

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Len,

London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) – 20 November 2025 – Motions

Thank you for your letter about the motions agreed at Mayor's Question Time on 20 November 2025. My reply to motion 3.3 is set out below.

Motion 3.3 – Government's Manifesto Commitments

The Chancellor is absolutely right to focus on restoring growth to the economy, improving the cost of living, and repairing our public services in the wake of a disastrous Brexit deal and after 14 years of neglect by the previous government.

While there were difficult decisions for the Chancellor to make, this year's Budget has delivered some key changes that will improve the lives of the most vulnerable Londoners, including a commitment to extend the Docklands Light Railway to Thamesmead, which will help to create 10,000 new jobs and unlock 25,000 new homes; an agreement to give new powers to London to introduce an Overnight Visitor Levy, which will directly support the capital's economy and help cement our reputation as a global tourism and business destination; and scrapping the two-child benefit limit, which will lift 40,000 children out of poverty overnight.

I have always said that those with the broadest shoulders should bear the heaviest burdens when it comes to tax, and it is right that the Government does all it can to protect low-income earners from any increases in taxation.

Every child deserves the security and opportunity to thrive, and I continue to take bold action to support London families in need – from introducing Universal Free School Meals for every state primary child to providing activities during school holidays and helping families claim the financial support they are entitled to. But the scale of the challenge is far greater than City Hall can tackle alone, so the announcements made in the Budget are a significant step towards building a fairer,

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more equal society. I will continue to work with the Government to ensure that struggling Londoners are supported with the cost of living.

Yours sincerely,

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

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London