodie bag,' with TfL 25th anniversary merchandise, that includes an iconic poster, will also be included.

The competition is part of celebrations marking 25 years of TfL, which kicked off with a lineup of buskers at Liverpool Street station, a silver 'TfL25' roundel and a collection of posters highlighting milestones from over the years such as the Northern Line Extension, Oyster contactless smart card and Night Tube. In addition to supporting jobs, homes and economic growth, TfL has helped to make London a place where children can thrive, with the introduction of free travel, cleaner air through the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) and TfL Travel for Life, the accreditation programme for schools that promotes sustainable travel.

London is full of surprise and intrigue, and these announcements will allow us all to see the wonder of the city through children's eyes.

TfL Book Swaps to return to some Tube stations

Community book swap libraries will start to return to surface level London Underground stations in May after LFB and TfL worked in partnership to agree the use of a suitable fire-proof storage solution.

New cabinets will be introduced at a number of stations, starting with High Barnet and enabling the valuable community assets of book swap libraries to be re-established in those locations. The cabinets, from a third-party supplier, are both compliant with fire safety regulations and meet the unique requirements for the London Underground in terms of fire safety, accessibility, and network security.

Locations where book swap libraries will be re-introduced from May are:

- Acton Town
- Cockfosters
- Ealing Common
- East Finchley
- Hammersmith
- High Barnet
- Kew Gardens
- Kilburn
- Morden
- Northfields
- Oakwood
- Ravenscourt Park
- Stamford Brook
- Totteridge & Whetstone
- Willesden Green

TfL and LFB continue to work together on the issue of book swap libraries at sub-surface London Underground stations, which are subject to more stringent regulations. Both parties are talking to Government about existing legislation and guidance to inform future decisions about whether the return of the community assets with appropriate risk assessment and mitigations might be possible in the future.

This is a welcome return of community book swap schemes. I know from personal experience and talking to commuters what a difference they make across London. I now want to see a solution as soon as possible that will allow these important community libraries to be safely returned.

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ULEZ 1 Year event

On 7 March, I attended the launch of the ULEZ One-Year Report, at a nursery in Barnet, and met children, parents and early years workers, to talk about the positive impact that the ULEZ expansion has had in Outer London. I was joined by my Deputy Mayors for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, and Transport, Seb Dance, as well as campaigners and community voices including Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah and Mums for Lungs. The findings of the report show that the ULEZ and LEZ schemes are having a significant impact on reducing the number of older, more polluting vehicles seen driving in London, and the levels of harmful air pollution that Londoners are exposed to. I reiterated my commitment on taking firm action to make our city cleaner and greener, and called to other global cities to follow suit and roll out ambitious measures to tackle air quality. The full report can be found [here](#).

Waterwise Annual Conference

On 10 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke with Waterwise Chief Executive Nicci Russell as a part of the first day of the Waterwise Conference 2025 “No time to waste”, to highlight the need to save and reuse water.

Thames Water Teddington direct river recycling proposal

On 12 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with local MP Munira Wilson MP and local London Assembly Member to understand the concerns of local groups to the Thames Water Teddington direct river recycling proposal set out in their approved Water Resources Management Plan.

Clean and Healthy Waterways Roundtable

On 13 March, I chaired the Clean & Healthy Waterways Roundtable alongside my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban. This event convened 30+ senior leaders across government, regulators, water companies, and civil society, securing collective commitment to develop a ten year Clean and Healthy Waterways Plan for London.

Forty Hall visit

On 14 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited rewilding projects at Forty Hall Estate, Enfield. Invited by Cllr Ergin Erbil, Leader of Enfield Council, he met with Feryal Clark MP, Cllr Sabri Ozaydin, Assembly Member Joanne McCartney and Peter Brammall, Principal & CEO of Capel Manor College (managers of the farm and estate). The guests visited Forty Hall’s beaver enclosure and viewed cattle used for conservation grazing. The Deputy Mayor was able to see the impact of my Rewild London Funding and hear about the borough’s plans for further nature-based solutions that support biodiversity and reduce flood risk.

London School of Economics meeting

On 17 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke with Professor Tony Travers and Anthony Ashurst from the London School of Economics. The call was an opportunity to discuss the themes for a roundtable that LSE will be supporting. The Deputy Mayor put forward ideas on Londoner's participation in policy making, community engagement with net-zero, and social justice.

Global Decarbonisation Summit

My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke at a panel discussion at the above summit on The Geopolitics of Decarbonisation and in particular the important role of cities.

London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee

On 18 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Cllr Kieron Williams in his capacity as Chair of London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee. This meeting was an opportunity to talk to Cllr Williams about new GLA priorities and provide updates on areas such as climate adaptation, energy, climate and Zero Carbon Accelerator, waste. The meeting noted productive joint working between the GLA and London Councils.

Connected Places Summit

On 19 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined two panel discussions at the Connected Places Summit. The Deputy Mayor highlighted the importance of the public and private sector collaborating to mobilise private investment into our net zero and green policy ambitions, as well as the co-benefits that green investment can generate, including warmer homes, lower energy bills and green jobs.

UKSPF British Fashion Council Forum

On 20 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the British Fashion Council's Institute of Positive Fashion Forum event to give a keynote speech and chair a panel discussion with experts in the field of decarbonising the fashion industry. The event was enabled through a UK Shared Prosperity Fund grant awarded to the British Fashion Council to deliver their Low carbon Transition Programme, and provided a platform for the 50 London-based SMEs benefiting from the programme to highlight their work to transition to a low carbon, circular fashion industry.

Alexandra Palace's net zero site visit

On 21 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Alexandra Palace alongside colleagues from the GLA Energy Unit and the Assistant Director for Culture and Creative Industries. The visit focused on the Palace's Carbon Reduction Plan and path towards net zero, supported by my Local Energy Accelerator Fund. The team met with the CEO of Alexandra Palace to explore their decarbonisation projects and discussed the Palace's wider cultural vision as a heritage site and the challenge of securing matched funding to access green finance. The visit reaffirmed support from the Deputy Mayor on their ambition to become a net zero heritage and cultural venue, supported by the Zero Carbon Accelerator programme.

La Bocana Flood defence Scheme visit

On 25 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with officials from the city of Cartagena as part of his bilateral engagements during the Global World Health Organization Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. The Deputy Mayor visited La Bocana flood mitigation scheme to see how the city is cleaning up their waterways and creating thriving green spaces for people to enjoy. The scheme provides a flood defence system which includes an urban nature reserve and mangrove park, helping to clean waterways and provide a green space for people to enjoy and wildlife to thrive.

European Respiratory Society meeting

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Dr Barbara Hoffmann, as part of his bilateral engagements during the Global World Health Organization Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. They discussed London's ongoing work on developing a roadmap to meet WHO air quality targets. He also highlighted our work with health professionals on the Mayor's Air Quality Alerts, which now includes targeted health messaging to support Londoners in taking action to minimise exposure to air pollution.

Climate Mitigation & Health, Wellcome

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Rachel Huxley as part of his bilateral engagements during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. They discussed C40's flagship knowledge hub and ways in which London could contribute further towards the hub in terms of climate change and air quality.

Climate and Clean Air Coalition at UNEP

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Martina Otto as part of his bilateral engagements during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. They discussed how the Climate and Clean Air Coalition can work with London to tackle particulates, including black carbon which affects climate and significantly contributes to air pollution.

Clean Air Fund meeting

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Jane Burston as part of his bilateral engagements during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. They discussed the Breathe London Community Programme and further funding opportunities through the Clean Air Fund / Bloomberg Philanthropies partnership.

C40's Clean Air Corridor visit

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the immersive Clean Air Cities Corridor exhibit as part of his work programme during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. He was joined by other mayors and city leaders to celebrate C40's clean air wins.

Bloomberg Philanthropies meeting

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Priya Shankar as part of his bilateral engagements during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. They discussed the Breathe London and Breathe Cities programmes, as well as collaboration opportunities during the forthcoming London Climate Action Week.

European Parliament meeting

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Javi López as part of his bilateral engagements during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. They discussed tackling the dual challenges of climate change and air quality, and the European Parliament's recent adoption of stricter air quality standards. The new rules set tougher 2030 limits for pollutants for member states and provide great inspiration for London's ongoing work on developing possible pathways to meeting the WHO air quality targets in London.

World Bank meeting

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Helena Naber, Benoit Bosquet, Jiang Ru and Christian Peter as part of his bilateral engagements during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. They discussed funding opportunities for cities to scale up actions on clean air. He highlighted our successes with Breathe London as an example of a community-based air quality monitoring programme and how this might be replicated in other cities.

WHO dinner reception

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended a dinner hosted by WHO and the Government of Colombia during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. He was joined by a range of city leaders and Jaime Pumarejo, Executive Director for C40 Breathe Cities Programme. They discussed Breathe London which is part of C40's Breathe Cities Programme. The Breathe London sensor network provides reliable, local air quality data to Londoners, helping to raise awareness about air pollution and empowering London's communities to take action and reduce exposure.

WHO's Session 10: Leveraging health arguments to finance solutions and economic opportunities

On 27 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave a speech during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. He outlined the quantifiable benefits of London's Air Quality policy such as ULEZ on health, climate, and the economy; and emphasized the importance of engaging with stakeholders from all levels, including experts in the health sector during the planning and implementation of policies to ensure their success and maintain public support. He called to other global cities to follow suit and roll out similar ambitious measures to tackle air quality.

