

20th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time – 26 March 2026

This is my twentieth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 13 February – 12 March 2026.

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

Executive Summary

Budget published with record-breaking £1.26bn investment from City Hall in policing and crime prevention

On 19 February 2026, I published my final Budget, which sets out the investments I plan to make to continue building a fairer, safer and greener London for everyone. The thread that runs throughout the Budget is my desire to provide a helping hand to Londoners to ensure everyone has the chance to reach their potential.

The Budget confirms my intention to invest a record-breaking £1.26bn from City Hall in policing and crime prevention measures in the next year, so that I can continue bearing down on crime and making London safer.

There has been significant progress in reducing key crimes across London and it's clear that our relentless focus on being both tough on crime and tough on the complex causes of crime is making a real difference – with the capital last year recording the lowest homicide rate per capita since records began, together with a reduction in personal robbery, theft from the person and vehicle crime.

But we can't be complacent as there's still much more to do. That's why I'll continue to use all the levers at my disposal to fund the police, tackle violence against women and girls, and provide positive opportunities for young Londoners - so that we can build on the significant progress we're making.

The Budget includes the new £2.4m package of support for victims and survivors of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) announced late last year, and an additional £50m to invest in further support for young Londoners, which will help to keep them away from gangs and crime and build on my strong track record of delivering opportunities for young Londoners. It will also see an additional £29m investment to continue tackling Violence against Women and Girls in London.

There is also a further £8m to invest in action to tackle rough sleeping in the capital, and a new £20m pot of funding is being allocated to take forward recommendations from the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Future of Work Taskforce, to embed AI skills in our workforce and equip Londoners with the tools they'll need to succeed in this changing environment.

Proposals submitted for transformative renovation of Crystal Palace National Sports Centre

On 11 March, I welcomed a key milestone in the once-in-a-generation redevelopment of Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, as a planning application was submitted for the transformative renovation of the historic sporting and community facility.

In the summer of 2023, I announced major plans for a redevelopment of the site to upgrade sporting facilities for the local community, including a major refurbishment of the 50m swimming and diving pools, and improvements to the indoor facilities, external pitches and athletics stadium.

Last year, I confirmed the appointment of Morgan Sindall Construction to deliver the design and build of the centre, who have now formally submitted a planning application to the London Borough of Bromley in order to bring the 15-hectare site up to a modern standard, while showcasing its heritage and historic features.

Sustainability is at the heart of the project, with the new design targeting a 97 per cent reduction in carbon emissions through sustainable construction choices, such as adding photovoltaic panels (PV) to the centre's roof and using air source heat pumps to provide heating and cooling. Key aspects of the proposed work include:

- A full refurbishment of the Grade II*-listed Crystal Palace National Sports Centre building.
- The creation of a six-court Padel centre, 3x3 basketball courts, five-a-side football pitches and a full-size artificial multi-sports pitch.
- The diving pool and 50m swimming pool will return in the aquatics hall – meaning that shallow water, 25m swimming, 50m swimming and diving will all be provided in one space and on one level for the first time.
- Improvements to the indoor sports zones to elevate elite performance by providing year-round use for clubs, athletes and the community.
- A new community space where sports, leisure, and play combines with a café, 200m running track, a 3x3 basketball court, and an outdoor gym.
- Renovations to the existing stands in the stadium, including completing the bowl with additional seating. This has been designed in collaboration with athletes to boost the atmosphere at live events.

As the next phase of work progresses, I will continue to work with partners to secure investment for the stadium works, ensuring the whole site can reach its full potential and continue to inspire Londoners for years to come.

New investment to tackle VAWG and keep victims and survivors safe

On 6 March, I was pleased to set out an additional £9million to deliver more support for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence. Supporting victims and survivors to rebuild their lives and protecting them from abuse is at the heart of my work to tackle violence against women and girls and keep Londoners safe.

Our work with women's refuges across the capital has highlighted how too often victims and survivors are forced to return to abusive situations because of debt and financial dependence. A new £3m specialised service I am funding will be used to help victims and survivors to improve their skills and remove barriers to employment so they can become financially independent of their abusers – breaking the cycle of coercive control, financial and physical abuse.

A new £6m round of my VAWG Grassroots Fund will also ensure survivors can access vital support including legal advice, counselling and other key services to help rebuild their lives.

I'm determined to continue building on the collective efforts to tackle violence against women and girls, as we work to build a safer London for everyone.

Loved and Wanted Community spaces launch

On 13 February, in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund, I announced the launch of a new network of 30 Loved and Wanted Community Spaces across London to combat social isolation and division.

The 30 community spaces will host a range of activities and offer support and advice to Londoners to make it easier for people of all backgrounds to become an active part of their community. This includes mentoring, weekly drop-in sessions, community meals and support with digital inclusion. Spaces will also run activities to support mental health and wellbeing, help with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and multilingual support, and SEND and disability support.

My Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, welcomed representatives of the 30 Loved and Wanted Community Spaces at the community launch of the network, along with Dame Julia Cleverdon, Chair of The National Lottery Community Fund. The launch was held at the Albany Theatre, who are one of the Loved and Wanted community spaces.

London Growth Plan

On 27 February, I marked one year since the launch of my London Growth Plan, delivered in partnership with London Councils and London & Partners.

Over the past 12 months, we have brought together boroughs, businesses, universities and trade unions behind a shared Growth Mission to drive inclusive economic growth across the capital. This includes a £147.2m investment to reform London's skills system through the Inclusive Talent Strategy, supporting more than 37,000 entrepreneurs through Grow London Local, a £12.4m fund to boost London's high streets, and strengthening London's leadership in frontier sectors such as AI, life sciences and Quantum technology.

This first year demonstrates what we can achieve when London works in partnership to deliver growth that benefits every community, building a fairer, more prosperous London for everyone.

TfL reminds customers of March changes to Tube and rail fares, while bus and tram fares frozen until July 2026

TfL reminded customers of changes to Tube and rail fares within London that came in from 1 March 2026, while all bus and tram fares will remain frozen until July 2026.

As previously announced, the Government's £2.2bn multi-year funding deal for TfL – agreed in the Spending Review in July 2025 – contained an expectation that TfL fares would rise by inflation plus one per cent (RPI+1). However, as an emergency cost-of-living measure, I have decided to use City Hall budgets to help Londoners by freezing bus and tram fares until 5 July 2026. This meant that only fares on Tube and TfL rail services increased.

Londoners will continue to be able to make unlimited journeys within one hour on London's buses and trams for just £1.75, using my Hopper Fare. Had bus fares increased in line with inflation since 2016, they would be £2.35 today, but due to previous fare freezes which have occurred over the last 10 years, customers still continue to pay 60p less than they otherwise would have if I hadn't intervened.

In addition, the price of Travelcards will be frozen until March 2027, so weekly and daily caps will also not change. This means that those who regularly travel using pay as you go will now hit the caps sooner and therefore not see the cost of their travel increase significantly throughout the year. As part of the fare changes, no single pay as you go Tube fare within Zones 1-6 have increased by more than 20p, with many rising by just 10p.

I remain committed to keeping TfL fares as affordable as possible because I know how the cost-of-living crisis is still hitting many Londoners hard. The record number of TfL fares freezes I've put in place since 2016 mean that Londoners are continuing to save on travel, and I'll continue to do all I can to support Londoners.

