

16th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time – 20 November 2025

<p>This is my sixteenth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 26 September- 6 November 2025.</p>
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Please note that the information in the Mayor's Report is accurate at the time of publishing.

Executive Summary

Inclusive Talent Strategy Launch

On 23 October, I formally launched London's Inclusive Talent Strategy (ITS) at Plexal in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The ITS was developed in partnership with London Councils and is a key action from the London Growth Plan to grow London's skilled workforce. The Strategy will help drive inclusive growth by putting employers at the forefront of our skills system, ensuring Londoners can find the right training and career path for them, and tackling barriers to retaining London's talent.

The ITS was accompanied by the launch of the Get London Working Plan, London's formal response to the government's Get Britain Working White Paper; which provides further detail on how employment, skills, careers and health systems will work together to deliver more joined up support to Londoners. I also announced £147.2m worth of investments that will transform London's skills system and help more Londoners access good work, including the £97.5m London Talent Pathways Fund.

Diwali on the Square

On 12 October, I was delighted to experience Londoners and visitors coming together to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, on Trafalgar Square.

The celebration began with a colourful show of 200 dancers performing in the centre of the Square, followed by an exciting line-up of performances from London's Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities. The event, supported by my Team London volunteers, saw a wide range of activities including sari and turban tying, yoga and meditation, henna, puppet shows and dance workshops, along with a range of vegan and vegetarian food.

Diwali On The Square is a wonderful opportunity for Londoners and visitors to come together to celebrate light overcoming darkness, hope overcoming hardship, and unity in our diversity.

As hatred and division continue to be spread globally, I am proud that this free, family-friendly, inclusive celebration unites people of all backgrounds – spreading the message of peace and hope. Events like these remind us of the strength we find in community as we continue to build a better, fairer London for everyone.

Black History Month Reception

On 16 October, I held my annual Black History Month reception at City Hall, with a packed audience of MPs, Ambassadors, local Councillors, prominent grassroots organisations, business owners, change makers, and activists from across London.

Joined by my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, we welcomed a main stage panel discussion, moderated by award-winning journalist, Nadine White. Panellists included executive producer and author Nova Reid, author Bolu Babalola, musician Guvna B, and historian Kayne Kawasaki. They discussed their personal and professional experiences of challenging stereotypes, navigating representation, and shaping change across media, literature, and public life.

The packed programme also saw a powerful performance of an excerpt from “Now way out”, Montel Douglas’ play about deportation, produced in collaboration with Brixton House; entertainment from violinist Kemi Omoniyi; ballet from Pointe Black; and ending with music from Nigerian musician and producer, DJ Cuppy. An exhibition of Black artists, curated by art consultant Sherece Rainford, showcased 15 standout art pieces, from emerging and established creatives across London. Each piece told a story of community, heritage, and pride, reflecting the diversity and depth of London’s artistic landscape.

In line with the national theme for Black History Month, *“Standing firm in Power and Pride”*, the event was a wonderful opportunity to honour the pioneers who paved the way for progress and to celebrate the Black communities who make London the best city in the world.

Oxford Street design teams appointed

Following a competitive process, we have appointed two world-class design teams to help deliver my ambitious plans to transform Oxford Street and unlock its true potential.

The teams bring together top experts with a wealth of international experience, such as George St in Sydney, Times Square in New York, and they have also worked on major projects in London, such as Bond St and Here East in Stratford.

East, an award-winning London architecture and landscape practice will lead the first phase of the transformation between Orchard Street and Great Portland Street. East are well placed to deliver this project; they have over 25 years worth of experience and have worked on almost 30 high streets around London.

Hawkins/Brown, an internationally renowned studio of over 250 architects and designers will develop a whole street concept design which will cover the full stretch of Oxford St (from Marble Arch to Tottenham Court Road) building on their expertise from notable London projects such as Smithfield’s cultural regeneration.

The teams were appointed through my Architecture and Urbanism Framework and they have brought on board additional expertise from within the UK and internationally.

The appointment of the design teams marks an important and exciting step in the Oxford Street transformation programme.

This is Oxford Street

My landmark traffic-free “This is Oxford Street” event delivered a significant boost to the local economy, with footfall in the area 45 per cent higher than the week before. Nearly 70 per cent of stores on the street that were surveyed reported similar or higher sales than a typical Sunday.

A New West End Company (NWECC) survey found that 67 per cent of stores on Oxford Street reported similar or higher sales during the event, compared to a typical Sunday. Meanwhile, 83 per cent of Oxford Street stores surveyed say they would consider taking part in similar events in the future.

The number of passengers using stations serving Oxford Street – Marble Arch, Bond Street and Oxford Circus – soared by a quarter compared to the previous Sunday, and Transport for London found the event had minimal impact on road traffic.

More than three quarters of people surveyed on the day said the event improved their experience of visiting Oxford Street, while more than half specifically liked the increased pedestrian space. The survey results will be published online in due course.

Women’s Rugby World Cup 2025

I had the pleasure of attending the Women’s Rugby World Cup final, where the Red Roses were crowned champions. London proudly hosted both the final and bronze final on 27 September at Allianz Stadium, Twickenham – setting a world record for women’s rugby attendance with nearly 82,000 fans in the stadium and millions more watching around the globe.

The Red Roses’ triumph has been transformative, not only in driving greater support for women’s sport, but also in challenging public perceptions. Their impact has inspired London and the nation, giving us all a reason to be proud.

Hosting major sporting events like this is not only a tremendous honour, but also a testament to London’s status as the sporting capital of the world.

VRU and London United partnership

On 28 October, I launched a new partnership between my Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and London United, formed of the community foundations of all London football clubs, including Arsenal, Chelsea, Crystal Palace, and West Ham.

I made the announcement at London’s iconic Wembley Stadium, which features a commitment between the VRU and London United to work together during a targeted ‘week of opportunity’ for young people every summer. This new partnership brings together London United – who use the power of football and pull of some of the biggest clubs in the world, to engage with young people and deliver social impact in communities across the capital – and the VRU, with its city-wide prevention and early intervention approach and delivery of more than 450,000 positive opportunities for young people.

To support the partnership, a London United report, Keeping Young Londoners Safe, showed the breadth of prevention and youth safety work delivered by clubs. Latest data shows that in

2023/24, almost £8m was invested by football club trusts in diversionary activities, targeted prevention, and youth safety sessions. Collectively, the 16 trusts delivered 100 projects across 31 London boroughs, supporting more than 30,000 children and young people.

I also announced that my VRU is investing £6 million in targeted and localised prevention programmes – some of which football club community organisations already help to deliver.

London meets legal limits for toxic NO2 pollution for the first time – almost 200 years earlier than predicted – following world leading air pollution policies

In 2019, leading experts at Kings College London estimated that without additional action it would take 193 years for London to meet legal limits for toxic NO2 pollution, but I have achieved this aim in just nine years – 184 years early.

New air quality data from Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), reveals that London met the Air Quality Standards regulations for the first time in 2024.

In London, around 4,000 premature deaths per year were previously attributed to toxic air and a recent report from the Royal College of Physicians estimates that air pollution costs the UK more than £27 billion per year.

London is leading by example when it comes to air quality, with other major cities including Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham – with smaller populations and fewer vehicles – still exceeding the legal limits.

£2.7m in air quality filters for schools to clean up air in classrooms

On 17 October, I launched a new £2.7 million programme to deliver indoor air quality filters to hundreds of schools across the capital, bringing cleaner air to tens of thousands of children in their classrooms.

The Programme will provide High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters to over 200 schools across London in areas of poorer air quality and higher deprivation. It will also fund a maintenance and support service for schools, in person assemblies and lessons on air quality and indoor air quality monitors for all involved schools.

Filters play a vital role in reducing air pollution by helping remove particulates that are generated indoors or enter the classroom from nearby sources, like roads. The School Filters Programme fulfils a manifesto pledge I made to tackle London's air pollution.

To launch the programme, my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment, Mete Coban, joined me at St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School in Battersea to see the filters in action and talk to students and teachers about the programme and my other work on air quality.

Support for Housebuilding in London

On 23 October, alongside the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP, I announced a joint package of measures to help address viability challenges and to boost housing delivery in London.

The package includes a time-limited planning route to incentivise early delivery of housing, a temporary partial Community Infrastructure levy relief, changes to certain design policy requirements, new planning powers for the Mayor to call-in housing schemes and greenlight housebuilding, and £322m of initial funding to establish a City Hall Developer Investment Fund, making London the first city in the UK to receive an allocation from the National Housing Delivery Fund.

Both the GLA and the Government are running consultations related to the package of measures from November.

Policing, Crime and Security

Working together to make London safer

On 29 September, we released new analysis by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) which showed that violent crime with injury fell in every single London borough in the 12 months ending August 2025, compared to the previous 12 months.

On 14 October, I also published further MOPAC analysis, which showed the number of homicides in London in the first nine months of 2025 was lower than the same period in any year since monthly homicide records began back in 2003.