BreatheLife's High Level Luncheon during the WHO Conference

On 27 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the BreatheLife High Level Luncheon during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Colombia. He spoke about London's role in engaging and leading cities

across the C40 network to raise the level of international action by cities on combating climate change and air pollution. He highlighted London's decisive action to reduce air pollution through initiatives such as the ULEZ and Breathe London network.

WHO's High-Level Commitments Session

On 27 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, presented a commitment statement on behalf of C40 Co-Chairs during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Columbia. The statement set out C40's commitment and initiatives to advance clean air and climate action including C40's flagship initiative, Breathe Cities, where C40, Clean Air Fund and Bloomberg Philanthropies, are working with 14 cities worldwide to drive clean air action from Bangkok to Johannesburg, and from Rio to Nairobi.

Cities Forum: Champion Mayors for Clean Air

On 27 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended and gave closing statements at the 'Cities Forum: Champion Mayors for Clean Air' event during the Global World Health Organisation Summit on Air Pollution in Cartagena, Columbia. The forum highlighted work Champion Mayors are delivering globally on clean air, including a focus on Latin American cities. He provided inspiring closing remarks, highlighting the progress that has been made in London, and calling for cities in attendance to continue leading the way on tackling air pollution.

RPS and Tetra Tech Client Roundtable breakfast

On 1 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended a roundtable organised by Tetra Tech and RPS with industry leaders from engineering, consultancy and property development. The Roundtable covered the topics of green growth, planning and the environment challenges faced in London. The Deputy Mayor outlined the Mayor's priorities for a greener, fairer London and answered questions from attendees, with opportunities for collaboration identified.

ReLondon's Repair Voucher launch

On 1 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the launch of the North London Waste Authority's (NLWA) Electrical Repair Voucher Scheme – the first trial of electrical repair vouchers in the UK – and met with Councillor Clyde Loakes in his capacity as Chair of the NLWA. The Deputy Mayor also met with the owners of Neil Electrics in Wood Green, one of the businesses participating in the programme, discussed the important role such businesses play in transitioning London to a circular economy and witnessed a repair demonstration.

Zero Emission Network's 'Zero emissions transport for your business' event

On 2 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a speech at the Zero Emissions Transport for Your Business event hosted by the Zero Emission Network. The event celebrated the launch of their new grants programme, supported by the Mayor's Air Quality Fund, which will help small businesses in Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham, Westminster and City of London integrate cleaner forms of transport such as cargo bikes, cycles, and e-bikes into their operations.

Islington's Annual Special Scrutiny event

On 2 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a speech at Islington's special public Environment Scrutiny Meeting on climate action. Islington Council's Environment and Climate Scrutiny Committee hold an annual meeting at the end of their scrutiny cycle, to engage local stakeholders on the climate emergency.

Solar and Storage Live

On 3 April my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, sat on a fire side chat panel at Solar and Storage live, the UK's solar and battery sector's flagship conference. He highlighted my objectives for solar and what London can offer the sector, key initiatives already underway and called for support and funding from central government moving forwards. The Deputy Mayor was interviewed by Matt Black, Chair of Solar Energy UK.

ReLondon's Board meeting

On 3 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, chaired the ReLondon Board Meeting. At the meeting ReLondon presented their 2025 Business Plan which contained their five-year financial plan and delivery plan which the Board approved. The Board also discussed and agreed to pilot a policy working group focussed on supporting the implementation of ReLondon's delivery plan for 2025-26.

Ella Roberta's sculpture unveiling

On 4 April, I visited Mountsfield Park, Lewisham together with my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, alongside Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah and her children Robert and Sophia. I delivered a short speech before unveiling the incredible sculpture of Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah. The sculpture, which was part funded by my Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm's Untold Stories grant programme, is dedicated to Rosamund's daughter Ella, who died age 9 from asthma linked to air pollution, it commemorates Ella while also raising awareness of the dangers of air pollution and promoting discussion and community action around air quality.

Lesnes Abbey Woods visit

On 8 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited London Borough of Bexley to hear more about their climate mitigation and adaptation priorities. The visit included a site tour of Lesnes Abbey Woods, where the borough showcased sustainability and biodiversity initiatives, including The Clearing – an outdoor learning space that promotes skills in woodland conservation and woodcraft, and encourages young children to explore the natural environment.

V&A East Storehouse meeting

On 8 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, had a tour of one of two new V&A East sites – the V&A East Storehouse – with Tim Reeve, Deputy Director and COO of the V&A. The V&A East Storehouse will form part of the East Bank, a new cultural quarter in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and is due to open to the public on 31 May. This working storehouse will showcase the V&A's vast collection – with over 250,000 objects, 350,000 library books and nearly 1,000 archives – and give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at a museum in action.

Fitzrovia Partnership Sustainability Strategy meeting

On 8 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke at the launch of the Fitzrovia Partnership's Sustainability Strategy. The Deputy Mayor highlighted the ambitious plans for London to support sustainability through net zero initiatives, creating ULEZ and funding for green space and tree planting projects in London. The Deputy Mayor also celebrated the success of the Fitzrovia Partnership's participants in the Business Climate Challenge.

Warmer Homes London meeting

My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Cllr Kieron Williams of London Councils and Eleanor Purser, Interim Director of Warmer Homes London, ahead of the first meeting of the Warmer Homes London Board. Warmer Homes London is a joint initiative the Mayor and London Councils to upscale and accelerate retrofit delivery in London. It will start with over £240m of funding from government, the Mayor, London Councils, boroughs and housing associations to improve 12,000 homes between 2025 and 2028.

Muslim Women of Merton gardening group meeting

On 11 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Mostyn Gardens in Merton to meet the Muslim Women of Merton gardening group to see how funding from my Grow Back Greener programme has helped transform an unused space into a much loved and used community garden. The group have created a mini orchard of fruit trees and built raised beds to grow produce and flowers and the garden hosts events throughout the year to ensure the wider community can enjoy the space as well.

UK100 meeting

On 14 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Christopher Hammond, Chief Executive of UK100, to discuss the importance of cities leading the green transition.

Licensed Taxi Drivers Association meeting

On 14 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Steve Macnamara, General Secretary of the Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (LTDA) to discuss how the Mayor and Transport for London can support taxi drivers in their transition to zero emission capable (ZEC) taxis. They discussed that to date, 65 percent of the taxi fleet is now ZEC, and with more support for the trade, this number could significantly increase in the next couple of years.

BusinessLDN's Sustainability Forum

On 16 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, co-chaired our first Sustainability Forum with Business LDN. This Forum will meet regularly and has been established to create a closer working relationship with Business LDN and their members, allowing us to talk about the climate emergency and how it is relevant to business. It will identify common areas of interest where we can work together with businesses to accelerate climate action and a just transition to a low carbon circular economy.

World Health Organization meeting

On 16 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban met with Dr. Maria Neira the Director of the Department of Environmental, Climate Change and Health at the World Health Organization. They discussed funding opportunities and research on air quality and Health Impacts.

Notpla meeting

On 17 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Pierre Paslier, Co-Founder and Co-CEO of Notpla, an innovative plastic free packaging company and Earthshot Prize 2022 winner, to discuss the importance of reducing plastic packaging, its related waste and emissions, and how it can support the transition to a circular economy in London.

London Surface Water Strategic Group meeting

On 22 April my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the most recent meeting of the London Surface Water Strategic Group to discuss the upcoming launch of the strategy, which was a recommendation from the roundtables I convened following on from the significant flooding affecting Londoners in 2021.

Releaf Paper meeting

On 23 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Alexander Sobolenko, CEO of Releaf Paper to discuss how Releaf Paper can contribute to London's ambition to accelerate progress toward net zero by 2030 by converting urban leaf waste into sustainable paper products. This supports the city's focus on green innovation, circular economy models, and decarbonisation, especially in reducing emissions from traditional paper production and urban waste handling. This meeting formed part of a series of bilateral stakeholder meetings held in Paris while the Deputy Mayor attended the ChangeNOW Conference.

Daphni meeting

On 23 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Damien Didier, Head of Sustainability at Daphni, a leading Paris-based venture capital firm investing in early-stage startups across Europe (seed to Series A), with a strong focus on climate technology, digital innovation, and urban transformation. They discussed London's position as a climate technology hub that can attract green capital and foster the scale-up of sustainability-focused businesses. This meeting formed part of a series of bilateral stakeholder meetings held in Paris while the Deputy Mayor attended the ChangeNOW Conference.

INCO meeting

On 23 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Mathieu Planchard, Global Managing Director at INCO, a global social enterprise headquartered in Paris. They discussed INCO's model of investing in and accelerating inclusive, green startups and how this can contribute to London's green economy. This meeting formed part of a series of bilateral stakeholder meetings held in Paris while the Deputy Mayor attended the ChangeNOW Conference.

ChangeNOW conference- soil health

On 24 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, sat on a panel about the importance of urban soils for environmental and human health at the ChangeNOW conference. The Deputy Mayor highlighted that soil health is fundamental to London's mandate to deliver a greener and more climate resilient London. He drew attention to 'soils and fungi' being one of six overarching priorities in the upcoming London Local Nature Recovery Strategy. He also discussed how the Mayor's commitments to increasing tree canopy cover and clean and healthy waterways both help achieve stable soils.