Ground-breaking MOPAC research into Stop and Search

Stop and Search is a vital policing tool. Done well, it stops those intent on causing harm and fear in our communities. It takes dangerous weapons and drugs off our streets and ultimately saves lives. But when done badly and unfairly, it harms community confidence and trust and damages the partnership and community relationships that are so important to policing by consent and keeping Londoners safe.

On 10 March, I was proud to publish a major new piece of research by MOPAC and King's College London – the largest of its kind ever conducted and carried out in partnership with community representatives – which uses cutting-edge machine learning and data science techniques to reveal new insights about the quality and proportionality of stop and search in London.

The research found that there was disproportionality in the rate at which Black Londoners were stopped and searched – and that the grounds used to justify stops and searches of Black Londoners were vaguer than those used for White Londoners. It also identified 24 wards in London where the level of disproportionality was most acute, where a Black Londoner could be up to 48 times more likely to be stopped and searched than a White Londoner.

That's why, along with the other steps to support and hold the Met to account, I am introducing a mandatory annual report of how Stop and Search is being used in London. The use of Stop and Search must be more transparent and accountable to deliver a safer and fairer London for all.

Launch of First Circular Construction Hub

On 2 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the launch of the UK's first Circular Construction Hub in the Royal Docks, which will ensure construction waste is recycled and re-used instead of going to landfill.

The new hub is set to become the largest in Europe and will support my ambition for the capital to be a zero-carbon city by 2030. It is the first phase of a wider Circular Economy Village that will be unlocked over the coming years in the London Borough of Newham.

A circular economy is a system where materials never become waste and nature is regenerated. The Hub will see products and materials kept in circulation through refurbishment and recycling - a vital step in helping to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

The new hub in the Royal Docks is being delivered in collaboration with charity Tipping Point East and Newham Council and will position London as a global leader in low carbon construction and drive green jobs across East London.

Hosted on GLA land, the hub will also support the sustainable delivery of thousands of new homes in the Royal Docks by promoting innovative construction techniques that accelerate the transition to low carbon construction. It is my ambition to build more than 36,000 new homes and create 55,000 new jobs across this historic part of East London, through the Royal Docks Enterprise Zone partnership with Newham Council.

By enabling large scale material reuse and capturing resources from construction and demolition that typically go to waste - the hub will help significantly reduce the embodied carbon in new developments and is estimated to divert at least 950 tonnes of materials from landfill over 5 years.

Oxford Street Pedestrianisation gets the green light

The results from the TfL consultation on traffic and highway changes to enable pedestrianisation of the first phase of Oxford Street were announced on 26 February. There were more than 2,700 responses.

This consultation focused on the proposed transport and highway changes to enable the pedestrianisation of the section of Oxford Street between Orchard Street and Great Portland Street, known as 'Oxford Street West'.

Following this, I published a Mayoral decision which confirmed that proposals to proceed with pedestrianisation of Oxford Street between Orchard Street and Great Portland Street would go ahead.

On 4 March, I announced my ambition for the changes to be delivered as quickly as possible and have instructed TfL to work at pace to implement the scheme, with the aim to pedestrianise the first section by the end of summer.

I also announced some more details about the public realm designs, including the principles that will drive our design choices.:

- Creating a bold, unifying vision for the whole street that builds on and enhances its unique character, identity, and cultural heritage, transforming it into a place that Londoners and visitors alike can enjoy and explore.
- Championing inclusive design, ensuring Oxford Street is welcoming to all through improved amenities, increased seating, and better wayfinding for visitors.
- Futureproofing the public realm and prioritising sustainability through climate resilient design, including the addition of more trees and planting, and the prioritisation of low carbon materials.
- Prioritising public safety, including the safety of women and girls, ensuring these groups actively inform the design and going beyond lighting improvements.

Revitalising Oxford Street will help to super-charge regeneration and boost growth, jobs, and economic activity. I can't wait to start delivering these bold plans to unlock the full potential of the nation's high street.

Policing, Crime and Security

Cracking down on mobile phone theft

On 17 February, I was pleased to announce an additional £4.5m to support the Metropolitan Police Service tackle mobile phone theft and smash phone gangs – with plans to set up a new Police Command Cell focussed on taking out gang bosses, as well as robbers and snatchers.

This funding will be invested in more zero-tolerance enforcement blitzes, and new technology like drones and Sur-Ron bikes, which are turbo-charging the Met's effort to bear down and be tough on mobile phone crime and make London's streets safer.

On 11 March, I was pleased to join the Met Commissioner to address an international phone theft summit convened by the Met, bringing together law enforcement and tech firms to share best practice and drive forward efforts to further clamp down on these crimes.

We've made real progress reducing high volume crime, but I recognise the personal impact of mobile phone theft and how awful it is when someone's photographs, contacts, messages and personal information is stolen. Far too many Londoners have been the victim of phone theft, and I'm determined to help stamp it out.

Transport

TfL introduced regulations for pedicabs in London for the first time

On 18 February, TfL introduced new regulations for pedicabs that will be enforced in stages over the coming year.

While pedicabs can provide a unique and green way to see the capital, they have an impact on the safety of the road network and have been unregulated until now. The Pedicabs (London) Act 2024 does not ban pedicabs, but gives TfL the power to regulate them, to professionalise and improve

the industry. Regulating pedicabs will make them safer – ensuring that they are driven, maintained and operated in a professional manner.

Since the Act came into force, TfL has been working at pace alongside Londoners, business groups and industry representatives, to create a robust set of regulations that are tailored to the unique nature of pedicabs and the market they operate in.

Following two consultations, TfL has introduced regulations that specify a number of important minimum standards that pedicab drivers, vehicles and operators must meet to ensure safety, including:

- For drivers - an enhanced DBS check, a full driving licence or valid theory test certificate, meeting English language requirements, passing an assessment of their safety, equality and regulatory understanding and meeting minimum medical standards
- For vehicles - standards include being road legal, displaying a valid pedicab licence identifier and having regular safety checks, as well as a ban on external audio from the pedicab
- For operators - a requirement for a London premises with fire risk assessments, record keeping and a basic DBS check for staff

TfL will also be enforcing maximum journey fares for the first time to ensure that customers are not being charged well-documented rip-off fares. Fares have been set to ensure that pedicabs can still offer an income that exceeds the London Living Wage and will be kept under review as the industry evolves.

Drivers are now able to apply for licences. The pedicab driver licensing fee is £114 and the pedicab vehicle licensing fee £100, both for a one-year licence. There will be a transition period to allow pedicab drivers and operators to obtain licences which will be mandatory for drivers and operators from 30 October 2026, and for vehicles from February 2027. Regulated maximum fares will come into force from 30 October 2026, alongside driver and operator licences.

After years of campaigning, I'm pleased that TfL now have the powers to regulate pedicabs to ensure they meet proper operational standards. This will play an important role in supporting our vital night-time economy and enabling more people to enjoy all that our great city has to offer.

New DLR trains returning to customer service by late summer

DLR customers will benefit from the return of the network's new trains, with a phased reintroduction expected by late summer. This follows significant progress by engineering teams in carrying out detailed investigations, testing, and assurance to ensure the fleet is ready to enter to service safely and reliably. Further detail of the reintroduction will be provided in spring.