On 23 October, the Office for National Statistics published its crime in England and Wales statistics for the year to June 2025, which showed violence with injury in London reduced by 14 per cent - and at a faster rate than in the rest of the country. This means that you are less likely to be the victim of a violent crime in London than you are in the rest of England and Wales.

While these improvements are welcome, there can be no relenting in our city-wide effort to tackle violence.

Taking action following BBC Panorama investigation

On 1 October, the BBC aired a Panorama investigation into the misconduct of a number of personnel based at Charing Cross police station. It was sickening to watch police officers - those who are tasked with keeping our communities safe - display such blatant racism, misogyny, anti-Muslim hatred, and excessive use of force. I met with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner after I was made aware of the allegations to discuss them and the Met's response.

There must be zero tolerance of this kind of behaviour, a transformation in Met culture and no hiding place for officers who abuse their position of trust. I welcome the swift and decisive action taken by the Commissioner and by the IOPC to accelerate the process of misconduct hearings and dismissals for those involved.

I can assure Londoners that I will continue to hold the Met to account as it makes vital reforms. I will not be satisfied until Londoners have the police service they deserve - one that is trusted and delivers the highest possible service to every community in our city.

More police front counters to remain open

On 15 October, I welcomed an announcement from the Met that it will keep 27 front counters open across the capital, after listening to feedback from Londoners.

Whilst this is an operational policing decision, this action would not have been possible without record-breaking funding from City Hall. We will continue to support the Met to deliver what Londoners want - boosting visible neighbourhood policing on our streets and making local officers more accessible in our communities.

We want to do more to build on the reductions in violence and homicides achieved in the capital, and I will continue to support the police and make the case to government for the funding the Met needs to ensure we can continue building a safer London for everyone.

City Hall, Women's Aid and Airbnb Join Forces For New Pilot To Support Domestic Abuse Survivors In London

On 5 November, we joined forces with Women's Aid and Airbnb for a new pilot that will provide emergency accommodation and support for domestic abuse survivors in the capital.

The pilot will provide up to 60 survivors and their children with free emergency accommodation in Airbnb listed properties across London for up to two weeks. It will also ensure survivors receive essential one-to-one support services such as legal advice, advocacy and translation and help with practicalities like transport, through leading UK charity Women's Aid, helping them to recover and move on with their lives.

This new trial will work alongside my public health approach to tackling violence against women and girls, which champions working in partnership across all sectors, including with businesses and charities.

Biggest phone theft crackdown in the country

Last month, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Kaya Comer-Schwartz, I joined Met police teams as they carried out a major operation to crack down on mobile phone theft.

After an investigation lasting nearly a year, officers disrupted a major criminal network suspected to have smuggled up to 40,000 stolen phones from the UK to China over the past 12 months – up to 40 per cent of all phones stolen in London. A further 15 people were arrested in relation to street-level offending such as robberies and pickpocketing.

By targeting offenders at all levels, the Met has significantly disrupted the stolen phone market, and I want to thank them for their coordinated campaign to tackle this priority issue for Londoners. This is, without doubt, the largest operation of its kind in UK history, and it was impressive to see first-hand how the Met are going after the leaders of international smuggling gangs, as well as the street robbers and snatchers fuelling this industrial scale crime.

Thanks to our record funding, the Met are boosting visible neighbourhood policing across London and deploying specialist operations in hotspot areas like Westminster and the West End, where nearly 40 per cent of phone thefts occur. This crackdown has already led to hundreds of arrests

and thousands of handsets seized, contributing to a 13 per cent drop in theft and robbery across London in the first quarter of this year.

But the police cannot do it alone. Criminals are making millions by repurposing stolen phones and selling them abroad, with many still able to access cloud services. It is simply too easy and too profitable. I will continue to call on the mobile phone industry to go harder and faster in designing out this crime by making stolen devices unusable. We need coordinated global action to shut down this trade and build a safer London for everyone.

The Met leads the UK's largest ever crackdown on organised shoplifting gangs

Shoplifting has a profound impact on business owners and communities, and I joined Met colleagues as they carried out a major crackdown on organised gangs shoplifting in our city.

Operation Zoridon followed months of planning to identify businesses and organised crime groups that were suspected of handling stolen goods. This involved collecting intelligence and conducting surveillance operations. The Met also used tactics such as SelectaDNA to identify goods stolen from major retailers.

Working alongside major retailers, more than 300 officers from across the Met were involved in the operation. They carried out warrants and conducted licensing checks at businesses, alongside officials from Trading Standards, London Fire Brigade and Border Force.

Over two days, officers raided more than 120 shops suspected of buying items stolen from major retailers and reselling them at discounted prices. Hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of items were seized, including branded food, make-up, and electrical devices. Nine stores were served with closure notices and 32 people were arrested for various offences, including handling stolen goods, drug offences, and immigration violations.

I am grateful to everyone involved for their skill and hard work in delivering this important operation which sends a message that if you shoplift or trade in stolen goods, you will be brought to justice.

Safer Streets and Safer Transport Summit in Manchester

On Thursday 16 October, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, attended the Safer Streets and Safer Transport Summit in Manchester, hosted by Local Transport Minister Lilian Greenwood MP. The Minister convened mayoral colleagues to discuss collaborative action in support of the Government's Safer Streets Mission, with specific focus on tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB), retail crime, and street crime.

The morning session focused on tackling anti-social behaviour, beginning with a keynote speech from Minister Greenwood and contributions from Charlotte Hamilton-Kaye, Deputy CEO of ASB Help, on the impact of ASB on victims and communities. A panel discussion explored approaches to tackle ASB on public transport, featuring speakers from Transport for the West Midlands, First Bus and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, alongside a video address from Mayor Tracy Brabin.

The afternoon session centred on tackling violence against women and girls on public transport. Mayor Andy Burnham outlined Greater Manchester's work on the Bee Network and improving passenger safety, followed by insights from the Home Office on the national mission to end VAWG. The summit was attended by representatives from the Mayoral Authorities, alongside senior officials from across transport and policing sectors.

Transport

10 new Elizabeth line trains start production to support growth, as new data shows how the hugely popular railway has boosted the economy

Elizabeth line customers are closer to getting more brand-new trains, as construction has begun on the first of an additional 10 to be introduced to the network. These new trains are being built in the East Midlands to support both growing demand for the hugely popular line and the government's growth agenda.

Since opening in 2022, the Elizabeth line has had a transformational effect on travel in London and quickly become the UK's single busiest railway service, with an average of 800,000 journeys now made on the service each day.

The new trains - which were ordered with UK Government funding - will allow TfL to increase capacity on the existing line, further driving the economy by boosting connections and serving HS2's new Old Oak Common station in the future.

The Aventra Class 345 trains are being built by Alstom at their factory in Derby, supporting jobs in the city which has been a railway hub since 1839. This vital work in Derby demonstrates how investment in London's transport infrastructure boosts economic growth across the country, with Alstom's supply chain supporting almost 40 companies across the UK totalling more than 1000 employees.

A new Elizabeth line evaluation report has revealed the extent to which the public have embraced the city's new railway line since it opened, and its positive impact on housebuilding and employment. The analysis reveals that the Elizabeth line is driving up public transport use in the capital, supporting my aim for 80 per cent of all trips in London to be made on foot, by cycle or using public transport by 2041. Since the line opened, an additional 71,000 trips are estimated to have been made across London's transport network each weekday. In Abbey Wood in the southeast, an estimated 16 per cent of trips on public transport beginning in this area would not have occurred without the Elizabeth line.

Customers have also benefitted from an 11 per cent drop in step-free journey times, based on average public transport journeys. All Elizabeth line stations between Paddington and Woolwich have step-free access from street to train, and all other stations are step-free from street to platform. Last year, TfL published an ambitious new customer plan to help create a fairer, more accessible, and inclusive transport network for everyone. The plan, Equity in Motion, commits to more than 100 new and ambitious actions to further build on TfL and my ongoing efforts to create a fairer and safer London.

The Elizabeth line shows how quality transport infrastructure can unlock opportunities for people and places across the country, and this vital work in Derby makes clear that investing in the

capital's transport network does not just benefit Londoners but drives wider economic growth across the country.

New state-of-the-art DLR trains begin to roll into service

At the end of September, the rollout of 54 brand-new DLR trains got officially underway, with the first train coming in to service, marking the start of a bold new era for one of the capital's most vital transport networks.

This is a major milestone in the DLR's transformation, replacing the oldest trains in the fleet - some of which have been in service for more than three decades - with modern, high-capacity trains designed to meet the needs of a growing city.

Each of the new state-of-the-art DLR trains feature the latest technology and are designed to significantly improve reliability, capacity, and comfort for customers.

The trains continue to roll out over the coming months. Once all 54 new trains are operational, overall capacity on the DLR will increase by more than 50 per cent. The full replacement of the older fleet is expected by the end of 2026, with additional new trains introduced as quickly as possible to further boost capacity.

Built with the latest innovative design and technology, the trains will have 10 per cent bigger capacity, improved onboard customer information, mobile device charging points, air conditioning, and better accessibility features for all passengers. The trains will also significantly improve reliability and support growth in new homes and jobs, particularly for Londoners in areas like Stratford, Woolwich Arsenal, and the Isle of Dogs.

