

23rd Mayor's Report to the Assembly Mayor's Question Time – 16 July 2026

This is my twenty third report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 30 May – 2 July 2026.
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Executive Summary

9th Anniversary of the Grenfell Tower Fire

14 June marked nine years since the horrific and tragic loss of 72 lives, including 18 children, at Grenfell Tower. This anniversary is a deeply poignant moment for London, particularly as it is the last with part of the Tower still standing. My thoughts are with the bereaved, survivors and everyone whose lives were changed forever.

As I do each year, I wrote to the Prime Minister ahead of the anniversary to raise issues that are concerning me and the community. Given the recent Met police update on criminal charges to be announced next year, I asked for assurance that Grenfell-related trials will be fast-tracked and that the Crown Prosecution Service and Courts Service will be fully resourced to deliver justice. My letter also highlighted the need to ensure high building safety standards and the importance of learning from Grenfell. While there has been some welcome progress from Government on the Grenfell Inquiry recommendations, there is still much more to do.

My Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, visited Grenfell Tower in the morning to lay a wreath and pay respects. Jules Pipe, My Deputy Mayor for Planning Regeneration and the Fire Service, attended a silent walk organised by Grenfell United and the Grenfell Silent Walk team and a local church service arranged by the bereaved and survivors. Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice spoke at a bereaved family service at the Isaac Paulos Centre for Education and Wellbeing, and my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy joined the Jog for Justice, as well as the Grenfell Silent Walk along with thousands of others. City Hall and the Trafalgar Square fountains were lit up in green in remembrance.

The Grenfell Tower fire was a grave injustice that still weighs heavily on London and the nation. It has been nine long years in which the pace of change has been all too slow and the road to justice all too long. I'll continue to do everything in my power to ensure all Londoners are safe and feel safe in their homes, including continuing to work with the Government and regulators to tackle the cladding crisis and ensure those responsible take action to remediate unsafe homes.

London Tech Week

On 8 June, I was pleased to welcome attendees from around the world to London Tech Week, the UK's largest tech event, which once again demonstrated London's status as a global capital for innovation.

Supported by London & Partners, the week brought together 30,000 founders, investors and policymakers from over 128 countries, and showcased the strength and diversity of our tech ecosystem, with a particular focus on the transformative potential of AI.

On the opening day of London Tech Week, I delivered a keynote address where I announced a major new £12 million programme to help London SMEs harness the opportunities of AI, boost productivity, and unlock growth, helping more businesses benefit from the opportunities of new technology.

Delivered by London & Partners and in consultation with my AI and Jobs Taskforce, the programme will provide practical support including AI readiness assessments, expert mentoring, workshops and tailored adoption guidance. It will also help businesses to improve productivity, build workforce capability and confidence in using AI technologies, and unlock wider growth opportunities, by helping businesses to scale and compete.

I also set out our ambitions for responsible AI in a conversation with Baroness Martha Lane Fox, Chair of the AI Taskforce, underlining London's leadership in shaping the future of this technology.

Throughout London Tech Week, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, attended a wide-ranging programme of engagements, including bilateral meetings with businesses, and discussions with international founders and investors. He also spoke at key events that brought together senior leaders from across the global tech ecosystem, such as the Global VIP Reception, and Life Sciences Reception.

Clean Air Day

On 18 June, I announced a further £6 million of funding to clean up the capital's toxic air. Through this latest tranche of funding from my Air Quality Fund, boroughs will be able to apply for funding for local projects tackling air pollution across the city. The announcement comes against the backdrop of the anniversary of the Clean Air Act, which was introduced on 5 July 1956 after the Great Smog of 1951, which brought London to a standstill and claimed thousands of lives.

My Air Quality Fund has so far distributed £27 million to boroughs through four funding rounds, matched by a further £20 million in funding and in-kind support from London's boroughs and local partners. Projects delivered so far have ranged from green courier initiatives and infrastructure to support walking and cycling, to schemes reducing emissions from construction machinery and the implementation of Low Emission Neighbourhoods.