In late 2025, a train stopped past its intended stopping point - the only time this occurred after the new trains were introduced - but safety is TfL's number one priority, so all three new trains were withdrawn as a precautionary measure. TfL has since been working closely with CAF, the manufacturer, to identify the root cause and safely and reliably reintroduce the new trains.

To support the safe return of the trains, engineers are introducing a focused package of improvements - including braking software upgrades to improve performance in the type of specific

low rail adhesion conditions experienced during the incident. These are currently being tested on the manufacturer's test track before further testing on the DLR network. Some network closures will be needed to facilitate this testing, so it is recommended customer check before they travel by using the TfL Go app or Journey Planner on the TfL website.

Once fully rolled out, the new fleet will replace the oldest trains on the DLR and boost overall capacity by more than 50 per cent. Customers will benefit from modern walkthrough carriages, air-conditioning, improved accessibility, real time travel information and enhanced safety features, all designed to make journeys more comfortable, easier and more reliable.

New timeline for transformative Piccadilly line trains announced

TfL has announced that the transformative new Piccadilly line trains are forecast to start entering service between December 2026 and June 2027. When the new trains begin operating, they will fundamentally change the experience of travelling on the Piccadilly line, currently served by trains from the early 1970s.

The new trains will feature walk-through carriages, wider double doorways for easier boarding, real-time digital displays and on-board CCTV for added security. Each pioneering new train provides 10 per cent more capacity - despite being lighter than existing designs, which means they are more energy efficient and provide a smoother ride for customers, consuming 20 per cent less energy. They will also feature air conditioning for the first time on the deep Tube network thanks to an innovative, articulated design. The increase in fleet size will allow frequency to increase from 24 to 27 trains per hour, and the programme overall will mean a 23 per cent increase in peak capacity in central London compared to current service.

The first trains were previously expected to enter customer service on the Tube network in the second half of 2026, but this timeframe has been adjusted following detailed analysis of the programme so far, as well as the risks and challenges still to come.

This revised window reflects the complexity of introducing brand-new, state-of-the-art trains onto a legacy rail line with very old infrastructure that has needed investment for a long time. While TfL has been methodically working through infrastructure and system challenges, and the project is on a good course, the wider delivery window reflects the remaining work which includes assessing whether any final changes to systems and software are needed.

TfL will continue to work closely with Siemens Mobility, the supplier of the new trains, and the rest of their supply chain partners to finish this work as quickly as they can so that Londoners can experience the benefits as soon as possible.

TfL publishes new data showing strong growth in trips and continued success of London's e-scooter trial

TfL has published new data with current operators Lime and Voi which highlights the continued success of London's e-scooter rental trial - with strong growth in usage, high safety performance, and evidence that rental e-scooters can be effectively integrated into the capital's transport network.

The trial has expanded significantly over the last four years, with rental e-scooters now available across more than 1,600 parking bays in the 11 participating boroughs. The latest data covers the period from September 2024 to September 2025 and shows:

- A 54 per cent increase in total trips compared to the previous year, rising from 1.3 million to more than 2 million
- 95 per cent of trips end in designated parking bays, demonstrating high compliance, and that rental e-scooters can be effectively managed to minimise street clutter
- 20 per cent of parking bays located in areas with fewer public transport access options, supporting first and last mile connectivity
- 0.0007 per cent of trips result in a serious injury, with zero fatalities recorded
- A 50 per cent increase in utilisation, with average usage increasing from 1.0 to 1.5 trips per vehicle per day – increasing to 2 during the summer
- 3,000 people signed up to operators' access schemes, demonstrating uptake among disabled people and those on lower incomes

These findings highlight how safety has always been at the forefront of the trial, supporting my Vision Zero target to eliminate all deaths and serious injuries on London's roads by 2041. All rental vehicles in London need to meet high safety standards, which go beyond national standards, including a speed limit of 12.5mph. Operators have delivered more than 200 safety awareness events since the trial began.

The data clearly shows that the rental e-scooter trial has helped to boost sustainable travel in our city – but crucially it also shows strong rider safety and parking compliance, which I know can pose challenges and we are working hard to address. I look forward to driving further progress in the next phase of this exciting trial.

Major funding deal puts London Overground 'missing link' on track for next phase

TfL, four west London boroughs, and the Old Oak & Park Royal Development Corporation, will collectively contribute up to £6.65 million to drive forward the next stage of a new rail scheme set to transform travel for those living and working in west and north west London.

The route, sometimes known as the West London Orbital, would create a new passenger link on under-used freight lines so that Londoners can better connect with town centres, employment hubs and existing and future transport links to London Underground, London Overground, Elizabeth line, National Rail and HS2 interchanges. It would run up to six trains an hour, connecting key growth hubs and town centres including Brent Cross, Neasden, Harlesden, Old Oak Common, Acton, Brentford and Hounslow.

The proposed route includes new stations in some locations, while in others it would serve existing stations with appropriate alterations. A public consultation later this year will include details of four new stations at Old Oak Common Lane, Neasden, Harlesden, and Lionel Road.

This innovative new transport link would support more than 25,000 new homes and 11,500 new jobs, delivering approximately £300 million in the first 10 years of operation. It would connect major regeneration zones, including the Great West Road, Neasden and Brent Cross, as well as improving links to major employment centres across west London. It would also strengthen access to the future Old Oak Common superhub, including HS2 and the Elizabeth line, meaning faster

journeys to Heathrow from north London. The boost in public transport connections would help encourage 650,000 fewer car trips per year.

This funding will fast-track design and modelling for public consultation in summer 2026, leading to a decision in late 2027 on whether to seek statutory powers through a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) – a major step towards delivery.

TfL selects SSE Energy Solutions to deliver solar power directly to help run the Tube

The sun will soon be powering significant parts of London's Underground network after TfL appointed SSE Energy Solutions as its delivery partner to build purpose-built solar installations to connect to the Tube network. The move, which followed a competitive procurement process, means that TfL will receive zero-carbon electricity straight from the solar installations themselves - bypassing the National Grid. As London's largest single electricity consumer, TfL is at the forefront of the green transition – with this one of the first private wire schemes for an urban transport network and part of TfL's ambition to use 100 per cent renewably sourced electricity across TfL's operations by 2030.

Now that SSE Energy Solutions has been selected as TfL's delivery partner, it will work with TfL to identify suitable locations to build the new solar installations. These will likely be required to be close to the TfL network to enable the direct connection and could incorporate a mixture of solar opportunities, including both ground mounted solar installations or rooftop panels.

Once constructed, they could deliver up to 65,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of renewable electricity to the network, which is the equivalent of around two-thirds of the estimated annual consumption of the Victoria line, or the electricity consumed each year by around 25,000 homes. There is the potential to save more than 27,000 tonnes of carbon in total over 25 years – the equivalent of almost 32,900 flights between London and New York City - while also stimulating the market for green jobs.

The collaboration guarantees generated renewable power to TfL at a fixed price, protecting TfL against market volatility, while also contributing to the country's security of supply as it is locally generated. In the longer term, this private wire scheme could potentially generate additional financial savings through bypassing some of the costs associated with delivery of power through the National Grid.

TfL marks 10th anniversary of The Sarah Hope Line and its support for people affected by serious incidents on London's transport network

TfL has marked the 10th anniversary of The Sarah Hope Line, the flagship customer incident support service that offers compassionate, practical support to anyone affected by a fatal, life-changing, or traumatic incident on TfL's transport network.