TfL launches long-term Road Victim Support service to improve care for those affected by serious road traffic collisions in London

TfL and MOPAC have committed to funding a support service for victims of the most serious road traffic collisions in London for three years. The service - which launched on 1 November - will be delivered by national road safety charity Brake, which runs a specialist support service for road victims across the UK, and is facilitated by the Met Police. The service will play a vital role in ensuring that victims get the help and support they need following road traffic collisions involving a fatality or serious injury.

Following the success of an initial one-year pilot scheme launched in 2023, which was delivered in partnership with the victim support charity RoadPeace, TfL extended the initiative until 31 October 2025 to maximise learnings. The scheme established for the first time in London a direct police referral into support. The pilot has demonstrated the value of early and proactive intervention, connecting victims with practical, emotional, and legal support tailored to their unique circumstances. An evaluation report highlighted the scheme's positive impact, including improved access to timely, trauma-informed, face-to-face support for bereaved families and those with life-changing injuries. Service users praised the high quality of care and the simple, effective referral process.

Brake was selected through an open tender process to deliver the long-term service. The charity will provide a team of dedicated London-based caseworkers to deliver trauma-informed emotional

and practical support including help navigating the justice system, advocacy, and help accessing specialist services if needed. They will work in partnership with Child Bereavement UK to provide specialist support for children and young people when someone important to them has died or is not expected to survive. Working closely with the Met, Brake will implement a direct, consent-based referral mechanism from the police into the service. This will ensure that victims continue to be connected with timely support.

This new service complements TfL's Sarah Hope Line, which continues to provide vital support to those affected by incidents on the TfL public transport network, including the Tube, buses, Elizabeth line, London Overground, DLR and Trams. Since 2016, the Sarah Hope Line has supported hundreds of individuals, working in partnership with expert organisations to ensure access to the right help at the right time.

The aftermath of a serious road traffic collision is harrowing and the way that support is delivered has a lasting impact on everyone involved. It is important that everyone who is affected is provided with the professional help they need - when they need it most. That is why I am pleased to see the commitment to delivering the Road Victim Support Service long-term, which will ensure those directly affected by road traffic collisions will receive practical, emotional and legal support that's tailored to their unique circumstances.

TfL helps customers get into the festive spirit with Christmas gifts competition to mark the end of its 25th anniversary year

TfL is marking the end of its 25th anniversary year with a free prize draw, offering customers the chance to win a range of festive gifts to explore London this winter. From boat and bus tours to ice skating and theatre trips, each gift highlights one of London's popular Christmas attractions

There are also a number of free festive events happening across the capital this winter, including a festive treasure hunt on the DLR, which runs from 15 December to 2 January.

Customers are also encouraged to look out for eight different specially-wrapped trains, buses and other transport services, which have recently been given a new look to celebrate TfL's 25th birthday. Each transport wrap celebrates different customer improvements since 2000 including, extending the Northern line, introducing Oyster cards and contactless payments, low-emission buses and Night Tube.

TfL also has partnerships with a number of leading attractions across the capital which aim to encourage people to use public transport to explore London's cultural gems.

Celebrity Jo Brand records special TfL customer announcements to encourage support for London Poppy Day

TfL has continued its decades-long collaboration with The Royal British Legion (RBL) to mark this year's London Poppy Day, with special announcements from British actress, comedian, presenter and writer Jo Brand.

The announcements were played across TfL stations on 30 October, to support RBL's aim of raising more than £1 million from donations for the annual London Poppy Day appeal. Collections took place at stations across the network, with more than 1,700 volunteers supporting uniformed

fundraisers, representing the Tri-Service contingent from across the Army, Navy and Royal Air Force.

As well as Jo Brand's engaging announcement, eight of London's iconic buses were redesigned to feature a special design honouring past and present servicepeople. These buses were on display at Alexandra Palace on 22 October for visitors to see them and ran on TfL's bus network until 16 November.

The Elizabeth line, London Underground, London Overground, Trams, and DLR all featured trains with specially designed poppy illustrations. The IFS Cloud Cable Car also featured commemorative design poppy illustrations.

Elsewhere on the network, select bus stations and London Underground and London Overground platforms were decorated with poppy roundels.

I'm delighted that TfL has again marked London Poppy Day with special announcements and designs to remember and honour all the brave men and women who have and continue to dedicate their lives to protecting our country.

New step-free Underground entrance opens at Battersea Power Station, improving accessibility for Tube customers and connectivity to the wider neighbourhood

On 6 October, a new step-free entrance to the Underground station at Battersea Power Station opened, giving Tube customers a second fully accessible entrance for accessing Northern line services. The new entrance provides quicker and more direct access to the station for those travelling to and from the riverside neighbourhood's new pedestrianised high street, Electric Boulevard, as well as improving links for residents in the wider Battersea area.

Seb Dance, my Deputy Mayor for Transport, and Andy Lord, London's Transport Commissioner, were among the first to visit the new Electric Boulevard Underground entrance, alongside local four-legged residents from the Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, which is just a three-minute walk from the station. They were joined by Sam Cotton, Interim CEO of Battersea Power Station Development Company, and Simon Hogg, Leader of Wandsworth Council.

The new entrance has two escalators and a lift and provides additional capacity, helping to future-proof the station for projected increases in customer demand. It was funded by Battersea Power Station (BPS), TfL, the GLA and Wandsworth Council.

In the past year, the Northern Line Extension has seen 13.4 million journeys, the top end of TfL's estimates made during modelling. Journeys taken from the area to the West End or to the City are, on average, 17 minutes quicker than before the opening of Northern Line Extension, making it clear why it's so important that TfL's services are accessible to all of its customers.

I am committed to making our transport network as accessible as possible, enabling more people to enjoy all our great city has to offer. Opening this new station entrance in Battersea will support TfL's ongoing work to deliver my ambitious target of making 50 per cent of the network step-free by 2030.

TfL launches powerful campaigns to encourage people to be active bystanders and to deter perpetrators of crime

In October, TfL launched a new campaign to encourage people to support those who experience hate crime and other forms of abuse on the London transport network. It launched during National Hate Crime Awareness Week (11-18 October).

The safety of everyone who uses London's transport network is an absolute priority and TfL continues to work closely with the police to keep customers safe, with a new taskforce recently launched focusing on tackling sexual offences and harassment, violence against women and girls (VAWG) and hate crime on the network. It has been created in response to my commitment to improving safety and confidence for all passengers, especially women and communities disproportionately affected by these issues.

To mark National Hate Crime Awareness Week, TfL also partnered with Protection Approaches, the national charity working to prevent all forms of identity-based violence, to deliver more active bystander training for the public.

More than 51km of new cycle routes and 400 new pedestrian crossings delivered as TfL and London's boroughs work together to boost walking, cycling and public transport use

TfL and London's boroughs have released new data showing the scale of improvements delivered on London's streets between April 2024 and April 2025 through joint efforts to make the capital safer, healthier and more sustainable.

The schemes have used £80.85m of TfL's Local Implementation Plan funding, to support borough-led projects that enhance walking and cycling infrastructure, reduce road danger, improve air quality, and encourage active travel. In 2024/25, this funding has enabled boroughs to deliver:

- Schemes to boost walking: More than 400 new pedestrian crossings have been installed with 61 new signal-controlled crossings, 108 zebra crossings and 232 uncontrolled crossings. 12km footways have also been widened to make it easier to walk
- Schemes to make it easier and safer to cycle: 51km of new permanent cycle routes have been constructed. TfL and boroughs have also worked to deliver cycle parking, with 1,673 publicly accessible cycle parking spaces created, plus 10,000 residential and 900 school cycle parking spaces. Funding has also enabled 16,631 adults and 51,190 children to be trained with vital cycling skills
- More School Streets: 150 more School Streets have been introduced, with the total now standing at more than 800 across London
- Improved public transport access: 64 bus stops have been given accessibility upgrades, and 2.8km of new bus lanes to improve journey times and reliability
- More Low Traffic Neighbourhoods: Seven new schemes to reduce traffic on local roads were introduced, 15 experimental schemes were made permanent, and 26 new road closures have been implemented to reduce through-traffic and improve local air quality

- More Sustainable Drainage systems: Over 50,000 square metres have been delivered to help prevent flooding and increase climate resilience

These improvements are helping to reduce traffic, improve road safety and enable more Londoners to choose walking and cycling for everyday journeys. Boroughs bring deep local knowledge of their communities and transport networks to these projects, ensuring they meet the needs of their residents. From new cycle routes to upgraded bus stops, every scheme delivered plays a vital role in achieving my goal of 80 per cent of journeys being taken by walking, cycling or public transport by 2041.

TfL will continue partnering with London's boroughs to improve road safety across the capital throughout the three-year programme.

London's boroughs play a crucial role in delivering improvements that make our streets safer, more accessible and more sustainable. The level of ambition from passionate borough officers has increased year on year, as they see the value that this investment has for the communities they serve – from safer places to cross the road and expanded cycle routes to lower traffic speeds, safer journeys for schoolchildren and cleaner air. I look forward to seeing TfL's continued work with boroughs to build a better, safer and greener London for everyone.