Adept Materials meeting

On 24 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Derek Stein, Founder and CEO of Adept Materials, [more details to follow]. This meeting formed part of a series of bilateral stakeholder meetings held in Paris while the Deputy Mayor attended the ChangeNOW Conference.

Energy Transition, Mobility, and Raw Materials meeting

On 24 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Arjen Kapteijns, Deputy Mayor of The Hague and Alderman for Energy Transition, Mobility, and Raw Materials. They discussed London and The Hague's shared city-led goal of reaching net zero by 2030, with a focus on mobility, buildings, circularity, and public engagement. This meeting formed part of a series of bilateral stakeholder meetings held in Paris while the Deputy Mayor attended the ChangeNOW Conference.

ChangeNOW conference

On 24 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, sat on a panel about accelerating renewable energy generation at the ChangeNOW conference. The Deputy Mayor spoke about the importance of overcoming infrastructure and funding barriers and how initiatives in London are tackling this through programmes such as the Zero Carbon Accelerator, Greener Schools Pilot and the London Climate Finance Facility. The Deputy Mayor was joined on the panel by Hampus Jildenback (Flower), Gosia Rychlik (The Climate Reality Project) and the moderator was Mattis Scheffmeier (ChangemakerXchange).

World Fund meeting

On 24 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Craig Douglas, CEO of the World Fund. They discussed green finance and climate innovation in relation to supporting green startups to achieve net zero by 2030. This meeting formed part of a series of bilateral stakeholder meetings held in Paris while the Deputy Mayor attended the ChangeNOW Conference.

Accor Hotel Group meeting

On 24 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Sébastien Bazin, Group Chairman & CEO of the Accor Hotel Group. They discussed their joint commitment to achieving net zero and explored ways of achieving this. This meeting formed part of a series of bilateral stakeholder meetings held in Paris while the Deputy Mayor attended the ChangeNOW Conference.

Knight Dragon meeting

On 29 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited the Greenwich Peninsula to talk with Knight Dragon, our development partner, about the ambitious regeneration programme that is happening on the peninsula in partnership with GLA Land and Property Limited (GLAP). The visit was planned specifically to see and hear about the important climate and environmental related considerations and activities that have been integrated into the design, specification and construction of the buildings and public realm within the area. The visit highlighted how integrating these climate and environmental measures contributes to high quality place-making, creating a place where people, communities and businesses come together to live and work.

Innovation Zero conference

On 29 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, sat on a panel at the Innovation Zero conference. The panel was chaired by Emma Howard Boyd, chair of the London Climate Resilience Review. Other panel members were Andy Burnham and Steve Rotherham. The panel session was called “Leading the Resilient Cities of Tomorrow”. It was a conversation with UK mayors developing spearheading strategic and innovative plans which will deliver the climate-resilient cities of the future.

New Statesman’s Energy and Climate Change Conference

On 30 April, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke at the New Statesman Energy and Climate Change Conference as part of a panel discussion on 'How can we bring UK consumers on the journey to net zero?'. He was joined on the panel by Lucy Yu (Centre for Net Zero) and Gráinne Regan (Ovo) and spoke about our work to create Warmer Homes London and on engaging Londoners in retrofit.

LSDC meeting

On 1 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Dr Ashok Sinha, Chair of the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC), to discuss priority research areas to support London’s journey to net zero. The LSDC are independent sustainability experts, who advise the Mayor on how to make London a sustainable city.

The Ella Roberta Foundation

On 1 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah as part of a series of quarterly meeting. They discussed our ongoing work on projects such as the School Filters Programme and roadmap for aligning with WHO guidelines. They also explored opportunities for Rosamund and The Ella Roberta [Foundation](#) to continue being involved with the Mayors’ work.

LSDC’s event ‘A just transition in London’s retrofits’

On 8 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave a keynote speech at an event held by the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC), launching their report ‘A just transition in London’s retrofits’. The Deputy Mayor welcomed the work, which sets out how London’s retrofits can be made more inclusive for London’s diverse communities.

Fire

Deputy Mayor's Fire Board

On 1 April, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, chaired a regular meeting of his Deputy Mayor's Fire Board.

Growth and Skills

Adult Skills Funding

In April, I announced an investment of more than £340 million for the upcoming academic year that will help support around 200,000 Londoners get the professional skills they need to thrive and employers the talent they need to boost economic growth. This funding includes nearly £10 million that I have provided to ensure more Londoners are supported through adult education courses, in addition to annual skills income from the Department for Education.

Launch of Skills Bootcamps

On 17 April, I announced, with national government, an investment of £27 million for my Skills Bootcamps for Londoners Programme to help fast-track Londoners into good jobs and boost economic growth across the capital.

My Skills Bootcamps are focused on 11 priority sectors that are key to London's long-term success – including digital, green, health and social care, construction and the creative industries. This new funding will support over 7,700 Londoners to access high-quality training, with a guaranteed job interview at the end of the course.

The programme is central to the ambitions set out in my London Growth Plan by helping employers address skills shortages, while ensuring that more Londoners can access opportunities to gain qualifications and progress into well-paid jobs.

Launching London's £30m Get Britain Working Trailblazers

On 8 May, I launched London's five Get Britain Working (GBW) Trailblazers – three of these are focused on economic inactivity and two on supporting young Londoners. Backed by £30 million of government investment, these initiatives are a major step towards delivering inclusive growth by transforming how we support people into good work and training across the capital.

At the launch event of the Trailblazers at Toynbee Hall, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber was joined by the Secretary of State Liz Kendall alongside local authorities, employers, the health, youth and skills sectors, and civil society. London's Trailblazers will break down silos between services and deliver integrated, wraparound support to over 5,000 Londoners – helping disabled people, women, young Londoners and care leavers, and those with health conditions or other barriers into training and sustainable employment.

Inter-College Skills Show 2025

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, attended the Inter-College Skills Show 2025. The event brought together hundreds of students from eight colleges across London and Essex, who competed in disciplines including engineering, cyber security, and construction.

Led by Barking and Dagenham College, the competition celebrated London's exceptional vocational talent and supported collaboration between colleges, employers and industry experts. Events like this provide students with practical, real-world training and strengthen the pipeline of skilled workers needed to support London's economic growth.

Visit to London Metropolitan University

On 9 April, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, visited London Metropolitan University to learn more about their work and to tour their facilities. Howard met with the university's senior leadership team and had a positive discussion on the alignment of their aims with the London Growth Plan and the forthcoming Inclusive Talent Strategy. The meeting was followed by a tour of the School of Built Environment, School of Computing and Digital Media, Super Lab and Skills and Nursing Simulation Suite.

Adult Skills Fund and Skills Bootcamps Data Publication

On 2 May, I published London's Adult Skills Fund (ASF) data for the first half of the 2024-25 academic year. This release includes statistics on ASF-funded Further Education and Skills in London. From August 2024 to January 2025, 279,080 learning aims were funded by the GLA. These courses were taken by 156,240 GLA-funded learners. For the first time, the data has been published in an interactive dashboard on the London Datastore. The dashboard allows easy access to the number of enrolments, learners and achievements by level, subject, learner characteristics and funding model for all providers, boroughs, and sub-regions across London.

Lewisham Business Breakfast

On 7 May, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, joined a business breakfast at Lewisham College. South London business representatives and local leaders came to together to discuss how they can work together to deliver the Mayor's London Growth Plan and forthcoming Inclusive Talent Strategy. Lewisham also launched its own joint initiative, Lewisham London Talent, to call on employers to sign up to offer support and opportunities for students to move into good work. My Deputy Mayor also toured state of the art facilities at Lewisham College and met learners and staff.

Visit to London South Bank Technical College

On 8 May, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, visited London South Bank Technical College (LSBTC) to learn more about their work to connect up technical skills pathways, the wider London South Bank University Group model and gather insights for the forthcoming Inclusive Talent Strategy. The tour included visiting LSBTC's Green Skills Lab, Engineering Labs and Media suite.

Housing

Securing investment at MIPIIM

I'm determined to do everything I can to build more of the affordable homes Londoners desperately need and do my part in delivering the government's number one mission: growth. That's why in March I banged the drum for London at MIPIIM, a world leading property conference. I went to MIPIIM to boost investment into London, promoting 20 live opportunities for investment which could deliver more affordable homes for Londoners and unlock new infrastructure and jobs in the capital. I spoke with investors from across the world about

opportunities to build new housing and build-to-rent developments, as well as student accommodation, office buildings, logistics, urban sciences and leisure developments.

Investing in support for victims of domestic abuse

On 18 March, I announced a new £6 million fund to help ensure thousands of victims and survivors of domestic abuse get the help and support they need to reach safe accommodation and rebuild their lives for the long term. I visited voluntary organisations Refuge, Solace and Asha in Lambeth with Tom Copley, my Deputy Mayor Housing & Residential Development, and Kaya Comer-Schwartz, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, to see first-hand how our Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation programme is supporting the most vulnerable in London's diverse communities. Domestic abuse refuges and community organisations are a lifeline for so many Londoners in need and I'm pleased to be working with partners to fund vital support services for thousands of survivors of domestic abuse and violence who need safe accommodation across our city.