Alongside TfL's steadfast and ongoing commitment to improving safety, I have always believed it is vital that support is available to victims and their loved ones if safety incidents occur. The Sarah Hope Line was set up in 2016 by TfL, in partnership with Sarah Hope MBE, after she tragically lost her mother and sustained lifechanging injuries alongside her daughter in a devastating collision with a bus in 2007. Over the last 10 years, the Sarah Hope Line has provided vital, tailored support to more than 600 individuals and families.

To mark the milestone anniversary, TfL, Sarah Hope MBE and I hosted a commemorative event on 16 February. The event brought together those who have been supported by The Sarah Hope Line with those who have shaped and championed the service over the past decade, including Sarah Hope, who joined attendees in reflecting on the profound impact the Sarah Hope Line has had across the capital, and the difference it will continue to make in the years ahead.

The Sarah Hope Line has provided vital support to Londoners affected by serious incidents on our transport network over the past decade, and I want to thank Sarah for her strong campaigning which helped make this service a reality.

TfL helps Londoners discover public art with new updated Art Map and in-station talks

TfL has launched a new edition of its Art Map, showcasing the rich and diverse Art on the Underground commissions that have joined existing artworks on the TfL network over the last 10 years.

Since its conception in 2000, Art on the Underground has commissioned site-specific works on the TfL network that examine themes of community, space and place, bringing unexpected interactions and new perspectives to the millions who travel on London's transport network each year.

A new leaflet that launched on 2 March updates Art on the Underground's 2016 Art Map. It is a comprehensive guide to 26 permanent artworks on the London Underground, highlighting six major permanent commissions that have launched over the last decade, by artists including Alexandre da Cunha, Chantal Joffe and Lucy McKenzie. The Art Map provides images and texts for each work featured, including details of where to find each artwork. The Art Map is free and available in all Zone 1 London Underground stations, as well as in stations with Art on the Underground commissions outside of Zone 1, including Brixton, Seven Sisters and Sudbury Town.

Environment

Go-Ahead's 1000th Zero Emission bus

On 19 February, my Deputy Mayor for Transport, Seb Dance, and my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Go-Ahead's Camberwell Bus Garage to celebrate the operator's 1,000th zero-emission bus entering service. They met senior leaders to discuss progress on electrifying London's bus fleet and toured the garage's charging infrastructure, before taking a short journey on the new vehicle. The visit concluded at Go-Ahead's engineering academy, which is training the next generation of green-skilled apprentices as part of London's wider transition to a cleaner, fully zero-emission bus network.

Ella Roberta Foundation

On 17 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, met with Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah to update her on my air quality programme and discuss how she and the Ella Roberta Foundation can continue to be involved. They met at Canvas and Cream café, where Rosamund had curated an art exhibition titled "Air That I Breathe". They discussed TfL's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy, efforts to reduce air pollution from commercial cooking, the rollout of my School Filters Programme, and other key initiatives. They also reviewed actions that arose

from the Clean Air and Health Summit that I held in November 2025, and in which Rosamund played an instrumental part.

Learning and Development Day

On 18 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a keynote address to a group of young people from the London Partnership Youth Board, Peer Outreach Workers, and YPAG. During his keynote speech, Mete spoke about the importance of youth representation, particularly in the environmental sector.

Kingston Hospital visit

On 19 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Kingston Hospital (part of the Kingston and Richmond NHS Foundation Trust) to witness first-hand how my Zero Carbon Accelerator (ZCA) is providing technical support to Kingston & Richmond NHS Foundation Trust on the delivery of two major decarbonisation projects, including solar PV and heat pump installations. The Zero Carbon Accelerator provides free technical support to public sector organisations in London like NHS Trusts to decarbonise their buildings. The visit included meeting with Trust staff who are delivering these decarbonisation projects. The staff shared further information on the projects and how ZCA has helped them.

Warmer Homes London

On 23 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Henderson Court, a sheltered housing complex in Camden providing 72 homes for older residents, alongside representatives from Warmer Homes London and the London Borough of Camden. The visit highlighted Camden Council's significant recent investment in sustainable energy infrastructure designed to support vulnerable residents. The project also showcases how borough-led innovation is helping to tackle fuel poverty, while contributing to London's wider decarbonisation goals, with both host organisations keen to demonstrate how similar schemes could be scaled across the capital.

Planting Future Urban Landscapes

On 24 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke at *Planting Future Urban Landscapes* at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The event brought together national and London partners to discuss how urban forests can be strengthened to withstand future climate pressures. Mete highlighted London's leadership in compiling and sharing data on the future climate resilience of London's public realm trees. He emphasised the importance of fairness in adaptation, noting that communities facing the greatest climate risks often have the least tree cover. He also spoke about the vital role of community stewardship and young people in helping trees survive in a changing climate and encouraged partnership working to build a resilient urban forest for future generations.

Pure Data Centre

On 26 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Pure Data Centre for a tour of their data centre campus in Brent Cross. As part of this visit, Mete also visited St Robert Southwell RC primary school and an urban forest site in Brent Park. During his visit to the

primary school, he met with the school's Eco Council, who asked him questions about biodiversity efforts across London and showed him their living wall, which was installed by Pure Date Centre to support the pupils' environmental education.

Greener Schools, Hunters Hall Primary School

On 27 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, visited Hunters Hall Primary School in Barking and Dagenham. He was joined by AM Unmesh Desai, Nesil Caliskan MP, and Barking & Dagenham Cabinet Members, Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe, and Cllr Kashif Haroon. The school had received capital funding from the Greener Schools Pilot for new solar panels which were installed last summer. Mete met with Headteacher Michael Kaitell, spoke at the school's morning assembly and met with Kindness Ambassador pupils.

West London Regional Park partnership launch event

On 2 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave a keynote speech at the launch of the West London Regional Park partnership at Osterley House in Hounslow. The partnership includes Ealing and Hounslow councils, the National Trust, the Canal and River Trust and the Environment Agency. At the event, Mete also announced support for the project with Mayoral investment of £1,459,696 over two years. He also discussed the publication of the London Green Infrastructure Framework.

Economist's Sustainability Week

On 4 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the Economist Sustainability Week event and joined Vijay Vaitheeswaran and Andrew Savage on a panel talking about 'Changing gears on urban design'. Mete talked about his unwavering commitment to Net Zero 2030 and the importance of work with multiple stakeholders across multiple sectors to achieve this. That includes on urban design and place-making ensuring that high environmental design and specification supporting a just and fair energy transition helps drives the type and nature of the regeneration and development needed in London.

Concrete Plans for a Warmer World

On 4 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, participated in a panel – *Concrete plans for a warming world: Building resilient cities* – at the Economist Sustainability Week. As part of this panel, Mete discussed the importance of building climate resilient cities and highlighted the work we are doing across London to create a city that is responding to rising temperatures and extreme heat.

Business LDN Forum

On 5 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, attended the second of our Sustainability Forums with Business LDN. The event focussed on how Business London members are setting climate targets, delivering climate action and then reporting against their climate and emission reduction targets.

UK Electrifying Growth Conference

On 10 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a keynote speech at Energy UK's Electrifying Growth Conference in London. This speech focussed on how I am supporting electrification through my projects and programmes to support my net zero ambition and help Londoners reduce their energy bills.