Places for London welcomes traders back to the reopened Seven Sisters Market

Places for London, TfL's wholly owned property company, has welcomed traders back to the reopened Seven Sisters Market, following critical safety works in recent years.

On 4 October, Graeme Craig, Director and Chief Executive of Places for London, welcomed Tottenham MP, the Rt Hon David Lammy MP, and Joanne McCartney, Deputy Mayor for Children and Families and London Assembly Member for Enfield and Haringey, as they joined the traders and representatives from the London Borough of Haringey and community groups to celebrate the opening of the market.

Seven Sisters Market first opened around 50 years ago, however, following its closure in 2020 due to health and safety concerns, surveys found the building to be in a dangerous condition preventing it from reopening. Since then, Places for London has worked with the traders and London Borough of Haringey to bring the much-loved market back to life ensuring that the community affected by the closure were part of the works throughout.

Alongside TfL, I also made funding available to ensure that the traders at Seven Sisters Market were protected and the site moved forward positively for the benefit of local community.

Seven Sisters Market is a truly special location in this unique and important part of London. I am delighted Places for London has now reopened the market, allowing the former traders to get back to serving the community they love. Places for London has worked hard to retain the Latin American culture and vitality of the original market, while allowing it to operate safely again in new units.

TfL joins forces with Befriending Networks and KAD's Community Ambassador Team to bring people together on the IFS Cloud Cable Car to help tackle loneliness and isolation

TfL joined forces with Befriending Networks to launch special IFS Cloud Cable Car trips to help raise awareness of loneliness and isolation.

Between 10:00 - 12:00 each day, local community groups met with Befriending Networks members to help tackle loneliness and isolation, while offering sky high views over the capital in a bespoke cabin that provided conversational topics and prompts to get cross-generational discussion flowing.

Those feeling lonely as the festive period approaches were also encouraged to get involved, with tickets available to the public between 14:00 - 16:00 each day. Customers received a free 20-minute round trip on the IFS Cloud Cable Car and a free hot drink.

This partnership follows TfL's popular 'Chatty Cabins' initiative, which first launched in 2024 and encouraged people who complete a round-trip on the IFS Cloud Cable Car across the River Thames between Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Docks to engage in conversations with each other. This initiative builds on my Strategy for Social Inclusion and the Reconceptualising Loneliness in London report published in 2022, which estimates 700,000 Londoners feel lonely 'always' or 'most of the time'.

Befriending Week is the annual campaign to raise awareness about befriending and highlight the power of social connection in reducing loneliness and isolation and ran from 1 – 7 November.

Street Works UK Award 2025

My Infrastructure Coordination Service jointly won this year's Street Works UK Awards for Best Collaborative Streetworks. Our efforts to scale the Dig-Once approach are demonstrating how industry can come together to improve the planning and delivery of infrastructure.

The award showcased one flagship project, on Crystal Palace Park Road, that represents how the ICS is partnering with TfL and London Boroughs, alongside Affinity Water, Thames Water, Cadent Gas, SGN, SEN, UK Power Networks and Network Rail to reduce disruption to residents, road users, businesses and the environment.

Fire

Long Service Award Ceremony

On 29 September, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, attended a service to honour LFB operational staff who have given 20 years of service to the Brigade.

Black History Month

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, spoke at a Black History month event to reinforce City Hall's commitment to a more inclusive and equitable London Fire Brigade.

High-Rise Exercise Visit

On 22 October, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, observed a tri-borough, multi-agency high-rise exercise. The exercise simulated a full-scale incident response from initial mobilisation to resolution, as part of LFB's operational training. The exercise provided an opportunity to observe LFB's revised high-rise firefighting procedures and to gain assurance on LFB's progress.

Deputy Mayor's Fire Board

On 5 November, my Deputy Mayor for the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, chaired the regular meeting of his Deputy Mayor's Fire Board.

Environment

Athens Democracy Forum

On 1 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined a panel at the Athens Democracy Forum discussing 'Climate Crisis in a World Where Democracy in Crisis'. During the panel, Mete raised that the climate crisis disproportionately affects those communities who have done the least to cause the crisis and emphasised that we all have a responsibility to address this issue.

On 2 October, Mete joined a panel discussing 'Future Visions: Grounding the Planetary'. During this session, Mete highlighted the importance of ensuring we work collaboratively with communities when addressing the drivers of the climate crisis.

E.ON's Green Skills Centre

On 28 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited E.ON's pop-up Green Skills Centre in Liverpool and met Chris Norbury, Chief Executive of E.ON UK.

Mete highlighted how programmes such as the great work of Warm Homes London and my Mayor's London Growth Plan are supporting the growth of green jobs. He also toured the Centre and discussed how funded property improvements to make homes more affordable to keep warm and lower carbon, and economic growth go hand in hand.

Royal Society of Arts and the UK Department for Business and Trade's World Expo

On 6 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined the Royal Society of Arts and the UK Department for Business and Trade's World Expo, an event held live in both London and Osaka. Mete joined a panel in London which discussed 'SDGs and Beyond: UK Climate Leadership on the Global Stage'. The panel explored London's action on climate change and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

London Clean Air Initiative's Green Futures Event

On 6 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke at the London Clean Air Initiative's Green Futures Event. Mete discussed about how vital green skills and careers

are for London and Londoners and highlighted how my initiatives are supporting young Londoners and learners to develop new skills for the future.

Royal Parks Guild Discovery Day

On 7 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke at the Royal Parks Guild Discovery Day Event. Mete talked about my commitment to further develop green careers and make nature a central part of London's future. He also highlighted some green skills programmes that I currently fund and encouraged more young people to get involved in this growing economy.

London Community Energy Fund

On 8 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Stratford Library to launch the eighth round of the London Community Energy Fund (LCEF). The team at Repowering London and Community Energy Newham gave Mete a tour of the solar project at the library, which was funded by a previous LCEF round. Mete highlighted the importance of community involvement in the transition to net zero and announced that £630,000 available in this round of LCEF will support the ongoing growth of the community energy sector.

Countdown to COP30: mobilising action for climate and nature at the Natural History Museum

On 9 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the Natural History Museum's 'Countdown to COP30: mobilising action for climate and nature'. During this event, Mete met with environmental leaders and His Royal Highness King Charles III, during which he highlighted the importance of urgent action to address the climate crisis.

Royal Institution visit

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited the Royal Institution to see how my £4.35m grant is being used to make their building more sustainable to the changing climate. The Royal Institution are improving their energy efficiency and sustainability to reduce their emissions by 35 per cent and are showing how older and listed buildings can be part of my effort to make London more sustainable for everyone.

Colville Primary School visit

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Colville School in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to take part in a pupil workshop as part of the Greener Schools Pilot. In conjunction with the team at Retrofit Action for Tomorrow (RAFT), who are the GLA's strategic partner on the Greener Schools Pilot, Mete delivered an engagement workshop with the School's Eco-Club, helping them to understand the decarbonisation measures being funded at their school and support them in creating personal actions to reduce their environmental impact.

TUCAN delegation

On 16 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with representatives from The Trade Union Clean Air Network (TUCAN) to discuss how the GLA's Clean Air Delivery Plan could more accurately reflect the impact of air pollution on workers and occupational health. As a result of this discussion, the criteria in the Mayor's Good Work Standard will be amended to include references and considerations related to air pollution risks and air pollution warning systems.

ReLondon's Circular Economy opening event

On 20 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a keynote speech at the Circular Economy Week launch event, hosted by ReLondon. The speech focused on how the circular economy creates a big opportunity in driving innovation, job creation, and economic resilience by keeping materials in circulation, designing out waste, and regenerating natural systems. Mete also demonstrated how London is a global leader in the circular economy space and is driving the transition through innovation and local action. The event was attended by policy officers and civil servants (from DEFRA, DESNZ, DBT, GLA, London Councils and London boroughs), small business innovators as well as charities/NGOs/non-profit organisations.

Local Net Zero Delivery Group meeting

On 22 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy attended the fourth meeting of the Local Net Zero Delivery Group. This group is co-chaired by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and the Local Government Association (LGA) and was created to bring together central government ministers and senior local authority leaders to accelerate local-level net zero action. The meeting centred on (a) inputs from members on the development of a framework to define local government's roles and responsibilities in achieving net zero; and (b) an update on the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan and the role of local government from a planning perspective.

Roundtable meeting with SoS for Energy Security and Net Zero, Ed Miliband

On 27 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined a Mayoral roundtable with Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to discuss Local Growth Plans.

Waterloo Freight Hub with Cross River Partnership visit

On 28 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited the Waterloo Freight Hub which is an innovative, sustainable and transformative 6-month trial of zero-emission deliveries from underneath Waterloo Station. The Hub will improve air quality across London by helping shift last-mile freight journeys from polluting vans to zero-tailpipe emissions vehicles and electrically assisted cargo bikes, supporting communities to receive more sustainable deliveries at no extra cost. This will also help to reduce congestion and improve productivity and the health of Londoners moving around the city. Cross River Partnership shared learnings from the trial and how it feeds into the delivery of a longer-term, much larger Waterloo Freight Hub, with middle-mile deliveries made by road, rail and river.