Building safety government roundtable

No Londoner should be living in unsafe homes and we are determined to work in partnership with government to remove dangerous cladding and ensure new homes are fit for purpose. On 31 March Tom Copley, my Deputy Mayor Housing & Residential Development, attended a Mayoral roundtable with the building safety Minister Alex Norris to discuss how the GLA can work in partnership with government to speed up remediation and improve the building safety regime for new homes.

S.106 Affordable Housing Clearing Service

Affordable housing delivered through Section 106 planning agreements plays a critical role in providing the affordable housing Londoners need. In London and the rest of the England, the Section 106 market has been facing several challenges, marked by a gradual decline in sales of Section 106 affordable homes. My housing team has been working closely with Homes England to expand its 'Section 106 Affordable Housing Clearing Service' to London and I can confirm it will now be available to Registered Providers and developers operating across the city. The service helps facilitate and accelerate the sale of uncontracted and unsold Section 106 affordable homes and is available to housebuilders, registered providers, and local authorities. I encourage London's housebuilders, registered providers, and local authorities to register and engage with the service upon its launch in London.

Homelessness and rough sleeping government roundtable

I am committed to ending rough sleeping in London by 2030 and I support the government's ambition to get the country back on track to ending homelessness. On 3 April Tom Copley, my Deputy Mayor Housing & Residential Development, attended a mayoral roundtable with Rushanara Ali, the homelessness minister, to set out what the GLA is doing with partners to deliver on my commitment end rough sleeping in the capital and discuss how what steps the government needs to take to prevent people from sleeping rough in the first place. I will soon set out these steps in a new plan of action on rough sleeping.

Homeless Link rough sleeping conference

On 24 March Tom Copley, my Deputy Mayor Housing & Residential Development, spoke at the Homeless Link rough sleeping conference on the theme of 'crisis to prevention'. Tom discussed

how the only way to achieve our mission to end rough sleeping in London by 2030 is to invest in prevention as well as cure.

Affordable homes in Greenwich

On 28 March Tom Copley, my Deputy Mayor Housing & Residential Development, and housing minister Matt Pennycook visited the Greenwich Peninsula to take part in a topping out ceremony for 476 homes supported by GLA funding, 70% of which are affordable.

New council homes in Haringey

On 23 April Tom Copley, my Deputy Mayor Housing & Residential Development, celebrated the opening of Aaron Gayle Court, a development of new council homes in Haringey part funded by the GLA. The London Borough of Haringey is one of City Hall's biggest council housing delivery partners, which I am working with to building the council homes that Londoners need.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

On 27 March, I attended the New West End Company's board meeting and discussed the Oxford Street Transformation Programme and the ongoing consultation.

On 1 May, I cut the ribbon and opened IKEA's new Oxford Street store alongside Stefan Gullgren, Sweden's Ambassador to the UK. IKEA's investment is a great vote of confidence in London and in our plans to transform Oxford Street.

On 2 April, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, welcomed over 100 employers, trade unions, and business leaders to the Good Work Standard celebration at City Hall. The event celebrated my Good Work Standard community's commitment to good work and inclusive growth and launched the refreshed Standard.

On 29 April, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, was invited to speak to the London Assembly Economy, Culture and Skills Committee. The meeting focused on the implementation of the London Growth Plan, and the delivery of its immediate one-year actions and commitments.

On 29 April, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, was invited to give oral evidence to the Business and Trade Select Committee about the Industrial Strategy, alongside Andy Burnham, Mayor of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and Kim McGuinness, Mayor of the North East Combined Authority. The discussion focused on the role local government and devolved powers play in the context of the government's forthcoming Industrial Strategy, and on how powers devolved to mayoralities will support regional growth.

Business engagement and support

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

- On 7 March: hosted a breakfast entrepreneur and female founder roundtable with KPMG to celebrate International Women's Day spotlighting the impact women are making in the business landscape.

- On 25 March: spoke at the opening ceremony of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP's (CLA) London office, on London as a leading global hub for financial and professional services and highlighting the London Growth Plan.
- On 26 March: met with the managing director of the Peninsula Hotel to discuss the hospitality industry, London as a premium destination and the London Growth Plan.
- On 28 March: co-chaired a discussion on KPMG's response to the London Growth Plan focused on the role KPMG can play in helping to deliver and promote the Plan and next steps.
- On 31 March: attended, with the Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, a sports and economic growth roundtable led by London Sport to discuss the role that sports organisations can play in helping to drive growth within the city, with representatives from SMEs, charities, social enterprises, clubs and corporations.
- On 2 April: attended a dinner and discussion event organised by NatWest on the future of entrepreneurship and London's role in driving innovation, investment and optimism for founders and other stakeholders.
- On 3 April: met with Michelle Wilson, Managing Director and Moses Rashid, Global Marketing Director for Topshop and Topman to discuss their business plans and future strategy alongside Justine Simons, Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries.
- Following the announcement on 3 April of potential tariffs to be imposed by the United States of America on UK-produced materials and products, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth has been in direct touch with individual businesses and business organisations, particularly London's manufacturing sector, to offer support and to share intelligence. My Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth also took part in two high level on-line meetings with the Minister of State for Trade and the Prime Minister to discuss the impact of the changing geopolitical trade situation.
- On 8 April, spoke at an event organised by Natwest on the growth potential of ethnic minority businesses and entrepreneurs and discussed the importance of inclusive growth to London's success.
- On 28 April: had a tour of IKEA's new Oxford Street Store which launched on 1 May and had dinner with IKEA representatives and other stakeholders including Mete Coban, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy.
- On 30 April: spoke at the Fintech B2B Marketing conference during UK Fintech week, on London as an innovation hub and financial centre and to celebrate the entrepreneurial landscape of the city.
- On 30 April: spoke at the Heart of London Business Alliance 'Future Talks' series, entitled Where next for London's 24-Hour Economy on the GLA's plans to support London's night time economy.

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:

- From 10 to 14 March: joined the Mayor's delegation to MIPIM to promote London and its major investment opportunities, to help accelerate the delivery of affordable homes, new infrastructure and jobs needed to drive growth across the capital.
- From 15 to 22 March: joined a Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office-hosted trip for English Mayoral authorities to promote trade and investment links between the UK and China, and led a delegation of 14 high-growth Grow London Global (GLG) companies from the fintech, sustainability, and enterprise tech sectors exploring opportunities in the China market.
- From 22 to 25 April: visited Boston to bang the drum for London's life sciences and innovation sectors, meeting with innovators, investors, and institutions to strengthen international collaboration and promote London as the best place to grow life sciences and innovation businesses.

HMG engagement

On 9 April I received a letter from the Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner, commissioning work on a 'local growth plan' to follow the government's upcoming spending review. The letter identified cross-cutting shared priorities, including skills, housing and infrastructure to guide both regional and national growth; and recognised that we will use the London Growth Plan to form the basis of further joint work in this area.

Borough engagement

On 9 April my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, and Deputy Mayor for Culture & Creative Industries Justine Simons, wrote to all councils across the capital to encourage close partnership working between the GLA and London boroughs on how we can support hospitality, culture, and nightlife in London. This followed the Government's announcement that London had been selected to pilot new strategic licensing powers at mayoral level to support these vital industries in our city.

Civil Society and Sport

Equitable Volunteering Forum

On 6 March I convened 29 organisations from the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, at Voluntary Action Islington to discuss accessible and equitable volunteering. The event examined best practice in volunteering in London and how to remove barriers for diverse volunteers. The session featured two keynote speakers who shared their insights on using participatory methods for volunteer management. Attendees reported that they enjoyed the speakers, found them "inspiring" and that they valued the chance to meet colleagues from across the sector including those from charities and volunteer centres.

Civil Society and Sport Youth Voice engagement

Between 12 March and 28 April, my Youth team consulted with youth panel members across TFL, the Lynk Up Crew, Peer Outreach Workers, London Partnership Youth and the VRU Young Peoples Advisory Group to understand young Londoners' experiences with heat. Their consultation responses will help to shape my future planning around extreme heat in London.

Civil Society and Sport Clean and Healthy Waterways

On 13 March, I hosted the Clean and Healthy Waterways Roundtable at Walthamstow Wetlands. Civil Society and Sport organisations attended the event, including: the Black Swimming Association and Fund Her Tri. Going forward Youth and Sport community organisations will sit on the thematic working groups I have set up on access, inclusion, and engagement, to help shape the collaborative action plan.

St Patricks Day

On 16 March, 25 of my Team London volunteers assisted with the annual St Patrick's Day Parade across central London and at the Festival in Trafalgar Square. Volunteers assisted with ensuring the parade participants could take up the right at the beginning of the parade. They then supported parade participants and members of the public along the route. Volunteers also undertook several roles during the festival including supporting artists performing throughout the square, engaging with members of the public at information points, and encouraging attendees to take part in a range of activities.

Mayor's Community Weekend (MCW) 2025

On 25 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited a previous Mayor's Community Weekend grantee, Forest Gate Community Garden. The visit promoted the launch of the applications for the Mayor's Community Weekend 2025. As mentioned in my last report, I am continuing my partnership with the National Lottery Community Fund who are granting £385,000 to front line organisations to deliver community events across the city during the Mayor's Community Weekend, 12-14 September 2025. Applications for 2025 MCW grants closed on Wednesday 30 April.