Growth and Skills

Economy, Culture and Skills Committee: focus on the Inclusive Talent Strategy and the Backing our Business section of the London Growth Plan

On 3 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, attended the Economy, Culture and Skills Committee meeting to explore the first two themes of the London Growth Plan; the Inclusive Talent Strategy and Backing our Businesses. This meeting evaluated progress made against the one-year actions outlined in these sections of the Strategy, including how they align with my Mayoral Mandates and the Delivery Plans underpinning them. They also discussed the priority actions being delivered to achieve the Growth Plan's four overall ambitions and how the Growth Plan addresses London's challenges one year on.

Adult Skills Fund Mayoral Board meeting

On 11 March, I attended the Adult Skills Fund (ASF) Mayoral Board to consider several areas of ASF activity. The meeting included endorsement of final allocations to ASF grant-funded providers for the 2026-27 financial year. ASF Financial Management for the 2026-27 financial and academic years was also covered, and this included proposals for several areas of activity designed to support delivery against the Supporting Londoners to Benefit from Growth delivery plan and aligned to the ambitions of my Inclusive Talent Strategy. The Board also considered proposals to strengthen and simplify the ASF funding and performance management rules to ensure that the fund works harder for Londoners through closer alignment to London's growth needs.

Visits to Connect to Work and Get Britain Working Trailblazer sites

On 25 February, My Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, visited the London Borough of Redbridge to discuss the borough's economic growth priorities and alignment with the London Growth Strategy. This also included a visit to 'Work Redbridge' where the Connect to Work and Get Britain Working Trailblazer programmes are delivered in partnership with Local London, one of London four sub-regional partnerships. Howard met with the Council Leader, Chief Executive and senior officers from the London Borough of Redbridge, as well as local business leaders and residents supported through these programmes.

On 4 March, Howard also visited delivery of the Local London Trailblazer programme in Enfield. He met with representatives of the Visionnaires - a social enterprise within Capital City College, who have created a business programme to help people turn their ideas into successful businesses, side hustles, or self-employment opportunities and he handed out certificates to participants. He was also able to hear about the wider work at Capital City College, the Local London Trailblazer and the Grow London Local work in Enfield, a London and Partners initiative.

Housing

Bollo Lane Construction Milestone Announced for 900-Home Scheme, Europe's Largest Passivhaus Development

A major 900-home development delivering 50% affordable housing has broken ground at Bollo Lane in Ealing, marking one of the most significant affordable and sustainable housing schemes currently moving into construction.

The Secretary of State for Housing, Steve Reed, and my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, joined partners to mark the start of construction on the brownfield site, which will provide 450 affordable homes, alongside new green spaces, shops and offices, to create an outstanding new community in west London.

Bollo Lane will be delivered in two phases. Phase 1, in partnership with Grainger, will provide high-quality homes for private and intermediate rent. Phase 2, delivered with Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing, will include social rent, intermediate and private homes. The development is set to complete in December 2029.

Delivered by the West London Partnership - a joint venture between Places for London (TfL's property company) and Barratt London - the scheme will transform underutilised land next to Acton Town station into a new mixed-use neighbourhood, helping to address London's acute housing need while improving connectivity between Acton and Chiswick. The affordable homes will comprise 50% London Living Rent in Phase 1, with 67% social rent and 33% shared ownership in Phase 2.

The development forms part of the West London Partnership's wider ambition to unlock more than 4,000 homes across eight London boroughs, alongside 285,000 sq. ft. of commercial space and the creation of approximately 9,600 jobs. It follows the success of Blackhorse View which delivered 350 award winning homes, with 50% affordable housing, and a new community.

Places for London is committed to creating and curating a legacy that reflects London's diversity, ambition and spirit. Starting at Bollo Lane, the partnership between Places for London and Barratt London will bring forward the largest Passivhaus programme in Europe. From Phase 2 onwards, homes will be built to Lo-E standard - exceeding Passivhaus energy efficiency to ensure a 60% reduction in heating costs and a 90% reduction in carbon emissions for future residents.

LSAHP bidding launch

I am pleased to announce that the London Social and Affordable Homes 2026-36 (LSAHP) bidding window has opened for bidding and will remain open until Wednesday 15 April 2026. LSAHP makes available up to £11.7bn of grant funding and will support tens of thousands of new social and affordable homes to start on site in London over the next ten years.

My Area Teams are keen to work with organisations to maximise the potential of the largest and longest affordable housing programme in the GLA's history, and we're looking for partners to submit bids that are both ambitious and competitive through this initial bidding window. As set out in my funding guidance, our expectation is that long-term, indicative funding allocations will only

be available during this initial bidding window. Partners will be able to bid for funding for site-specific projects as well.

I want to work especially closely with those providers who demonstrate, in this initial bidding window, a clear commitment to maximising the delivery of social and affordable homes through LSAHP. The GLA will therefore enter into a limited number of strategic partnerships with providers whose bids reflect a clear commitment to maximising social and affordable housing over the next ten years.

London Housing Mission Board

On 25 February, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, co-chaired the third London Housing Mission Board meeting alongside Cllr Grace Williams, London Council's executive member for housing and regeneration, and the leader of Waltham Forest.

The London Housing Mission Board's main objective is to meet London's housing need by rapidly accelerating the delivery of new homes. On the Board sit representatives from the London's housing sector, London boroughs, developers, housing associations, trade unions, government representatives, and the chair of the London Housing Panel.

The meeting discussed how to ensure that it can effectively monitor London's housing supply, as well as the impact of measures recently announced by the GLA and central government. The board was also updated on the establishment of the New Homes Accelerator London team within the GLA, and on the work carried out by the Delivery Group to create a toolkit to support schemes achieve completion by the Summer of 2029.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

Business engagement and support

During this period, Howard Dawber, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, continued to engage with business and bang the drum for London both domestically and internationally.

- On 21 February, he attended and spoke at the Chinese New Year celebrations in Camden Market. After the tour of the market, he met with LabTech CEO Eylon Garfunkel and Abdul Hai OBE, Director of Community Relations and Public Affairs, to discuss their future projects and developments.
- On 24 February, he met with representatives of London's life sciences clusters to discuss the development and global promotion of London's life science districts and clusters ahead of MIPIM.
- On 24 February, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons, he attended the third Growth Mission Board meeting, to discuss upcoming Growth Plan priorities and actions, ahead of the one-year anniversary of the launch of the London Growth Plan.
- On 26 February, Howard chaired a meeting of the London Business Forum to discuss the London Economy and the one-year anniversary of the London Growth Plan, business rate support package, and crime and safety.