Growth and Skills

Mayor's Skills Academies Celebration Event

On 2 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber OBE, opened the Mayor's Skills Academies Celebration event. The event brought together the programme's Hubs, employer partners, training providers, and key stakeholders to recognise its achievements and the vital role partners have played in its success. The evening featured powerful contributions from learners, employers, and training providers, offering first-hand insights into the programme's impact on lives and businesses across London.

Inaugural quarterly meeting between the Chair of Skills England and Mayors

On 2 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, attended the inaugural quarterly meeting between the Chair of Skills England and Mayors of strategic authorities. This dedicated forum provides an open dialogue between Skills England and regional leaders, ensuring that local insights inform national strategy.

Senior civil servants discussed the recent decision to relocate Skills England from the Department for Education to the Department for Work and Pensions, as well as the government's plans to reduce the number of young people who are Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET).

There was also a discussion regarding the establishment of a new Place subgroup reporting into the Skills England Board, which will be led by board member Sara Todd. Mayoral representatives highlighted the importance of the subgroup in collaboratively developing policy as key partners of Skills England.

Visit to Barking & Dagenham College

On 4 November, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, visited Barking & Dagenham College to promote the WorldSkills UK Centre of Excellence programme. The college is one of 48 centres of excellence in the country. He met with staff and students who have benefited from the work of the Centre of Excellence, a workforce development programme run in partnership with specialist awarding organisation NCFE, that empowers educators and education leaders to use international best practice to drive excellence in technical education and apprenticeships.

Howard then chaired an employer roundtable with industry professionals to discuss opportunities to collaborate with further education (FE) providers to support London's economic growth. He also formally opened Barking & Dagenham College's new EV and Retrofit centres, part of the Green Skills Hub.

Housing

Renters' Rights Act 2025

The Renters' Rights Bill received Royal Assent on Monday 27 October. The new Act incorporates many of the recommendations from my 2019 Blueprint and London Model reports, including ending Section 21 'no fault' evictions, abolishing fixed term tenancies, introducing longer renter to

landlord notice periods, protecting rights of landlords to regain possession of their property when they have a legitimate reason to do so, and introducing a mandatory PRS Database (national landlord register). It will significantly increase the rights of private renters and improve the private rented sector for all.

Darwin House

I am proud that Darwin House affordable housing scheme in Westminster has won *Best New Place to Live* at the BusinessLDN Building London Planning Awards 2025. Backed by £5 million of funding from City Hall, this development delivered 34 high-quality, sustainable homes for older residents on the Churchill Gardens estate.

From the outset, residents helped design their homes, communal spaces, and gardens — ensuring every detail reflects their needs. The result is a welcoming, community-driven development where people can thrive.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

New London Living Wage announced

On 21 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber OBE, joined the Living Wage Foundation to announce the new London Living Wage rate at Mercato Metropolitano Mayfair. Howard met employees of Mercato Metropolitano, who are paid the London Living Wage, to share that the new rate is £14.80 an hour, up 6.9%.

These workers were some of the 150,000 now due a pay rise, courtesy of the over 4,300 employers in London accredited by the Living Wage Foundation. I'm proud there's been a seven-fold increase in the number of accredited employers since I became Mayor, and a 57 per cent increase in the London Living Wage rate.

Business engagement and support

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

- On 14 October, spoke at the Knightsbridge Place and Public Realm Strategy launch event.
- On 16 October, met with Sam Cotton, interim CEO, Battersea Power Station Development Company.
- On 20 October, attended ReLondon's launch event for Circular Economy Week. At the event he met seven food-and-drink business winners of the UKSPF-funded High Streets Beyond Waste programme, who will each be awarded £5,000 to bring their circular economy training to life.
- On 22 October, joined a LSE 'Thinkers' Dinner' with Prof Tony Travers, Jenevieve Treadwell, Dr Anna Valero, Prof Cosmina Dorobantu, Prof Richard Davies, Prof Riccardo Crescenzi and Liz Hutchinson, the CEO of London Higher to discuss the impact of AI on the London economy, the impact of the foreign skills levy on the higher education sector, and the need to unlock growth through fiscal devolution.

- On 24 October, attended the launch of Mastercard and Worldpay's Thrive Street pop-up event with Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Steve Reed OBE MP. The event was curated by Mary Portas OBE, founder of Portas Agency. Howard spoke on the importance of SMEs in London and how the London Growth Plan can help to drive innovation, create local jobs and help SMEs scale, succeed and thrive.
- On 5 November, joined a roundtable for the one-year anniversary of the LGBTQ+ Business Network hosted by London and Partners, to engage with underrepresented founders and share the commitment to building an inclusive economy and supporting business growth.
- On 6 November, attended BusinessLDN's Deputy Mayor series of roundtables dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the GLA.

International promotion

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

- From 6 – 9 October, he visited Mumbai and Bangalore in India where he spoke at the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai, met Indian businesses in Mumbai and Bangalore, and gave interviews to Indian media.
- On 13 October, met Donna Deegan, Mayor of Jacksonville Florida and an accompanying business delegation.
- On 13 October, met with the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure of South Africa, Dean Macpherson.
- On 21 October, represented London at the government's Regional Investment Summit in Birmingham, and met with institutional investors, including the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Australian Retirement Trust.

Civil Society and Sport

Go! London – Young Entrepreneurs

On 3 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, joined the Go! London Young Entrepreneurs Pitch Day at the Emirates Stadium, where 15 amazing young people took to the stage to share their ideas for using sport and physical activity to make a difference in their communities.

Young entrepreneurs is a Go! London activity that supports the development of future leaders in the community and grassroots sports sector. The programme funds 10 to 15 young people to develop businesses within the sport sector which create provision to address community needs and have a focus on social impact. 11 young entrepreneurs were selected to join the third cohort of Go! London Young Entrepreneurs and will each receive a grant of up to £15,000 and a 12-month learning programme to build their capacity to run successful community businesses.

Go! London is the capital's largest community sport fund (£22.5 million), designed to use sport and physical activity to empower young people aged 4–24 by improving their physical and mental wellbeing, safety, employability, and community connections. The fund is delivered through a

partnership between the GLA, London Marathon Foundation, Sport England, London Marathon Events, and London Sport.

Mayor of London Sport Career Pathway Insight Day

On 16 October, my GLA Sport Team held the first Mayor of London Sport Career Pathway Insight Day, bringing together nine sport sector employers with available job opportunities and 25 young people who are not currently in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET). The employers met with the young people for informal first stage interviews, and by December, 15 young people will have secured nine-month London Living Wage paid job placements, funded by the GLA.

World Table Tennis Star Contender

From 18 to 26 October, my Team London Volunteers supported the World Table Tennis (WTT) Star Contender at the Copper Box Arena. Across nine exciting days of international competition, 127 volunteers completed 426 shifts, helping to prepare the playing areas, carry players' bags, welcome spectators, and much more.

Holiday Hope City Shapers

On 30 October, as part of my flagship Holiday Hope project, the City Shapers pitch event was attended by 75 young people. These attendees shared their social action (where groups or individuals work to address matters of importance to themselves and/or their communities) ideas on how to tackle key issues faced by London and Londoners, such as the environment, social injustice, mental health, and safe spaces.

Through delivery from the Mayor's Fund for London, 15 youth organisations supported young people to deliver their social action initiatives during the holidays, these included themes such as safe spaces for women and girls, celebrating cultures and communities through a digital magazine, youth voice, tackling mental health & community cohesion. The young people identified issues most important to them, ways to address these issues, developed their pitch presentations and received training and resources to help turn their ideas into action.

Invaluable capacity building support was provided to these to these youth organisations on the day of the pitch event by 10 Team London Volunteers, who conducted informal interviews with the young participants and provided encouragement as they prepared to share their ideas with the pitch panel.

Culture

Liberty Festival

My five-day Liberty Festival, a highlight of Wandsworth's year as London Borough of Culture, finished on 28 September, after showing 17 groundbreaking commissions, from immersive installations to music, dance theatre, and cabaret. The flagship festival celebrating D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent creativity featured over 50 disabled creatives across six borough venues to an audience of over 1,500 people.

Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board Meeting

On 2 October, my Cultural Leadership Board met on the joint theme of Nightlife and the Value of Culture. The Board were joined by Cameron Leslie, Chair of the Nightlife Taskforce, who gave a brief outline of their work to date. Amy Tarr, Associate Director Policy and Research from Creative UK, also led a workshop to hear the Board's views on what Creative UK and others could do better to support organisations to evidence their impact, both socially and economically.