Sport Career Pathway Programme Launch

On 2 April, the GLA Sport Team launched my Sport Career Pathway Programme, a VRU funded employment programme for NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) young people affected by violence. Eight Sport for Development organisations across London will be supporting a cohort of 100 NEET young people to access holistic employability support, funded placements and apprenticeships, and career insight days to improve access for young diverse talent to the sport sector. I am committed to ensuring all young Londoners have access to positive opportunities, good jobs, and positive physical and mental wellbeing, and my Sport Career Pathway Programme is a crucial step to securing these outcomes for young Londoners.

Open Doors – Easter 2025

Between 7- 17 April, seven organisations I selected to receive funding as part of my Open Doors Easter Holiday 2025 Programme completed their delivery. This initiative, part of the Mayor's Sport Unites programme in partnership with the Violence Reduction Unit, offered safe and enriching spaces for young Londoners during the Easter break supporting over 500 young people through sport, mentoring, and creative activities. These organisations reached

underserved communities and gave young people positive ways to spend their time. I'm confident this programme helped build confidence, foster local connections, and offered access to inspiring role models for the young Londoners that participated.

I had the pleasure of visiting Avenues Youth Project to see the impact firsthand. It was uplifting to meet young Londoners benefiting directly from the programme. While there, I announced my £1 million investment in grassroots sport, including expanded holiday provision for those most at risk. This is part of my ongoing commitment to support young people, reduce violence, and strengthen communities across our city.

Go! London

I am pleased to announce that my Civil Society and Sports team have launched another round of funding to encourage young entrepreneurs to start and grow social enterprises. The programme will fund 10 young people to develop businesses within the sport sector that will create provision to address community needs and have a focus on social impact. The future young entrepreneurs will receive a £15,000 grant and one year of wraparound support to ensure the success of their ventures.

As part of the enterprise theme of the fund, the Go! London Fund has also awarded grants "Match. Trade. Grow" grants to 28 community organisations to help them diversify and develop sustainable income sources. This activity will encourage community organisations to explore trading around unused assets and expansion of services.

Vaisakhi

On 19 April, 13 of my Team London volunteers assisted with the hosting of Vaisakhi on the Square 2025. Volunteers undertook a range of roles including supporting artists performing on the main stage and in the Square, engaging with members of the public at information points, assisting at the accreditation desk and with the activities in the Square.

St Georges Day

On 21 April, 18 of my Team London volunteers assisted with the hosting of the St George's Day celebrations on Trafalgar Square. Volunteers undertook several roles including supporting artists performing throughout the square, engaging with members of the public at information points, and encouraging families to take part in a range of activations.

TCS London Marathon

On 27 April, 19 of my Team London Volunteers supported the 45th TCS London Marathon, managing a Box Crossing in Heron Quays at Mile 18.5. Volunteers ensured the safe crossing of pedestrians without affecting the flow of the runners, supporting spectators to navigate the course and cheering on the inspiring athletes taking part. 55,646 runners completed the course this year with 80,000 spectators gathering across London to support them.

Culture

Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board Inaugural Meeting

On 24 April, my Cultural Leadership Board met for the first time in this administration. The Board, which was appointed through an open recruitment process, includes my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and is co-chaired by Amanda Parker,

who was previously Vice Chair, and Tom Sleigh, former Chair of the Barbican. Members bring a wide range of expertise including sustainability and environment, place-making and regeneration, health and wellbeing, heritage and museums, AI and future technologies. The Ambassadors contributed their ideas in a workshop with a representative of the Department for Culture Media and Sport, on the role of London in the Government's Creative Industries Sector Plan, including barriers to and opportunities for growth.

London Borough of Culture Wandsworth

On 26 April, I and my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the London Borough of Culture 2025 launch at Battersea Park. Hosted by Strictly Come Dancing's Oti Mabuse, the centrepiece of Strictly Wandsworth featured 150 local dancers and dance groups from across the borough. The event, attended by thousands, culminated in a mass dance, choreographed by Jeanfer Jean-Charles MBE (London 2012 Olympics) and led by dancer, choreographer and TikTok star, Patience J. Wandsworth is the fifth borough to hold the title of London Borough of Culture since the programme began in 2017. The London boroughs of Barnet, Merton and Greenwich were awarded up to £200,000 Cultural Impact Awards to deliver smaller scale transformative creative projects within their community.

Fourth Plinth Schools Awards Ceremony

On 8 May at City Hall, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, hosted the Fourth Plinth Schools Awards prize giving ceremony. She was joined by this year's judge, Onjali Q. Raúf, award-winning children's author, playwright, and a women's and refugee rights activist. This year, over 50 prizes of Cass Art supplies were presented to students aged 5-15, from across London for their imaginative suggestions of what they would like to see on Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth.

Nightlife Taskforce Research

London's Nightlife Taskforce begin their research engagement in partnership with VibeLab, a global leader in nightlife research. Over the coming months, the taskforce will be engaging widely with London's nightlife communities and businesses to gather thoughts, ideas and experiences around the challenges facing London's nightlife, with the research contributing to a report and recommendations which will be published later in the year.

Communities and Social Policy

London Anti Racism Collaboration for Health

My Deputy Mayor Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard spoke at the London Anti-Racism Collaboration for Health (LARCH) conference on 7 March, reasserting my commitment and leadership to tackling racism. The event convened leading health and care professionals, policymakers, and community leaders to explore challenges and opportunities to drive systemic change in tackling structural racism and health inequalities in the London region. The conference was chaired by Dame Marie Gabriel CBE, Independent Chair at the NHS Race and Health Observatory. Speakers included my statutory health adviser Prof Kevin Fenton who underlined the need for data-driven, systemic approaches that embed anti-racism in leadership, workforce diversity, and community engagement in his keynote address, Prof Peter Goldblatt, Institute of Health Equity who outlined the key findings from the evidence review "Structural Racism, Ethnicity and Health Inequalities in London" and Jazz Bhogul, Assistant Director for Health Children and Young Londoners, GLA, joined the panel discussion with health experts from across London.

Easter event, Communi-tea hosted by Holy Sepulchre London

On 11 April, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard attended an Easter event, Communi-tea hosted by Holy Sepulchre London.

The event was designed to promote connection, wellbeing, and a sense of community in a welcoming and relaxed environment. As part of the church's commitment to being dementia-friendly, it included opportunities for socialising, music, storytelling, and painting. Attendance was capped at 25 to maintain a comfortable atmosphere, with regular attendees including individuals with dementia and their caregivers, neurodivergent community members, and parishioners.

Parliamentary launch of Muslim Heritage Month

On 11 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Policy, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard attended the official parliamentary launch of Muslim Heritage Month, at the House of Lords. The Deputy Mayor spoke alongside Lord Wajid Khan, Baroness Gohir OBE and Baroness Warsi to celebrate the rich diversity and heritage within British Muslim communities.

Holi Festival celebration

On 13 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Policy, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, celebrated the festival of Holi, marking the victory of good over evil, with the London Hindu community at Shri Sanatan Mandir in Alperton. She met with the Chairman of the temple and watched the community take part in traditional prayers for the festival.

Christian church leaders meeting

On 13 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, met with interdenominational Christian church leaders to discuss the importance of Christian social action and the work churches and their communities lead to support Londoners in need, including those at risk of rough sleeping. The event, hosted at Holy Sepulchre London by the Diocese of London, is part of a regular forum for London Church Leaders and also enabled the Deputy Mayor to share more about how faith leaders can get involved in the Loved & Wanted campaign.

Iftar event

On 14 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard attended an Iftar at Rumi's Cave in Brent. The Deputy Mayor delivered a short speech, speaking about the importance of spaces like Rumi's Cave in offering a safe space where individuals and families can find support, as well as reaffirming City Hall's commitment to celebrating Muslim communities.

Meeting with Lord Khan, Minister for Faith, Communities and Resettlement

On 20 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard met with Lord Khan, Minister for Faith, Communities and Resettlement for an introductory meeting to discuss the government's cohesion strategy and Afghan resettlement. The Loved & Wanted campaign was also outlined at the meeting.

Keynote speech at the EU Delegation Reception

On 27 March, My Deputy Mayor, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, gave a keynote speech at the EU Delegation Reception to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The event was opened by the EU Ambassador to the UK, Pedro Serrano. It included a panel discussion on the state of inclusion in workplaces and communities, barriers and pathways to progress.

The Deputy Mayor spoke of the importance of championing diversity and the vital role City Hall plays in bringing together different sectors, public and private sector organisations and communities to address racial discrimination. There were more than 60 attendees including representatives from EU embassies, EU civil society members, academics and political stakeholders.

Faiths Forum for London

On 1 April, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard met with approximately 30 members of the Faiths Forum for London.

The meeting provided an opportunity for key faith leaders and the wider faith sector to hear about my new campaign 'Loved and Wanted', as well as reaffirming City Hall's commitment to engaging with faith communities.

Rooted Finance and Money A&E reception

On 3 April, my Deputy Mayor Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard delivered a speech at a parliamentary reception organised by Rooted Finance and Money A&E to launch a new programme of work to tackle racial injustice in financial services.