- On 3 March, he spoke at the Opportunity London pre-MIPIM Reception, joining industry leaders and representatives of Team London to outline why London is the leading global destination for capital investment.
- On 3 March, he attended the Assembly Economy, Culture and Skills Committee to answer questions on the London Growth Plan, one year after its publication.
- On 4 March, he met with Ros Morgan, CEO, Heart of London Business Alliance (HOLBA) to discuss Business Rates concerns and HOLBA's Hybrid Business Rate proposal.
- On 5 March, he attended CBI London's Council meeting and talked about my priorities, including the first-year anniversary of the London Growth Plan.
- On 5 March, he visited Wayve Headquarter with my Deputy Mayor for Transport, Seb Dance, and met with Alex Kendall, co-founder to discuss Wayve's plans to launch their autonomous vehicles technology in London.
- On 5 March, he attended the London Assembly Plenary, to answer questions on the London Growth Plan.
- On 6 March, he visited Forest Bikes, a London-based dockless e-bike sharing company.
- From 9 – 12 March, alongside my Deputy Mayors Jules Pipe and Tom Copley, he attended MIPIM (Le Marché International de Professionnels de l'Immobilier) in France, alongside leaders from Opportunity London, the City of London Corporation, BusinessLDN and London's Boroughs, to support investment into London. This included nine speaking engagements, notably the launch of the Opportunity London Investment Showcase – London's live investment pipeline of ten places and five projects; a roundtable for Japanese investors; an event on Oxford Street MDC and Euston; a panel discussion on London's Life Science spaces; the London Borough of Hounslow's launch of their Golden Mile London Vision; and the launch of NLA's new Connected Capital Report.

Civil Society and Sport

Team London Volunteering Celebration Event

On 19 February, I hosted the annual Team London Volunteering Celebration Event which welcomed over 100 Team London Ambassadors to City Hall. The event was to thank them for their dedication to supporting key citywide events across 2025.

In 2025, nearly 700 Londoners volunteered their time to take support in community and cultural celebrations, as well as London's major sporting events. The evening was an opportunity to show my thanks for their support and highlight the positive impact of offering Londoners volunteering opportunities.

Holiday Hope

From 6 February - 27 February, 13 of my Team London Ambassadors supported City Shapers activations over February half term, which is a part of my Holiday Hope programme. City Shapers is a youth civic action programme to support young Londoners to use their voices to make a real difference in their communities. My ambassadors supported community organisations and schools to deliver youth social action workshops and holiday provision over the holiday period.

On 4 March, 26 of my Team London Ambassadors delivered mock interviews as part of the Access Aspiration Programme, led by the Mayor's Fund for London (MFL) as part of my wider Holiday

Hope programme. These mock interviews delivered by my Ambassadors introduced young people to professional conversations and gave them experience discussing their career aspirations.

Removing Barriers to Diverse Trusteeship – City Hall Roundtable

On 9 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities & Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, convened and opened a City Hall roundtable on Removing Barriers to Diverse Trusteeship, bringing together sector leaders, regulators and lived-experience contributors to widen access to charity governance across London.

Central to the discussion were the voices of young and under-represented trustees. Contributors from the Young Trustees Movement and the London School of Economics Students' Union spoke powerfully about cultural and structural obstacles, from exclusive board norms to unclear expectations and closed recruitment routes. The Charity Commission was present to reflect on how guidance and board practice can better support inclusive governance. Their insights underscored why trusteeship must feel genuinely open, welcoming and designed for people with diverse experiences.

Culture

London Fashion Week

I was delighted to attend events at London Fashion Week alongside my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE.

On 19 February I attended the show of Tolu Coker, a British-Nigerian, West-London born designer whose rise through NEWGEN (funded by City Hall) has propelled her to international recognition and established her as one of London's leading voices in socially engaged, culturally rooted fashion.

I also attended Burberry's show on 23 February, and Justine also attended the shows of the London College of Fashion students MA26, Harris Reed, Patrick McDowell, Bora Aksu, Edeline Lee, and Erdem.

I have consistently supported the British Fashion Council throughout my Mayoralty, including investment in London Fashion Week and NEWGEN, a programme that nurtures and funds emerging fashion design talent, many of whom have delivered shows at London Fashion Week.

Tate Modern, 'Tracey Emin: A Second Life'

On 25 February, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, I attended the opening night of 'Tracey Emin: A Second Life', a new exhibition at Tate Modern. The visit included a guided tour of the exhibition from Tate Director Maria Balshaw and exhibition curators.

I also gave a speech thanking Dame Tracey Emin for her contribution to contemporary art in Britain, acknowledging outgoing Director Maria Balshaw's leadership of Tate over the past nine years, and to celebrate London as the art capital of the world.

Communities and Social Policy

Ramadan Lights

On 13 February, I was honoured to officially switch on the Ramadan Lights along Coventry Street, lighting up the West End with more than 30,000 LED bulbs to kick off the city's Ramadan celebrations. I called on Londoners to celebrate unity, community and belonging across our city, and to show the best of London, the best of Britain, and the best of Islam.

Outernet 2026 Lunar New Year visual activation launch

On 17 February, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard attended the launch of the 2026 Lunar New Year visual activation at Outernet. She was joined by representatives from East and Southeast Asian community groups for a photocall and a conversation.

Lunar New Year celebrations in Trafalgar Square

On 22 February, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, joined Londoners for Lunar New Year celebrations in Trafalgar Square.

She was joined on stage by the Chinese Ambassador to the UK, Zheng Zeguang, and the Chair of the London Chinatown Chinese Association (LCCA), Chu Ting Tang OBE, and other guests. In her speech, Debbie thanked Londoners from South and South East Asian communities for their vast contribution to the capital.

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral inter-faith service

On 24 February, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral to attend an inter-faith service marking the 4th anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This service showed that Londoners continue to stand with Ukraine four years on from Russia's illegal invasion.

Boroughs of Sanctuary Islington visit

On 26 February, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited Islington as part of a series of visits to accredited Boroughs of Sanctuary across London. This forms part of a programme of engagements to demonstrate and strengthen social cohesion in London, to show that London is a city where everyone feels loved and wanted, valued and safe. The focus of this visit was on the Borough's work, alongside local organisations in championing the lived experience of migrants and sanctuary seekers.

Boroughs of Sanctuary Lewisham visit

On 3 March, My Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited Lewisham as part of a series of visits to accredited Boroughs of Sanctuary across London. The focus of this visit was on the Borough's strategy in working with local organisations in delivering essential services for sanctuary seekers.

GLA Staff Iftar

On 4 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended the 4th annual GLA Staff Iftar event at City Hall, organised by the GLA Muslim Staff Network. The event brought together staff from diverse backgrounds to share food and reflect together on the meaning and purpose of Ramadan. Debbie delivered a keynote speech highlighting the importance of interfaith connection, dialogue and diversity in our city.

Holi visual display

On 4 March, through my partnership with Outernet London, a visual display was delivered to mark Holi, the Festival of Colours. This is an important festival celebrated by Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities in London and across the world.

Muslim Women's Connect women-only iftar

On 5 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended Muslim Women's Connect first ever community women-only iftar. Muslim Women Connect are a UK-wide organisation that supports Muslim women within the workplace. She was joined by the Director of the Digital Sisterhood, Noura Shiekh, and Noreen Niazi, co-founder of Muslim Women Connect, alongside other guests on stage to provide a short address. In her speech, she reiterated our commitment to ensuring the Muslim community in London are seen, heard and can practice their faith without fear.

Regents Park Community Iftar

On 5 March, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended the Regents Park Community Iftar. This Iftar is run by local young people from Regent's Park Young Guardians, part of Fitzrovia Youth in Action in partnership with Old Diorama Arts Centre and Camden Detached Youth Team. She joined families and young people to break their fast and an arts and craft session.

Boroughs of Sanctuary Waltham Forest council visit

On 11 March, My Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited Waltham Forest Council as part of a series of visits to accredited Boroughs of Sanctuary across London. The focus of this visit was on the Borough's work in building community and creating homes for sanctuary seekers.