Architects Appointed for the Memorial to the Victims of the Transatlantic Slave Trade

On 3 October, I announced OMMX & YAA Projects as architects to work on The Wake by Khaleb Brooks, London's Memorial to Victims of Transatlantic Slavery. They will plan and manage the delivery of the architectural setting of the memorial, working closely with community groups and the artist. The design of the architectural setting will be community-led, weaving together storytelling, planting, and making workshops to ensure the memorial resonates with Londoners, particularly the city's African and Caribbean communities.

OMMX are architects who innovate in complex settings where traditional approaches fall short. Current projects include a GLA-funded scheme to construct 22 experimental and affordable houses in Enfield for a not-for-profit developer. YAA Projects is an architecture, design, and research practice dedicated to exploring underrepresented histories and engaging with diasporic communities. Past projects include the ArchiAfrika Pavilion, a temporary pavilion built for the exhibition Tropical Modernism: Architecture & Power in West Africa.

Diversity in the Public Realm

On 13 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, gave a keynote address at a workshop run by the Runnymede Trust. Her speech outlined the work that is being delivered as part of 'The Wake', London's new memorial to those who were trafficked during the Transatlantic Trade in Enslaved Africans. She also outlined the importance of supporting Londoners to have a more open conversation about the capital's role in the Transatlantic Trade in Enslaved Africans, and how its modern-day legacies could be addressed.

World Cities Culture Summit Amsterdam 2025

From 14 to 17 October, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE attended the World Cities Culture Forum annual summit in Amsterdam. The theme was Stronger Together: Culture in a Changing World. Over 150 senior leaders from 55 cities attended the conference, and Justine as Chair of the Forum gave a keynote opening speech and chaired several panels. London presented on its work on Night Time policy, Licensing, Memorials and Oxford Street pedestrianisation. London has been successful in securing funding to take part in five city exchanges to learn and share with other cities on pedestrianisation, night time economy, silver economy, film cities and memorials.

On 18 October, following the Amsterdam summit, London hosted 17 World Cities delegates from 10 cities, to highlight the work of the Culture, Creative Industries and 24 Hour London team. The full day itinerary included a tour of the new London Museum site, a tour of East Bank and V&A Storehouse, plus a tour of the Hackney Wick Fish Island Creative Enterprise Zone. The delegates were really impressed with the work we are delivering and keen to take back findings to their cities.

The British Museum Pink Ball

On 18 October, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, I attended the British Museum's inaugural Ball, co-hosted by the Chair of the Ball, Isha Ambani Piramal, and the museum Director Dr Nicholas Cullinan OBE. The pink theme was inspired by the museum's exhibition Ancient India: Living Traditions. This new annual event will be a celebration of London's status as a world leading capital for arts and culture.

Restage Film Launch

On 21 October, to mark Circular Economy week, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and Deputy Mayor Environment and Energy, Mete Coban MBE, released 'Introducing ReStage'. The short film sets out our project's mission to help reduce environmental impact across the film and theatre industries. ReStage is a partnership with the National Theatre, Arts Council England and WorkWild. Together we are collaborating with major theatres, studios and venues to pilot new ways to recycle materials and transform waste into a valuable resource and ultimately create a zero-waste approach at all stages of production – from set design to construction.

Old Vic Backstage opening, Good Growth Fund

On 6 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the opening of The Old Vic's new six storey building next to the theatre, which was supported with a £500,000 investment from my Good Growth Fund. The Old Vic Backstage will create a home for the theatre's employability and education programmes that support the local community, schools and creative practitioners. It will also be a new neighbourhood hub, with a cafe and workspace. The new building will enable the Old Vic to double the number of education, community and artist development participants they work with each year, welcome emerging artists from all backgrounds to network and share work and make their theatre stage and back-of-house areas accessible for the first time in over 200 years.

Communities and Social Policy

WIN Inclusive Talent Brokerage launch event

On 26 September, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, chaired a roundtable discussion with nine community-based organisations that have been awarded grants to connect their diverse talent with good work vacancies to mark the launch of my Inclusive Talent Brokerage Programme.

Disability Action Plan engagement event

On 29 September, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, opened a one-day engagement event with Deaf and disabled Londoners to start work on our Disability Action Plan. Over 60 attendees explored policy priority areas where Deaf and disabled Londoners continue to face barriers to access and inclusion, including transport, housing, employment and skills, poverty and inequality and policing and safety. The Disability Action Plan seeks to drive change in areas where the GLA has power.

Pension Credit take-up campaign

On 8 October, I published the results of my latest targeted Pension Credit take-up campaign with London Boroughs, which has supported over 4,400 older Londoners across 26 boroughs to claim Pension Credit - with a total annual value of £21.5m. This takes the total amount of income gained through the first three phases of the work to £40m amongst almost 9,000 households.

Black Tech Fest

On 9 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended Black Tech Fest, which brings together professionals, employers, entrepreneurs and creatives to spotlight Black talent in a sector where representation remains low. This aligns closely with the aims of my Workforce Integration Network programmes, such as Design Labs and Inclusive Talent Brokerage. It was a great opportunity to connect with and support Black talent during Black History Month.

1st London Movement Summit

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended the 1st London Movement Summit, where she thanked over 200 church and civic leaders for the work that they are doing in driving social action across the capital. In her speech, she reiterated my messages of unity and highlighted my newly launched Loved and Wanted fund to strengthen London's diverse communities.

Windrush Commissioner meeting

On 15 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, met with the Windrush Commissioner, Reverend Clive Foster, to discuss his role, our work with communities and wider intersections on racial justice and migration across London.

Hate Crime Awareness Week – visits to Mosque and Synagogue & Video

On 16 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, met with the Director General of London Central Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre to hear about the amazing work they do for our community and to address the recent challenges that the Muslim community is facing and the rise of Islamophobia.

On 17 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard met with Rabbi Hannah Kingston and Rabbi Elliott Karstadt of Alyth Synagogue to mark National Hate Crime Awareness Week and discuss the concerns of the Jewish community, and how we can best support them.

Bridging the Gap: The Economic Case for Workplace Diversity in London research

On 23 October, I published new research, *Bridging the Gap: The Economic Case for Workplace Diversity in London*, which estimates that reducing ethnic inequalities in the labour market could lead to 290,000 more Black and racially minoritised people in work, and potentially generate a £17.4 billion boost to London's economy through higher salaries. These findings demonstrates that a more diverse workforce benefits everyone by strengthening London's economy.

20/20 Levels Masterclass

On 22 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, delivered a masterclass about her lived experiences, professional journey to becoming my Deputy Mayor, and advice on how to navigate careers as people of colour to young and diverse participants in the “I Am Change” Programme, delivered by social mobility charity 20/20 Levels. 20/20 Levels is one of the nine community-based organisations that have been awarded grants under my Inclusive Talent Brokerage Programme to connect their diverse talent with good work vacancies.

Akyaaba Addai-Sebo Meeting

On 28 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, met with Akyaaba Addai-Sebo, who is credited with founding Black History Month in the UK in 1987. In their meeting they discussed the history of Black History Month, as well as ideas for the commemoration of the 40th anniversary in 2027.

National child poverty strategy meeting with Minister of State for Employment

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, met with the Minister of State for Employment to discuss the development of the national child poverty strategy ahead of its anticipated publication this winter. The conversation covered how the strategy can reflect the scale and nature of child poverty in London and how London and central government can continue to collaborate on this important issue beyond the publication of the strategy.

Children and Young Londoners

Healthy Schools London Launch Workshop

On 2 October, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, attended a fantastic workshop in Merton, celebrating local engagement with my Healthy Schools London (HSL) and Healthy Early Years London (HEYL) programmes.

The workshop was organised by the Merton School Sport Partnership, which run the programmes locally, and was well attended by local teachers, headteachers and Councillors.

Joanne had the chance to congratulate those who have already achieved awards and hear more about their great work – from healthy eating and physical health, to mental health and wellbeing. National Children’s Bureau, our delivery partner, were also on hand to talk through recent updates to both HSL and HEYL, which is the result of a year-long co-production process with boroughs, aiming to make the programmes even more user friendly and impactful.

New Deal for Young People Celebration Event – The Power of Mentoring

On 7 October, Lib Peck, Director of London’s Violence Reduction Unit, welcomed over 170 guests to the Power of Mentoring event, giving a keynote speech which highlighted the successful delivery of my New Deal for Young People mentoring mission. The event celebrated the incredible

achievement of providing over 100,000 young people access to high quality mentoring through my £34m investment.

My Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, also joined the celebration, co-hosted by David McCollum, Head of New Deal for Young People, alongside two fantastic young hosts. The event featured a series of stories, performances, and panel discussions led by young people, showcasing the life-changing impact mentoring has on improving skills, well-being, and sense of safety for young Londoners. The diverse voices and experiences shared reinforced the importance of building trusted relationships in supporting our wider efforts to create a fairer, more inclusive city where every young person can succeed.

This milestone reflects the strength of collaboration between public, private, and community sectors to develop sustainable support and tools for relationship building that deliver meaningful outcomes for young people across the capital.

