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Dear Andrew,

London Assembly (Plenary) – 4 December 2025 – Motions

Thank you for the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 4 December 2025. My reply to motion 3.9 is set out below. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

Motion 3.9 – Digital ID

The Government's most recent proposals now confirm that any national digital identity would be voluntary, with no legal obligation to hold or present a digital ID and no dependence on it for accessing public services.

I believe a well-designed digital identity system could offer benefits by streamlining access to public services, reducing obstacles for those who are less likely to hold physical forms of identification and modernising how Londoners interact with the state.

I do, however, recognise the importance of the concerns raised in this motion, particularly around privacy, inclusion, and the risk of creating barriers to essential services. The advantages afforded by a new system must not come at the expense of those most at risk of exclusion, including older and digitally excluded Londoners.

The Government has stated its commitment to ensuring the scheme is inclusive and accessible, and it recognises the importance of strong public engagement in building trust. This is why the Cabinet Office recently held a public consultation, followed by a People's Panel on Digital ID, to ensure the new system is shaped directly by the views of a broad cross-section of the public.

The forthcoming Digital Access to Services Bill, announced in the King's Speech on 13 May, will establish the legal framework for the creation, issuance, and use of digital identities.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London