Health

National HIV Testing Week

National HIV Testing Week ran from the 9 – 15 February, raising awareness of the importance of regular testing and reducing HIV stigma. To mark the week, I used my channels to encourage Londoners to come forward and get tested, so that they can know their HIV status.

I am so proud that in London, thanks to our work with Fast Track Cities, 97 percent of people living with HIV infection are diagnosed, 98 percent of people diagnosed are receiving treatment and 98 percent of people receiving treatment are virally suppressed.

Million Heart and Minds Summit

On 25 February, my Senior Health Adviser, Dr Tom Coffey, attended the Million Hearts and Minds Challenge summit, aimed at accelerating cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention in London. The Summit marked a key milestone for the programme bringing together Londoners across the public, private and voluntary community sectors to understand what works, where gaps remain, and what actions are needed to build more integrated prevention. Tom participated in a panel alongside system leaders, where he discussed our contribution to CVD prevention through our work to reduce health inequalities.

Cardiovascular disease is one of the main causes of early death and disability in England but can be preventable. That is why I am supporting partnership efforts to reach Londoners with practical action to get their blood pressure checked. I want every Londoner to be empowered to take control of their own health and live longer, fuller lives where making healthy choices is the norm.

Despite best efforts on prevention, cardiac emergencies will still happen, and early access to a defibrillator saves lives. That's why I am building on the 500 defibs installed across the TfL estate and I have invested in London Ambulance Service's London Heart Starters Campaign to add 200 more defibs to communities most in need, with little to no access to a defib. This is a crucial part of the CVD prevention-to-intervention pathway by ensuring that when the worst happens, Londoners have the best chance of survival.

Measles in London

Over recent weeks, the World Health Organization confirmed that the UK has lost its measles elimination status. I remain deeply concerned about the risks this poses to Londoners, particularly as London's childhood immunisation levels remain lower than other regions.

With an outbreak now affecting parts of North London, I am working closely with the NHS, UKHSA to ensure communities receive clear information around how to access vaccination. I fully support the work that organisations leading the response – including UKHSA, the NHS and local authorities – continue to deliver around immunisation programmes, outbreak response, targeted vaccination activity and work to address barriers to uptake.

I will continue using my platforms to encourage all families to check their vaccination status and ensure their children are protected. This includes supporting city-wide campaigns, amplifying trusted public health messages, and highlighting vaccination as the best protection against serious illness.

Children and Young Londoners

Visit to Woodside Academy for the Mayor's Mental Health in Schools Project

On 13 February, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, visited Woodside Academy, a special school providing support to young people with a diagnosis of autism, which is

participating in my new Mental Health in Schools programme. Taking place at the close of Children's Mental Health Week, there were reflections on this year's theme, "This is My Place", and the strong sense of belonging fostered throughout the school community. The young people clearly felt this connection, with innovative initiatives such as dog mentors, enhancing their experience. My support, delivered in partnership with Anna Freud, will help ensure that mental health and wellbeing are fully embedded across the curriculum and school environment.

Visit to Maria Fidelis for the Mayor's Mental Health in Schools Project

On 25 February, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, completed a second visit to a school participating in my new Mental Health in Schools programme. Maria Fidelis Catholic School is a co-educational secondary school with a sixth form located in the London Borough of Camden. Joanne met with Sixth Form mentors who highlighted the pride students take in supporting younger peers, demonstrating the school's strong culture of leadership and mutual care. Maria Fidelis School's longstanding commitment to students' mental health and wellbeing was evident throughout the visit, reinforced by a discussion with the Pastoral Team, who outlined how the school's involvement in the programme is supporting staff to prioritise action across the school.

Visit to Newstead Children's Centre

On 4 March, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, visited Newstead Family Centre in Barnet to celebrate the centre's achievement of their Healthy Early Years London (HEYL) Gold Award for improving oral health. During the visit, she heard directly from staff about the positive impact their work is having on children's wellbeing and the wider family community. My HEYL programme supports and recognises achievements in child health, wellbeing and development in early years settings and is a flagship programme to reduce health inequalities.

Skills Event City Hall

On 9 March my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney attended the Greater London Skills Competition Awards, celebrating the winners of the Greater London Skills Competition. This saw more than 100 young Londoners compete in 14 industry skills areas at ten college campuses across the capital.

Delivered by the Association of Colleges at City Hall, the ceremony brought together 180 attendees, from students, college leaders and employers. Joanne spoke about the value of skills competitions in promoting London's talent, as well as inspiring other young Londoners to take up technical training pathways.

Oxford Street Development Corporation

OSDC Activity

The Oxford Street Development Corporation (OSDC) has now been in operation for over two months. The OSDC team continues to grow, with Nabeel Khan officially joining as CEO on 23 February, and recruitment for the organisation is now happening at pace.

Last month, the OSDC launched its website and its brand identity. The logo and branding for OSDC has been developed to reflect the history of the road, but also acknowledge its exciting future. The branding incorporates bright colours, a linear logo and can be seen at: www.oxfordstreetdc.org.uk

The OSDC also hosted its second board meeting on Friday 27 February. During this meeting, the chairs of the OSDC's two statutory committees were confirmed. The Audit & Risk Committee will be chaired by Emir Feisal JP, and Dr Margaret Casely Hayford CBE will serve as Chair of the Planning Committee. The next board meeting will be held on 24 March.

London Legacy Development Corporation

RIBA London Awards 2026

Three buildings across Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park have been shortlisted for the RIBA London Awards 2026, including Sadler's Wells East by O'Donnell + Tuomey, Marshgate at UCL's East Campus by Stanton Williams, and One Pool Street at UCL's East Campus by Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands.

The three buildings on the shortlist form part of the Park's dynamic cultural and education quarter, East Bank. Together, they reflect London Legacy Development Corporation's commitment to high-quality design that unlocks meaningful opportunities for the communities of east London and beyond.

Community Anchor Network - National Lottery Community Power Fund

In February, the Park's Community Anchor Network (CAN) successfully bid for an £80k grant from the National Lottery's Community Power fund.

Developed in collaboration with LLDC, the CAN unites community organisations and Park institutions to deliver long-term benefits for east London and beyond. Support is given to communities in Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest, so that they can participate as equal and valued partners in decisions about the future of the area.

Money from the National Lottery Community Power fund will go towards a year-long programme of activity that bolsters community power on the Park, working with institutions and grassroots organisations through direct outreach and engagement.

East Careers Week

From 2 to 6 March, East Careers Week, delivered by East Education, took place on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The week connects local young people, teachers and parents with the exciting institutions, university and sectors located on the Park through a range of workshops, panels and tours.

East Wick Phase 2 completion

East Wick Phase 2 on the Park is now complete and has been handed over by Hill to East Wick and Sweetwater and LLDC. Phase 2 comprises 210 completed homes, following the 302 homes completed for Phase 1, both of which make up a sizeable proportion of the East Wick

neighbourhood. This contributes to a total of 1,392 homes which have been delivered on the Park to date, 35% of which are affordable.

Student Jobs Fair at Here East

On 23 February, Here East hosted a student jobs fair, bringing together universities, employers, and partners from across Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to connect with young people and emerging talent. The fair highlighted opportunities developed in collaboration with Teesside University London, Loughborough University London, UCL, the University of Staffordshire London, and Liverpool Media Academy.