Celebrating the Day of the Girl (WOW Foundation)

On 10 October, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, attended a speed mentoring event hosted by the WOW Foundation to mark the UN International Day of the Girl, engaging with over 140 girls and non-binary young people aged 13–19 from across London and the UK. Joanne joined high-profile mentors including Dame Kelly Holmes and Baroness Doreen Lawrence to discuss young people's ambitions, career paths, and ideas for achieving gender equity. The mentoring took place in pods on the London Eye and was followed by a Town Hall-style Q&A at County Hall, where Joanne delivered opening remarks and responded to a range of questions from attendees.

The event highlighted the power of mentoring to inspire and empower the next generation of girls and young women, which aligns with my ongoing commitment to make London the best city in the world to grow up in. Joanne reflected on the impact of mentorship in her own life and reaffirmed our pledge to provide mentoring support to 100,000 young Londoners through the New Deal for Young People.

Haringey Play Association

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, attended an event in collaboration with the Haringey Play Association, to support their work to improve the quality of play experience in Haringey, by raising awareness of the fundamental importance of play in a child's life.

It operates from Somerford Grove, one of the newer adventure playgrounds in London. It provides a space where children and young people can discover, grow and learn. Alongside traditional adventure play opportunities, the playground also runs cook and eat sessions, a bike project and a girls' group.

London Zoo

On 15 October, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, joined young wildlife documentary presenter, Aneeshwar Kunchala, for the official launch of ZooTown at London

Zoo. This new play space for children aged from 3 to 8 has been reimagined from London Zoo's iconic former reptile home.

ZooTown has over a dozen engaging and interactive play stations, where children can immerse themselves in many different roles that make global conservation work possible, from zookeepers to conservationists, vets and scientists. The mini conservation zoo is designed to inspire and empower the next generation of conservationists.

Reaching Higher

On 22 October, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, visited Reaching Higher, a youth organisation supported by my £34m New Deal for Young People mentoring programme, which has provided high quality mentoring to over 100,000 young Londoners.

The visit took place at Oasis Academy Arena in South Norwood, where Joanne met with the dedicated staff to hear about the incredible work they're doing and to connect with the young people benefiting from the mentoring we've funded. On the day, more than 50 young people, took part in a variety of activities, including sports, arts, employability workshops, and games, all designed to engage and empower them.

Reaching Higher has a partnership with South Norwood Community Kitchen, where groups of young people rotated to cook hot lunches alongside staff and volunteers, a wonderful way to build skills and community spirit. Reaching Higher delivers its project across the boroughs of Bromley, Croydon, and Lambeth. I'm proud to support organisations like this that are making such a meaningful difference in our communities.

Visit to Grange Primary

On 7 October, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, was joined by Rupa Huq MP, Cllr Peter Mason, Leader of Ealing Council, and Bassam Mahfouz, Assembly Member for Ealing and Hillingdon, on a visit to Grange Primary School in Ealing. They joined pupils for the school's gardening club workshop and were inspired to see how keen the children were to learn about sustainability and how fruit and vegetables get from the ground to the table.

Visit to Iqra VA Primary, Lambeth

On 6 November, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, was joined by Marina Ahmad, Assembly Member for Lambeth and Southwark, and Cllr Linda Bray, on a visit to Iqra VA Primary School in Lambeth. With zero use of fossil fuels, Iqra is one of the first Net Zero Carbon in Operation (NZCiO) schools in the South of England, and it was great to see what part its kitchen and the delivery of Universal Free School Meals play in this.

Health

Partnership with London Ambulance Service to tackle defibrillator deserts

On 16 October, during World Restart a Heart Day, I announced provision of £150,000 to help London Ambulance Charity's London Heart Starters Campaign reach its fundraising target, and enable the London Ambulance Service (LAS) to install defibrillators where they're needed most.

Currently there are 84 neighbourhoods in London with no easy access to defibrillators – these are known as “defib deserts”. Thirteen of these neighbourhoods do not have a single defibrillator, while 71 neighbourhoods have limited access to a device. My funding means the campaign goal of raising £400,000 to buy 200 new defibrillators has been met. My teams will be working in partnership with the LAS to install the new defibs in these high priority areas, including in community centres, residential buildings, places of worship and shopping centres.

I'm also happy to report that following the successful roll-out of publicly accessible defibrillators across the transport network with TfL and the LAS, we have teamed up once more to donate 44 refurbished defibrillators to homeless shelters across the capital.

People who are homeless are almost twice as likely to have pre-existing cardiovascular diseases compared to other adults, which is why life-saving devices are being provided to charities who are looking after some of the most vulnerable in our society. I'm also pleased to say that these devices will be available 24/7 to any member of the public who needs them in an emergency.

Baton of Hope London Finale on World Mental Health Day

On 10 October, to mark World Mental Health Day, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, joined the London finale of the Baton of Hope tour. The Tour is a national movement to prevent suicide, visiting locations around the UK before arriving for its final day in London.

The Finale was an important moment to demonstrate that in London we stand together to address stigma and support each other through mental health challenges.

I am committed to making London a city where everyone can access the mental health support they need, when they need it – whether that's through investing in mental health support for up to 15,000 young Londoners in schools, or continuing to fund and champion Thrive LDN.

I was also proud to mark the day by sharing the #ZeroSuicideLDN suicide prevention training on my channels and encouraging Londoners to spend thirty minutes taking the training. Since launching the campaign in 2019 alongside partners, over 460,000 Londoners have taken the training, and have learnt the skills to better look out for one another and reach out when a loved one needs support.

Resilience

London Resilient Communities programme

Working in partnership with Groundwork London, Communities Prepared (Groundwork South) and The British Red Cross, the London Resilience Unit held launch events in late September and early October for our ambitious new London Resilient Communities programme, which is designed to empower communities and strengthen resilience across the capital.

This new programme builds on the London Community Resilience Toolkit and pilot work on Community Resilience Hubs. It offers practical support, training, and small grant funding to help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

London Legacy Development Corporation

Climate Action Strategy Report

A year on from launching its Climate Action Strategy – shortlisted for ‘Net Zero Strategy of the Year’ at the UK Green Business Awards 2025 – London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) has published its first Annual Progress Report. It highlights that LLDC is on track to meet net zero targets across Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and outlines efforts to integrate climate resilience across all areas of its operations, including futureproofing the Park to withstand the impacts of existing and predicted climate change and supporting green jobs and skills.

University of East London’s Neighbourhood Health Hub

On 17 October, University of East London at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park officially opened its Neighbourhood Health Hub in Stratford. The Hub is a pioneering prototype that brings hospital-level care, research and immersive learning experiences together in a single space, embedded within one of the UK’s most diverse boroughs. The Hub offers integrated care outside hospital walls, focused on prevention, early intervention, and rehabilitation reflecting three major shifts shaping the future of healthcare.

Celebrating Black History Month

Throughout October, the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park hosted a series of events which showcased powerful stories, artistic excellence and cultural resilience in celebration of Black History Month. This includes the Black Eats Festival which brought together Black-owned businesses across the creative industries in a celebration of culture.

At V&A East Storehouse, legendary photographer Dennis Morris shared his archive in *Life, Work, Others*. The public was offered a rare opportunity to explore the stories behind his iconic portraits of Bob Marley, the Sex Pistols and more.

At Sadler’s Wells East, Mimi’s Shebeen by Alesandra Seutin presented a poetic dance performance inspired by the life and legacy of Miriam Makeba.

Events on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

From 3 October to 2 November, UCL East celebrated World Space Week with *Space Tangle* by artist Dr Sarah Fortais. The exhibition included *Cosmic Debris*, a meteoric installation of 280 cast hands exploring space debris and knowledge sharing; *Lunga 6*, works created during Fortais’ residency on the UK’s first analogue space mission; and *Cosmic Flock*, sheep sculptures wearing spacesuits made from east London waste.

From 11 September to 2 November, Here East hosted art installation *Umbilical* by artist Conrad Shawcross. Part of his ongoing *Rope Masters* series, the large-scale installation combined art and engineering, featuring a 10-metre-high, 12-metre-wide rope machine with 40 interlocking arms that wove a continuously shifting pattern.

From 7 October to 2 November, Darkfield, an immersive audio experience housed within shipping containers came to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Known for its use of complete darkness and

360-degree sound design, Darkfield presented its largest and longest London run to date, featuring four productions for the public to experience.

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

Community engagement around Old Oak Illustrative Masterplan and Framework

On 23 and 25 October, OPDC held two drop-in sessions to update the local community on OPDC's emerging Masterplan Framework for Old Oak.

The Masterplan Framework will guide future development proposals for Old Oak, a new mixed-use urban district for West London and the first delivery phase led by OPDC with a new partner which will include up to 8,000 new homes and new public open spaces.

The drop-in events follow extensive engagement on OPDC's Illustrative Masterplan, which was endorsed by the OPDC Board in July 2025. At the drop-in sessions, the project team updated the community on the Masterplan Framework and demonstrated how this has taken account of feedback from local residents.

The Masterplan Framework will be considered by the OPDC's Planning Committee on 13 November and by the OPDC Board on 20 November.

North Acton Square launch event

In October, OPDC held an event to celebrate the official launch of improvements to North Acton Square.