Work Rights Centre visit

On 9 April, my Deputy Mayor Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard visited the Work Rights Centre in Brent to hear about the work they do to support Londoners to assert their employment rights, and announce additional funding for their work with the migrant sector.

Nishkam SWAT event

On 14 April, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard joined Nishkam SWAT to meet a dedicated team of volunteers and assisted in serving food to those most in need, in the Strand, in London. Nishkam SWAT is a charity rooted in Sikh principles, particularly the concept of 'seva' which means selfless service and they serve meals to around 200 people per night to those in need.

London's Green Transition: Business at the Forefront of Inclusive Growth panel

On 19 April, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard chaired a panel at the event "London's Green Transition: Business at the Forefront of Inclusive Growth" delivered in partnership with C40 Cities.

The event focussed on the role of London's green sector businesses (built environment, clean energy, and green spaces) in advancing inclusive growth, and ensuring the transition towards net zero is fair and positively impacts the lives of all Londoners. The panel highlighted the need for collaboration across private, third and public sector for a just transition.

The event brought together more than 80 businesses (including SMEs and GLA suppliers), industry organisations and trade bodies, further education providers, community organisations, and trade union representatives.

Attendees ideated initiatives to grow and diversify green jobs, promote good work, and embed social equity in decarbonisation projects.

Debt Free Advice event

On 23 April, my Deputy Mayor Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard chaired a panel discussion at an event hosted by Debt Free Advice at City Hall. The discussion focused on the role of debt advice in supporting Londoners and the challenges faced by the sector.

Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group

On 24 April, my Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group met, chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard.

Leigh Day Immigration Summit

On 29 April, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard held an opening speech at the Leigh Day Immigration Summit. The summit held important discussions on immigration law, policy and practice, among leading lawyers, experts, organisations, legislators, journalists, researchers, and policy makers.

Europe Day

On 7 May, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, has attended an event hosted by the EU Delegation in London to mark Europe Day. The Deputy Mayor delivered the keynote speech, spoke about the contribution EU Londoners make to our city and how we, at City Hall, continue to support them and ensure their voices inform policy. The event was attended by civil society organisations, diplomats, youth representatives, academics and think tanks.

Children and Young Londoners

Visit to St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

On 11 March, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, had the pleasure of visiting St Mary's RC Primary School in Battersea.

This was a chance for Joanne to congratulate St Mary's on recently achieving a Gold Award through my Healthy Schools London (HSL) programme.

To achieve this award, the school implemented a range of initiatives to promote healthier eating and improve physical fitness among pupils - including cooking classes and setting up a school running club. Joanne met many of the inspiring teachers and pupils involved and received a tour of the school, hearing about how they are sustaining the award's positive impact.

Encouraging Water Only Schools at Merton headteachers meeting

Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, was recently invited by Merton School Sport Partnership to speak about the importance of Water Only Schools at a council-led meeting of headteachers in Merton.

The meeting took place on 13 March and was hosted at the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon. Headteachers from across the borough gathered for a morning focussed on health and wellbeing in schools.

Water Only Schools is an important public health initiative whereby water (alongside certain plain, reduced-fat, milk), is the only drink available during the school day. This encourages water intake and discourages sugary drinks, helping prevent obesity and tooth decay among children and young Londoners.

Joanne congratulated the many Merton primary schools that have already achieved Water Only Schools status and encouraged others (particularly secondary schools) to get involved. She directed schools to our outstanding toolkits available on london.gov, which have been designed to assist schools in implementing a water-only policy. Additionally, she outlined our intentions to integrate the water-only policy into my Healthy Schools London (HSL) award.

Launch of Tooting Family Hub

On 25 March, I was delighted to attend the opening of a new Family Hub in Tooting, accompanied by Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, and Dr Tom Coffey, my Mayoral Health Advisor.

Family Hubs play such an important role in their local areas, helping residents to get easy access to services at times that meet their needs.

This is the third hub to open in Wandsworth and the borough was rightly celebrating with a fantastic all-day event.

Attendees included councillors, local voluntary and community sector groups, school children and Tooting's MP, Rosena Allin-Khan. I was particularly grateful to Councillor Simon Hogg, the Leader of Wandsworth Council, and Councillor Kate Stock, Cabinet Member for Children, who took me on a tour of the new site. I also had the pleasure of meeting local children from Ernest Bevin Academy and Fircroft School, as well as watching a performance from the talented Garratt Park School youth band.

After speeches, I unveiled a plaque commemorating the opening of the hub. The borough then arranged a number of activities and stalls for local families – ranging from stalls providing information about council services, to face-painting, a magician show, and yoga.

Thanks to support from the Government, we are seeing increasing numbers of Family Hubs helping Londoners across our capital. I'm proud that these hubs work alongside a number of City Hall programmes, including programmes providing financial advice to low-income Londoners.

Visit to St Richard's Church of England Primary School

On 3 April, Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, visited St Richard's CE Primary School in Richmond – another brilliant school that has achieved a gold award through my Healthy Schools London (HSL) programme.

St Richard's earned their HSL gold award back in 2023, with a project focussed on promoting healthier eating and living in a sustainable planet. In addition, St Richard's is also a gold accredited school through Transport for London's Travel for Life programme, which encourages young Londoners to travel safely and responsibly.

Joanne was joined by school and council staff, including Councillor Penelope Frost, Chair of Richmond's Education and Children's Services Committee. They were given a tour of the school by some of its fantastic young School Council members and heard from them directly about the exciting work happening – including the launch of the school gardening club and competitions to reduce food waste!

Lynk Up Crew session

On 14 April, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, met with members of the Lynk Up Crew (LUC) at City Hall. The LUC is a dynamic group of 38 children aged 7–14 who represent the voices of younger Londoners, championing key issues such as mental health, climate change, and social inclusion in City Hall and beyond.

The visit formed part of a wider event, hosted by the GLA's Children and Young Londoners team, where the children shared their experiences of how heat impacts their communities as part of a consultation on the London Heat Risk Delivery Plan.

The Deputy Mayor joined in the afternoon, where she participated in Mini First Aid training and led a Q&A session, responding to thoughtful questions about her role as Deputy Mayor and highlighting how young people can contribute to shaping London's future.

The visit helped to shine a light on the powerful role that youth-led initiatives like the LUC play in amplifying the voices of younger Londoners and supporting them to become active and engaged citizens.

New Deal for Young People project visit to Cambridge House

On 15 April, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, visited youth organisation Cambridge House, whose fantastic 'RISE' mentoring project is funded through my New Deal for Young People (NDYP). 'RISE' delivers high-quality, specialist mentoring to young people from minoritised communities with complex mental health needs in Southwark.

During the visit, Joanne heard from the organisation's outstanding staff about how they are continually advancing their mentors' specialisms and best practices in response to the changing needs of young people. Joanne also had the pleasure of meeting some of the project's brilliant young people, including members of their newly established youth board.

Fatima's UK Campaign One Voice Summit

On 24 April, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, opened the second day of the One Voice Summit. Part of Fatima's UK Campaign and organised by Fatima Whitbread MBE and Gina Gardiner, the summit aimed to acknowledge the issues faced by care-experienced young people and to identify a way forward.

Held at the Guildhall in London, the summit welcomed over 700 contributors and exhibitors, across two days. In her speech, Joanne highlighted my commitment to support care-experienced young Londoners and to explore the transformative power of relationships and collaboration in addressing inequalities faced by this group of young people.

City Hall continues to play a key role in the pan-London Care Leavers Compact and works in partnership with the London Children in Care Council, London Innovation Improvement Alliance and Partnership for Young London.

The London Youth Achievement Awards

On 2 May, the [London Youth Achievement Awards 2025](#) marked a significant milestone in recognising the outstanding contributions of young individuals and groups across the city. The awards ceremony, held at City Hall, brought together nominees, champions, and supporters to honour the remarkable achievements that are shaping the future of London.

The awards recognised excellence in various categories, including the newly introduced Best Initiative Award, Community Safety Award, Greener London Award, Inclusion and Diversity Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, Young Carer Award, Young Leader Award, and Young Media Champion Award.

My Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, was a category champion. Alongside other champions, she reviewed submissions, considering the impact, challenges faced, and individual efforts. Joanne also presented the Young Leader Award on the night, celebrating the exceptional leadership demonstrated by the winner. The event highlighted the extraordinary achievements of London's youth, fostering a sense of community and inspiring future leaders.

Universal Free School Meals

Superpowers of School Meals

On 12 March, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney spoke at the Superpowers of School Meals event at the House of Commons. This event marked the launch of the School Food Review's updated Superpowers of School Food evidence pack and Barnardo's new report, Nourishing Our Future. Joanne spoke as part of an expert panel exploring the impact of my Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) programme and the future of school food provision. I am proud that we have funded more than 70m school meals to date.

Food for Life Served Here (FFLSH) 15th Anniversary Celebration

On 27 March, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney spoke about the importance of healthy sustainable free school meals at Food for Life Served Here's 15th Anniversary Celebration at City Hall. This event celebrated inspirational caterers prioritising climate, nature and health as well as providing insights into the future of sustainable catering. I am honoured to be working with partners on UFSM, Water Only Schools and Healthy Schools London to promote healthy nutrition and education for children to ensure they have the best start in life.

