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Dear Len,

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting (4 December 2025) – Motions

Thank you for your letter about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 4 December 2025. My reply to motion 3.2 and motion 3.6 is set out below. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

Motion 3.2 – Cost of Inaction in Tackling the Climate Emergency

Thank you for recognising the urgent need to strengthen London’s resilience to extreme heat. The cost of inaction is already clear, with millions spent responding to climate-related incidents and the growing risks to homes, businesses, and public services. That is why I commissioned the London Climate Resilience Review, and I have committed to work to take forward the recommendations of the Review to make our city more resilient to the impact of climate change and to prioritise nature-based solutions for climate adaptation.

We are acting now to address these risks through the development of London’s Heat Risk Plan, a key recommendation from the Review. This plan will set out a clear pathway to protect Londoners and reduce the impacts of extreme heat. The embedded Investment Plan is critical. Adaptation projects often lack straightforward revenue streams, but by mapping and assessing funding opportunities and innovative financing mechanisms, we can unlock the resources needed to deliver heat resilience across London. This approach will help reduce risks to people and nature, while easing long-term pressures on the public purse.

We will continue to work with London Councils, boroughs, partners, and the Government to accelerate delivery and secure the investment required to make London greener and more climate resilient.

Since 2016, we have supported the planting of more than 620,000 trees across London, helping to green our city and strengthen its resilience to climate impacts. Through programmes such as Green Roots and other initiatives, we remain committed to expanding tree cover and delivering the benefits trees bring to Londoners, including cooling and improved air quality. However, we recognise that trees themselves are vulnerable to climate change. That is why we commissioned a landmark assessment of the climate risks facing London’s tree population, published in November 2025, to guide the selection of climate-resilient species and inform long-term management. We are

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also modelling future canopy cover trends to ensure we stay on track to meet our London Environment Strategy target of increasing canopy cover by 10 per cent by 2050.

Motion 3.6 – INQUEST’s Proposal for a National Oversight Mechanism

I have long supported INQUEST’s call for a National Oversight Mechanism (NOM), an arm’s-length public body with a duty to collate, analyse and monitor recommendations arising from post-death investigations and their implementation. I first raised this with the Government in June 2020 and have continued to do so since, including in my letter to the Prime Minister on the 8th anniversary of the Grenfell tragedy in June 2025. I also made submissions to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry to ask that the NOM be made an Inquiry recommendation.

I firmly believe that a NOM could monitor the implementation of all inquiry and inquest recommendations to ensure that lessons are being learnt and so that lives can be saved. I will continue to raise this important issue with the Government, and I thank the Assembly for passing this important motion.

Yours sincerely,

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

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London