Holi Celebrations at Riverside East

On 4 March, Holi celebrations were held at Riverside East to celebrate the Hindu festival of colours, with DJs, live dhol and bands, water balloons and authentic street food.

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

Small Grants Scheme

On 25 February, applications closed for the 2026 round of OPDC's Small Grants Scheme. The scheme is designed to celebrate different types of social action: from creating welcoming places for people to meet and develop new skills to improving health and wellbeing and reducing loneliness. Grants of between £1,000 and £7,000 are available to support inclusive, grass-roots initiatives that make a positive difference to the community. OPDC is currently reviewing all applications and will announce the successful projects later in the Spring.

Imperial College London launches Grapht Works facility

On 4 March, OPDC's Chief Executive Matthew Carpen spoke on a panel at the launch of Imperial's Grapht Works in North Acton – a new home for pioneering innovation and London's first dedicated facility for advanced manufacturing.

Imperial's President, Professor Hugh Brady, and Howard Dawber, London Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth also spoke at the event, along with Amanda Wolthuizen, Vice-President, Communications and Strategic Engagement at Imperial, and representatives from some of the UK's most exciting new businesses, including Meatly and Epoch Biodesign, who both now have space at Grapht Works.

Grapht Works, along with other facilities in Imperial's WestTech London, provides space for businesses to innovate and grow in the heart of West London and the Old Oak and Park Royal Opportunity Area.

Planning and Regeneration

London Plan

I published an updated Heritage Impact Assessments practice note on 4 February 2026.

Local Plans

On 3 March, GLA Officers responded on my behalf to the Euston Area Plan (EAP) Regulation 19 consultation. My response welcomed the positive and ambitious approach being taken by the London Borough of Camden in the EAP, to set out a compelling vision for the future of Euston. My officers confirmed that as currently drafted, the Regulation 19 EAP was in general conformity with the London Plan.

Future of the High Street seminar, High Street Network

On 23 February, my High Street Network hosted a site visit and seminar in Dalston Town Centre to bring together local authority officers and practitioners from across London, piloting new approaches from health infrastructure to unlocking access to space to London's high streets. The seminar provided the opportunity to reflect on current common challenges and practical steps that can achieve better outcomes for local businesses and residents.

Catford House opening, Good Growth Fund

On 25 February, my Deputy Mayor for Planning & Regeneration, Jules Pipe CBE, attended the opening of Catford House, the newly restored community venue created from the former Catford Constitutional Club. The project completes the delivery of the £2.79 million Good Growth Fund investment supporting Lewisham Council's regeneration plans for Catford. The venue, which is operated by Greenwich Cooperative Development Agency, includes a restored family friendly pub, a community kitchen and flexible spaces, providing a much-needed resource for community-led activities.

Maida Hill Market opening, Good Growth Fund

On 28 February, my Deputy Mayor for Planning & Regeneration, Jules Pipe CBE, attended the opening of the new and accessible public realm and toilets at Maida Hill Market, which was supported with a £1,270,000 investment from my Good Growth Fund. Maida Hill Market is the final completed of three projects delivered through the Harrow Road Place Plan, which includes Queen's Park Canalside and Westbourne Green Canalside. Westminster City Council have worked in collaboration with local partners to revitalise the area's high street, make it better connected and unlock assets such as the Grand Union Canal.

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
2026/0058	Former Edwards Recycling Site, Gallions Close	Barking and Dagenham	27/02/2026	No Strategic Issues
2025/1042	Stoney Wood Quarter	Barnet	23/02/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0003	Silk Stream Hendon	Barnet	23/02/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0086	88 & 100 Gray's Inn Road, 127 Clerkenwell Road	Camden	04/03/2026	No Strategic Issues
2026/0017	Southbury Leisure Park	Enfield	23/02/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0023	Phoenix Academy	Hammersmith and Fulham	23/02/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0033	Land to North West of Manor Way	Havering	27/02/2026	
2026/0011	Haslemere Heathrow Estate	Hounslow	16/02/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0025	Former Chessington Golf Centre	Kingston upon Thames	02/03/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0114	Former Chessington Golf Centre	Kingston upon Thames	02/03/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan

2025/1051	The Good Hotel	Newham	16/02/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0020	Former Westferry Printworks	Tower Hamlets	23/02/2026	Does not comply with the London Plan
2026/0030	The Whitechapel Estate	Tower Hamlets	02/03/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0112	The Whitechapel Estate	Tower Hamlets	02/03/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0113	The Whitechapel Estate	Tower Hamlets	02/03/2026	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
2025/0877	Mulberry Way	Bexley	02/03/2026	
2025/0690	Land North Of Dobbies Garden Centre	Bromley	23/02/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2023/0364	8-10 Greenock Road, Acton	Ealing	23/02/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2020/6143	New Era Estate	Hackney	16/02/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0758	Aylesbury phase 2B	Southwark	23/02/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2025/0850	Loman Street	Southwark	02/03/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2025/0813	Elm Grove	Sutton	16/02/2026	
2025/0470	9-15 Elcho Street	Wandsworth	02/03/2026	

Key engagements

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

- I announced new funding for the Loved & Wanted community spaces on 13 February
- I attended the switch on of Ramadan Lights on 13 February
- I met with the Prime Minister on 16 February
- I joined the Prime Minister on a visit to a Wandsworth Community Hub on 16 February
- I joined an event marking 10 years of the Sarah Hope Line on 16 February
- I held my regular planning meeting on 16 February
- I met with the CEO of C40 Cities, Mark Watts on 18 February
- I held my regular meeting the Met Police Commissioner on 19 February
- I met with the Deputy Prime Minister, David Lammy on 23 February
- I attended the Burberry London Fashion Week Show on 23 February
- I attended an Iftar hosted by the UAE Ambassador on 24 February
- I attended the Assembly Budget and Performance Committee on 25 February
- I met with members of the Jewish Military Association on 25 February
- I spoke at the launch of Tracy Emin's 'A Second Life' on 25 February
- I attended the Mayor's Question Time (Final Budget Session) on 26 February
- I met with the Leader of Southwark Council, Cllr Sarah King, on 26 February
- I attended the British Asian Trust Iftar on 1 March
- I held my regular planning meeting on 2 March
- I met with Dr Gillian Fairfield on 2 March
- I attended an Iftar hosted by the Arab Ambassadors Council on 2 March
- I attended the Shukr Iftar at the Royal Albert Hall on 3 March
- I officially announced the Oxford Street Pedestrianisation on 4 March
- I attended the C40 Cities Steering Committee meeting on 4 March
- I joined UK Mayors on a call with the Prime Minister on 4 March
- I held my regular planning meeting on 9 March
- I met with the Director General of the IOPC, Rachel Watson, on 9 March
- I had a phone call with the Met Police Commissioner on 9 March
- I chaired a meeting of the London Policing Board on 10 March
- I attended the launch of the David Hockney exhibition on 10 March
- I spoke at the Met Police International Phone Conference on 11 March
- I chaired a meeting of the Adult Skills Fund Board on 11 March
- I spoke at the TfL Work-Related Violence and Aggression Summit on 12 March
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 12 March
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 12 March
- I met with the General Secretary of the Labour Party, Hollie Ridley on 12 March