Launch of School Dinners Exhibition

I am delighted to have contributed a submission about my Universal Free School Meals programme to the School Dinners Exhibition at the Food Museum, which launched on 1 April and runs until 27 February 2027. This exhibition explores school meals past, present and future, from the meals themselves to those behind them. As part of my commitment to supporting young Londoners, I will continue to provide universal free school meals for as long as I am Mayor.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School visit

On 30 April, My Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney visited St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Westminster where she met with pupils, parents, teachers and catering staff to learn about the impact of my UFSM programme on their local community. She was also able to join pupils in a workshop where they prepared a healthy dessert in order to teach them the importance of good nutrition for their health.

Health

Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit

During the week of 17 March, My Deputy Mayor for Children and Families Joanne McCartney and my Mayoral Statutory Health Advisor Professor Kevin Fenton joined worldwide experts for Bloomberg's Partnership for Healthy Cities Summit in Paris. Joanne McCartney joined a panel discussion to showcase City Hall's leadership in improving Londoners' health, sharing how the Partnership has helped London learn from other cities. Highlighting the importance of taking bold and decisive action, she spoke about ULEZ, Universal Free School Meals, public access defibrillators, and the junk food restrictions on TfL. Technical experts from City Hall also joined international colleagues to discuss how different cities are approaching issues like overdose prevention and community engagement, and to share best practice from our experiences in cleaning London's air and creating healthier environments for our young people.

Mayor of London's Tests for Major Health Service Changes: Future of maternity and neonatal services in North Central London

On 24 March I wrote to the NHS to set out my position on the proposed changes to maternity and neonatal services in north central London. This was informed by an independent review of the proposals that I commissioned from the Nuffield Trust. My letter called for the NHS to engage closely with community groups to shape and observe the new service; to track maternity and neonatal outcomes by ethnicity and to closely monitor projections of future demand to shape planned capacity. I have published my letter on the GLA website.

Meeting with NHS England London and Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (London)

On 3 April I had my regular meeting with the senior healthcare and public health leadership in London, we discussed some of the implications for London following the Government's announcements about NHS England and integrated care boards. The NHS was looking at how it could make a more consistent offer to Londoners, with a particular focus on ensuring that resources reach communities with the greatest need.

We also talked about the current public health situation in London. While norovirus was being reported at levels significantly higher than usual for this time of year - adding pressure to the health care system - other winter viruses appeared to be subsiding.

Skills for Care – Workforce Race Equality Standard Conference

On the 7 May, City Hall hosted a conference with Skills for Care – the strategic body for workforce development and planning within the adult social care sector. A large number of London local authorities were welcomed to the event to celebrate the progress they've made towards race equality. The event also raised awareness of the work we are doing here at the GLA to tackle health and workforce inequalities. This included the London Anti Racism

Collaboration for Health, designed in partnership to tackle ethnic health inequalities and improve the treatment of Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities across the health and care sector. The Workforce Integration Network is focused on improving labour market inequalities for the most underrepresented groups identified as among the most underrepresented in London's workforce, including in social care. My Skills Academy Programme has a strand on health and social care, and the Making London a Living Wage City campaign (part of the wider Anchor Institutions Network programme) positively impacts social care workers.

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)

Planning approvals

On 19 March, OPDC's Planning Committee resolved to grant planning permission for the change of use of 1 Lakeside Drive from offices to a 429-bed hotel with ancillary facilities including a café, co-working space, a gym and a multi-function events space, and a self-storage facility in the basement. The retention and conversion of the existing building involves significant whole life-cycle carbon benefits in comparison with a demolition and redevelopment scheme.

On 27 March, planning permission was issued for the redevelopment of 5-7 Park Royal Road and the Lower Park Trading Estate for a 33-storey building for student accommodation with 888 bed spaces and light industrial use together with a 9-storey building comprising 32 affordable homes with flexible commercial space.

Heat network partner announcement

On the 31 March, OPDC announced that following a competitive procurement, Hemiko has been chosen as the preferred development partner for its innovative new district heat network.

OPDC and Hemiko will now work together in partnership to design, deliver, fund and operate a new low carbon heat network, which will draw waste heat from local data centres, providing low-cost, low carbon energy to over 9,000 new homes and businesses in the Old Oak and Park Royal area.

The first phase of the heat network is expected to deliver up to 95GWh of heat a year, the equivalent of boiling around 1 billion kettles. The network will expand over five phases between 2028 and 2040, serving the wider Old Oak and Park Royal regeneration area.

You can find out more [here](#).

New OPDC Chief Executive

On the 3 April, OPDC announced Matthew Carpen's appointment as the new Chief Executive designate of the organisation.

Matthew has a long background in strategic planning and infrastructure delivery having spent 22 years working in London on major projects. He is currently Managing Director of Barking Riverside Limited (BRL), a joint venture between the Mayor of London and L&Q. In his post at Barking Riverside, Matthew has overseen a new masterplan set to deliver up to 20,000 homes and has secured over £300m in public and private investment for this key part of East London.

His appointment follows an open and competitive procurement process that was launched following the announcement that current CEO, David Lunts, will step down after six years in the role.

Matthew is expected to take up his new role later this year and David Lunts will remain in post until then.

You can read more [here](#).

New Circular Economy Hub opens in Park Royal

On the 17 April, OPDC officially opened Minerva Works – a new circular economy hub in Park Royal.

Run by The Republic of Park Royal, the hub, located on Minerva Road in the heart of Park Royal, has been transformed into a creative workspace that will now be used by a range of local enterprises focusing on the circular economy, including Re-collective, Absolute Beginners, and Rescued Clay.

These ground-breaking projects are developing ways to sustainably reuse Park Royal's waste materials including clay extracted by HS2 and other local developments, deconstructed sets from local film studios, construction waste materials and even discarded tyres, high-vis workwear, straw and leftover printing inks.

At the event, held at Minerva Works, OPDC brought together local businesses, creators, and stakeholders for a tour of the space and offered the opportunity to talk to the organisations who are located there.

You can read more [here](#).

Ideas Book and Regeneration Strategy launch

On the 29 April, OPDC held an event to launch our Ideas Book, *Old Oak Growing Forward*, and Regeneration Strategy, *Remaking Old Oak*.

Old Oak Growing Forward creatively brings to life the feedback we received during our Place Lab engagement sessions to consider the future of Old Oak in 2023. Designed by a local graphic designer and featuring eight unique pieces by talented local artists, the book captures three key themes:

- Celebrate and Connect,
- Purpose and Play, and
- Ground and Grow

At the event, OPDC brought together the artists to showcase their artworks and share these with the local community.

The Regeneration Strategy builds on the feedback we have received through engagement so far and sets out the vision for the comprehensive regeneration of Old Oak.

You can read the *Old Oak Growing Forward* Ideas Book [here](#).

London Legacy Development Corporation

Events

On 12 April, V&A East hosted back2back: Sound Clash with sonic sculptures, live performances, and workshops throughout Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The event was an opportunity to explore how sound intersects with space and resistance, celebrating east London's post-industrial history but looking forward to its future – including the opening of V&A East Storehouse in May 2025 and V&A East Museum in spring 2026.

Elsewhere on the Park, London Aquatics Centre hosted the 2025 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships from 15-20 April 2025.

Design Quality and Inclusive Design

On 31 March the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) launched its new Design Quality Policy and Inclusive Design Standards, reinforcing its commitment to ensuring its developments are inclusive, accessible and sustainable.

These policies and accompanying research will help set a new benchmark for impactful development, as LLDC continues to drive the delivery of high-quality neighbourhoods, buildings, landscapes and public realm.

The Line- launch of Mahtab Hussain's 'Please Take a Seat'

On 3 April, Mahtab Hussain's 'Please Take a Seat' was launched at The Line. The artwork is a contemporary reinterpretation of a Victorian park bench made of cast iron, engraved wooden slats and sandstone, featuring selected motifs inspired by the local area.

Supported financially by the Westfield East Bank Creative Futures Fund, the work was developed by Mahtab Hussain in collaboration with The Line's Youth Collective, whose digitally scanned portraits are cast on the back panel of the bench.

Innovation Forum

On 23 April, LLDC hosted an Innovation Forum at Plexal. The event brought together policymakers, entrepreneurs, innovators, industry leaders, and investors to discuss how local innovation can tackle national challenges across the UK and drive long-term sustainable growth.

The Park continues to evolve as a testbed for collaboration and inclusive innovation and I'm pleased to have been able to designate it as one of London's three innovation districts in the London Growth Plan.

The Future is Young – Elevate

On 24 April, LLDC and Elevate hosted 'The Future is Young' at the ArcelorMittal Orbit. The event showcased the transformative impact of youth-led innovation and the continued contribution of Elevate to the 2012 legacy - shaping placemaking, public realm, cultural programming, community engagement and moulding the area's identity as a destination for local people.

Elevate, LLDC's pioneering youth leadership programme, has delivered two landmark initiatives to build on the legacy of the 2012 games, and empower young east Londoners to take the lead in community change, through a combination of research, leadership, and grassroots funding.

Supported by the independent Trust, Spirit of 2012, the two initiatives include a peer-led research project exploring perceptions of the 2012 legacy, and the new Elevate Fund, which distributed £80,000 in grants to 29 youth-led projects across the London boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest.

Planning and Regeneration

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.