Led by local arts and cultural organisation The Republic - Community Projects, North Acton Square has been transformed to revitalise the square, creating a social space for the community to come together.

The centrepiece is the installation of six carefully converted shipping containers, positioned along the north of the square, that provide a new home for a range of local businesses.

Tenants include:

- Awakener, a coffee maker that has operated from a cart in the square since March 2022.
- Barber, Hamsa the Barber.
- Street food vendor, Sound Burger.
- A micro pub.
- An Information Hub for Park Royal Design District.
- And a shop selling art and design-led products from Park Royal

The improvement project was commissioned by Ealing Council with support from OPDC, Imperial College London, City & Docklands, ADD Properties and Downing – and aims to create a more welcoming and vibrant space for those who live, work in and visit North Acton.

The launch event was attended by the MP for Ealing Central and Acton, Rupa Huq MP, the Leader of Ealing Council, Cllr Peter Mason, Ealing Cabinet Member for Decent Living Incomes, Cllr Kamaljit

Nagpal, OPDC Chief Executive, Matthew Carpen and OPDC Chair, Dame Karen Buck. They joined the new tenants and key local stakeholders to celebrate the opening of this new scheme.

The units will open to public on a regular basis from November with more community events planned over the coming months to promote their integration into the regular community calendar.

Adoption of OPDC's Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document

On 26 September, the OPDC board approved the adoption of the revised Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

This SPD provides guidance and clarity to developers and other stakeholders on the planning obligations that OPDC will look to secure through section 106 agreements following the implementation of OPDC's CIL Charging Schedule.

OPDC adopted the previous revised Planning Obligations SPD on 28 February 2024.

Officers have subsequently undertaken a comprehensive review of the adopted Planning Obligations SPD and identified revisions to three of the existing planning obligations:

- support a more comprehensive approach to construction management (planning obligation OB4F);
- an updated local labour target for end use jobs - adjusted support fee and mechanism to secure additional financial contributions where the targets are not met (OB7B); and
- detailed guidance on what should be covered in a Local Labour Skills, Employment, Strategy and Management Plan (LLSEMSP) (OB7C).

Planning and Regeneration

Local Plans

On 26 September, GLA officers responded on my behalf to the Bromley Local Plan Direction of Travel Regulation 18 consultation. The response acknowledged that the draft Plan set out the Council's preferred policy direction, but did not contain draft policies, and that several evidence base documents were still in preparation. I broadly supported the vision and objectives of the draft Plan and provided guidance to positively inform the preparation of the Local Plan and ensure that it aligns with the London Plan, as well as delivering the Council's objectives.

On 6 October, GLA officers on my behalf agreed a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with London Borough of Hounslow concerning the Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041. Officers considered the Local Plan to be broadly in general conformity with the London Plan. GLA officers worked closely with Hounslow to agree several notable amendments to bring the Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan prior to its examination, including clearly identifying the 10 year requirement for additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches to meet assessed need, and amending the heritage policy to be more specific about how the requirements of London Plan policy relating to Kew Gardens World Heritage Site will be met.

On 27 October, GLA officers on my behalf agreed a SoCG with London Borough of Wandsworth concerning the Wandsworth Local Plan Partial Review. The SOCG made it clear that the Local Plan

is currently not in general conformity with the London Plan due to the proposed approach to affordable housing and review mechanisms.

Towards a new London Plan – Easy Read consultation

On 2 November, the six-week consultation on the Easy Read version of Towards a new London Plan closed. This additional consultation was for Londoners who might prefer an Easy Read version of the materials that we previously consulted on in May and June 2025. In addition to publishing the documents online, two half day targeted engagement events (one in person and one online) were held to provide people who prefer Easy Read formats with a supportive engagement environment suited to their needs.

Development management – public hearing

On 30 September, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service, Jule Pipe, resolved to grant planning permission for the redevelopment of land at 4-8 Sedgemere Road, Abbey Wood in the London Borough of Bexley - subject to completion of a section 106 agreement and the imposition of conditions. The proposed development is a part 7/part 25-storey building comprising of 228 residential units (Use Class C3), with associated ancillary amenities and provision of a basement and ground floor non-residential floorspace. The proposal includes the provision of 35% affordable homes equating to 61 units.

Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

I have asked officers to send letters with comments on the following Stage 1 referrals:

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision
2025/0804	Balfour House	Barnet	13/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0819	Grahame Park North East	Barnet	20/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0777	Mulberry Way	Bexley	06/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0794	Swan Pier	City of London	20/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0830	1 Silk Street	City of London	26/09/2025	No Strategic Issues
2025/0820	Woolwich Leisure Centre	Greenwich	29/09/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0866	Plot 1, Lombard Square	Greenwich	13/10/2025	No Strategic Issues
2025/0781	Former Fulham Boys School	Hammersmith and Fulham	06/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0834	Sports Ground, Balgores Lane	Havering	20/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0887	Waterloo Redevelopment, Romford	Havering	24/10/2025	No Strategic Issues

2025/0805	Hyde Park, Hayes	Hillingdon	13/10/2025	Does not comply with the London Plan
2025/0795	980 Great West Road	Hounslow	13/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0846	Muller Dairies	Hounslow	30/10/2025	No Strategic Issues
2025/0847	B&Q, 2 Larch Drive	Hounslow	06/10/2025	No Strategic Issues
2025/0789	Lots Road South	Kensington and Chelsea	27/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0853	43-45, 39-41 Notting Hill Gate, 161-237 Kensington Church Street	Kensington and Chelsea	10/10/2025	No Strategic Issues
2025/0766	Sun Wharf	Lewisham	13/10/2025	No Stage 2 required
2025/0767	Sun Wharf	Lewisham	13/10/2025	No Stage 2 required
2025/0782	Achilles Street Estate	Lewisham	13/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0829	56-60 New Cross Road	Lewisham	20/10/2025	Does not comply with the London Plan
2025/0772	Mitcham Gasworks Site	Merton	29/09/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0837	1-12 Majestic Way	Merton	27/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan

2025/0765	302 - 312 High Street, Stratford	Newham	06/10/2025	Does not comply with the London Plan
2025/0842	Land South Of 1014B Dockside Road	Newham	27/10/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2025/0771	33 Cavendish Square	Westminster	29/09/2025	Does not fully comply with the London Plan

Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)

Letters have been issued for the following statutory Stage 2 referrals:

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision
2023/0644	Shakespeare Road	Barnet	29/09/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0521	403-405 Edgware Road	Brent	29/09/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0476	Hereford House and Exeter Court	Brent	29/09/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0442	College of North West London	Brent	20/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0455	Crescent House	Brent	20/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0562	99 Bishopsgate	City of London	20/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2025/0139	65 Stirling Road	Ealing	13/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0532	Alma Estate	Enfield	27/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2025/0152	Woodberry Down Phase 5-8 Masterplan	Hackney	06/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0311	4 Portal Way	Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation	13/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0269	Rich Industrial Estate	Southwark	27/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2023/0060	38-42 Southwark Bridge Road	Southwark	06/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve

2024/0281	100-136 Cavell Street, London, E1 2JA	Tower Hamlets	29/09/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0748	Clare House	Tower Hamlets	06/10/2025	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0314	80 & 85-86 Brunner Road	Waltham Forest	29/09/2025	Allow LPA to approve

Key engagements

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

- I joined an event hosted by the Young Presidents Organisation on 26 September
- I attended the Women's Rugby World Cup Final on 27 September
- I attended the Labour Party Conference 28-30 September
- I visited the testing of the new DLR trains on 1 October
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 2 October
- I held my regular planning meeting on 6 October
- I met with the Director General of the IOPC on 6 October
- I joined an international Mayor's event at Bloomberg HQ on 8 October
- I met with the Leader of Barnet Council on 8 October
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 9 October
- I announced new homelessness funding with the Minister for Local Government on 9 October
- I attended the BFI Mayor's Film Gala at part of the London Film Festival on 11 October
- I attended Diwali on the Square on 12 October
- I attended the UK Premier of Hamlet on 13 October
- I chaired the Transport for London Board on 15 October
- I met with the Attorney General on 16 October
- I joined the Minister for Policing to view Operation Zoridon on 16 October
- I met with the TUCLESE on 16 October
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 16 October
- I spoke at the City Hall Black History Month event on 16 October
- I visited a primary school in Battersea to discuss my air filters programme on 17 October
- I met with the Secretary of State for Housing on 17 October
- I attended the inaugural British Museum Ball on 18 October
- I met with representatives from Australian superfunds at the Guildhall on 20 October
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 21 October
- I met with the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative on 21 October
- I attended a Victim Listening Session with Transport for London on 21 October
- I officially launched the Inclusive Talent Strategy on 23 October
- I held my regular planning meeting on 27 October
- I met with the Japanese Ambassador to the UK on 27 October
- I officially announced a new partnership between the VRU and London United on 28 October
- I met with the Home Secretary on 28 October
- I joined Poppy Appeal volunteers for on 30 October or London Poppy Day
- I met with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on 30 October
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 30 October
- I attended the C40 Cities World Mayors Summit from 3 to 5 November