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision
2021/0657	Land adjacent to Northwick Park Hospital	Brent	24/03/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0540	Manhattan Business Park	Ealing	17/03/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0881	241 Green Street	Enfield	24/03/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0201	Land At Albert Wharf And Swedish Wharf	Hammersmith and Fulham	28/04/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0682	Archway Campus	Islington	31/03/2025	Call in application
2024/0021	Lea Bridge Gasworks Site	Waltham Forest	28/04/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0389	Baltic Wharf	Westminster	24/03/2025	Call in application

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
2024/0110	Segro Plot 2	Barking and Dagenham	10/03/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0545	Capitol Way	Brent	22/04/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0452	Gurnell Leisure Centre	Ealing	10/03/2025	Allow LPA to approve

2024/0418	7 Glasshouse Walk	Lambeth	14/04/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0585	TwelveTrees Park	Newham	10/03/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2023/0270	East and West Park Royal Road	OPDC	10/03/2025	Allow LPA to approve

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
2025/0060	Grover Gardens	Barking and Dagenham	10/03/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0060
2025/0108	Manns Waste Management	Barking and Dagenham	12/03/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0108
2025/0073	Great North Leisure Park	Barnet	10/03/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0073
2025/0111	Barnet Football Club	Barnet	24/03/2025	Does not comply with the London Plan	2025/0111
2025/0146	Matalan Discount Club	Brent	14/04/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0146
2025/0065	1 Westmoreland Road	Bromley	10/03/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0065
2025/0172	Land North Of Warbank Social Club	Bromley	03/04/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0172
2025/0174	Capel Manor College	Bromley	26/03/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0174
2025/0205	Burnt Ash Heights	Bromley	28/03/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0205
2025/0327	South Suburban Co Op Society	Bromley	28/04/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0327

2024/0159	Former Saville Theatre	Camden	31/03/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2024/0159
2025/0128	Selkirk House	Camden	17/03/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0128
2025/0165	100 Avenue Road	Camden	14/04/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0165
2025/0070	Holborn Gate	City of London	10/03/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0070
2025/0187	Land North of Warbank Social Club	Croydon	03/04/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0187
2025/0129	Metro Gas Sports Ground	Greenwich	17/03/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0129
2025/0144	57 Berkshire Road	Hackney	03/04/2025	Return to LPA	2025/0144
2025/0150	134 Kenton Road	Harrow	14/04/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0150
2025/0196	Harrow Civic Centre	Harrow	28/04/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0196
2025/0106	Land to the south of St Mary's Lane	Havering	07/04/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0106
2025/0167	Court Farm Garden Centre	Kingston upon Thames	14/04/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0167

2025/0262	Brockwell Park	Lambeth	11/04/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0262
2025/0061	Woodward Block A	Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation	10/03/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0061
2025/0005	Canada Water Dockside	Southwark	17/03/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0005
2025/0016	Ilderton Wharf	Southwark	10/03/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0016
2025/0099	Coburg House	Southwark	31/03/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0099
2025/0113	New City Court	Southwark	24/03/2025	Does not comply with the London Plan	2025/0113
2025/0188	313–349 Ilderton Road	Southwark	22/04/2025	Does not comply with the London Plan	2025/0188
2025/0204	Timber Square Phase 2	Southwark	28/04/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0204
2025/0207	301-303 Ilderton Road	Southwark	22/04/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0207
2025/0166	Land at Fleet Street Hill	Tower Hamlets	14/04/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	2025/0166

2025/0240	My Site	Wandsworth	30/03/2025	Complies with the London Plan	2025/0240
2025/0151	Taxi House	Westminster	17/03/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0151
2025/0163	Holden House	Westminster	11/04/2025	No Strategic Issues	2025/0163

Local Plans

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2025/0217	Mayor's response to Lewisham Main Modifications	Lewisham	25/03/2025		Local Plans - London
2025/0360	Old Kent Road Area Action Plan: Regulation 19 Consultation	Southwark	11/04/2025		Local Plans - London

On 19 March, GLA officers responded on my behalf to the consultation on the proposed main modifications to Richmond's Local Plan. In that response I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan, which focused on Richmond's approach to affordable housing.

On 25 March, GLA officers responded on my behalf to the consultation on the proposed main modifications to Lewisham's Local Plan. In that response I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 11 April, GLA officers responded on my behalf to the Old Kent Road AAP Regulation 19 consultation. In that response I made it clear that it is my opinion that the draft Local Plan is not in general conformity with the London Plan due to the proposed approach to affordable housing. I provided guidance to bring the emerging draft Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

High Street Network

On 11 March, my High Street Network convened in Camden Town, bringing together representatives from London boroughs, Business Improvements Districts and MHCLG to explore the opportunities and practical steps in setting up High Street Rental Auctions to activate vacant high street properties.

On 25 March, the High Street Network held a seminar at the Croydon Urban Room to share learnings about the changing role of shopping centres in high street regeneration and showcasing their potential to support local economies and culture and deliver social value.

On 29 April, the High Street Network visited Southall in LB Ealing to examine how local authorities and partners can work to celebrate and support thriving food cultures on high streets thereby helping community-focused businesses and reinforcing the high street as a vital cultural and economic hub.

High Streets for All Challenge Project Opening

On 1 May, the Hackney School of Food (HSoF) opened its new Garden Room at Mandeville Primary School, Clapton. This space boosts HSoF's mission to offer accessible food education and promote community health. The Garden Room will host a year-round line-up of community meals and workshops, as well as being available to hire for events. Complementing HSoF's existing award-winning teaching kitchen, it also provides a space for a brand-new Garden Education Curriculum that will give school children the opportunity to explore topics like soil health and biodiversity, and gain a better understanding of our food systems.

Key engagements

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

- I published the ULEZ “One Year On” report on 7 March
- I attended the annual MIPIM Conference 10-11 March
- I hosted a Clean and Healthy Waterways Roundtable on 13 March
- I attended an Iftar at Downing Street on 13 March
- I joined the annual St Patricks Day Parade on 16 March
- I attended the Carabao Cup Final on 16 March
- I held my regular planning meeting on 17 March
- I officially launched the new Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy on 18 March
- I attended Mayor’s Question Time on 20 March
- I met with the Director General of the IOPC on 20 March
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 20 March
- I joined an Iftar for those who work in the creative industries at Soho House on 22 March
- I held my regular planning meeting on 24 March
- I chaired a meeting of the Adult Skills Fund Board on 24 March
- I joined the official opening of the Tooting Family Hub on 25 March
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 25 March
- I met with the Met Police Commissioner on 25 March
- I chaired the Transport for London Board on 26 March
- I joined the New West End Company Board on 27 March
- I met with the Leader of Lambeth Council on 27 March
- I visited Knightsbridge Tube station to see new step free arrangements on 27 March
- I joined a meeting of regional Mayors with Downing Street on 28 March
- I held my regular planning meeting on 31 March
- I held my regular meeting with the Assistant Met Commissioner on 31 March
- I joined the GLA Unison AGM on 2 April
- I met with the Minister for Rail on 2 April
- I met with the Home Secretary on 2 April
- I joined the Downing Street Eid Reception on 2 April
- I held my regular meeting with the NHS/OHID on 3 April
- I held my regular meeting the Met Police Commissioner on 3 April
- I joined the DPM and Chancellor to announce new licensing proposals on 4 April
- I joined the Ella Adoo Kissi Debrah’s statue unveiling on 4 April
- I attended the Fulham v Liverpool match on 6 April
- I joined the official opening of the Silvertown Tunnel on 7 April
- I met with CEO of the new National Wealth Fund on 7 April
- I met with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on 8 April
- I met with the Chair of the Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty on 8 April
- I visited a Violence Reduction Unit project on 9 April
- I met with the Chair of The New Towns Task Force on 9 April
- I attended the City of London Eid Dinner on 9 April
- I attended the Oxford/Cambridge Boat race on 13 April
- I visited Al Khair Secondary School on 14 April
- I held my regular planning meeting on 14 April

- I met with the Governor of Nairobi on 14 April
- I met with the Leader of Barking & Dagenham council on 15 April
- I officially launched the London Borough of Culture in Wandsworth on 26 April
- I attended the London Marathon on 27 April
- I interviewed candidates for the Deputy Met Commissioner on 28 April
- I held my regular planning meeting on 28 April
- I met with new GLA Apprentices on 28 April
- I met with the TSSA General Secretary on 28 April
- I attended a Reception to mark the proposed expansion of the British Library on 28 April
- I officially opened the first London International Summit on VAWG on 29 April
- I met with the Mayor of West Yorkshire on 29 April
- I chaired a meeting of the VRU Partnership Reference Group on 29 April
- I met with the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution on 30 April
- I officially opened the new IKEA Oxford Street store on 1 May
- I chaired a meeting of the London Policing Board on 1 May
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 1 May
- I joined the VE80 Military Procession at Buckingham Palace on 5 May
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 6 May
- I held my regular planning meeting on 6 May 2025
- I joined regional Mayors for a meeting with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on 7 May
- I interviewed final candidates for London Fire Commissioner on 7 May
- I attended a national service marking VE Day at Westminster Abbey on 8 May
- I met with the Prime Minister on 8 May
- I attended a concert to mark VE Day on Horse Guards Parade on 8 May