Projects supported by the first three funding rounds of my Air Quality Fund have demonstrated measurable benefit in improving air quality across London, including:

- 25 new clean air routes - designated walking and cycling routes that offer lower-pollution alternatives to busier, more polluted main roads. These routes are signposted, and interactive online maps allow people to choose a clean air route option.
- 400+ new and upgraded electric vehicle charge points
- 900+ trees planted
- 1,300+ cycle parking spaces
- 2,400+ site audits of construction machinery carried out
- 89 school streets delivered
- 4,200+ square meters of green spaces created
- 700,000+ people engaged through air quality campaigns
- 8,500+ businesses engaged and supported to cut emissions

- 17,000+ pupils engaged to reduce exposure to harmful pollution

Round four of the Fund was launched in March 2024, with £5.3 million funding dedicated to helping boroughs tackle toxic air. Seventeen projects received funding covering 26 boroughs, running from April 2024 to March 2027. In their first year, Round Four projects have already reduced PM emissions by an estimated 230kg, reduced total distance driven by an estimated 57,000km and engaged over 12,000 residents and businesses.

Success of landmark ULEZ and bold clean air policies as deaths linked to toxic air fall by around 40 per cent

New independent data reveals that there has been an approximate 40 per cent reduction in the number of estimated deaths linked to air pollution between 2019 and 2024.

The analysis by Imperial College London's Environmental Research Group, commissioned via Imperial Projects, has also found that toxic air pollution in London has reduced markedly since 2019, translating into a substantial fall in the overall health burden:

- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) levels, a traffic-related gaseous pollutant that exacerbates asthma, impedes lung development, and raises the risk of lung cancer, are down 41 per cent
- Fine particulate pollution (PM_{2.5}) level, extremely small particles that can result in serious health impacts especially in vulnerable groups of people such as the young, elderly, and those with respiratory problems, are down 28 per cent

Earlier estimates for 2019 suggested around 4,000 premature deaths were attributable to air pollution, based on evidence available at the time. This new Imperial College study uses an updated and more advanced methodology, drawing on a much larger body of scientific evidence, which shows that the impact of long-term exposure to air pollution on health is even greater than previously understood.

To provide a fair comparison, the updated methodology has been applied to both 2019 and 2024. This estimation shows a reduction from around 6,400-8,000 premature deaths in 2019 to approximately 3,800-5,100 in 2024 – a fall of around 40 per cent.

According to the research by Imperial's independent experts, the boroughs with the highest number of deaths attributable to air pollution per 100k residents in 2024 were in outer London boroughs like Bexley, Havering and Sutton. The expansion to outer London was met with significant opposition.

Earlier this month a study by Imperial College London also found the Toxicity Charge and central London ULEZ are associated with a fall in hospital admissions in London – revealing that since their introduction, the schemes were linked to 9.3 per cent reductions in annual trends for heart-related emergency admissions, and a 5.1 per cent drop in annual trends in hospital admissions for all illnesses and health conditions in the scheme area.

New evidence shows stronger associations between air pollution exposure and premature deaths, and recent evidence continues to show associations with dementia, type 2 diabetes, and childhood asthma. This underlines that the health impacts of air pollution in 2019 were even more severe than previously understood and reinforcing why taking action on air quality was so important.

Despite this progress, long term exposure to air pollution is still estimated to contribute to 3,800-5,100 premature deaths across London in 2024. The economic cost of this mortality burden in 2024 is estimated at £3.8 billion to £5.1 billion.

The improvement in London's air quality reflects the cumulative impact of my bold action to cut emissions, alongside long-term pollution trends.

Ambition for London to be global leader in Green Data Centre Innovation

On 10 June, I set out my ambition for London to be global leader in Green Data Centre Innovation and pledged to coordinate action to seize huge opportunities in this area.

A new City Hall report highlights the rapid growth in demand for data centre development across London, underlining both the opportunity for London and the importance of supporting growth in a coordinated and sustainable way.

The new report provides a scene setter of the industry that reveals that London remains the UK's leading data centre hub, with 99 sites delivering around 760MW at peak demand – the equivalent to the electricity use of 750,000 homes. But demand for power is accelerating at an unprecedented scale.

Data centres are now critical infrastructure for the day-to-day functioning of London's economy and its position as a leading centre for innovation – and it is vital for energy infrastructure to keep up with demand, and its ability to do so will have significant implications for housing delivery, economic growth and decarbonisation.

To address the challenge, I'll deliver a whole-city partnership approach by bringing together boroughs, energy providers, innovative companies, developers and universities. In the coming weeks, a data centre development roundtable will be hosted at City Hall to progress this work.

I want to position the capital as a real-world testbed for greener data centre solutions, where new approaches to energy efficiency, energy generation, heat reuse, and smarter infrastructure can be developed and scaled. London intends not simply to adapt to this technological shift, but to shape and lead it — responsibly, sustainably and in a way that protects our climate and benefits our communities.

I'm already taking the first steps of translating this ambition into action through the next London Plan, which will include a new data centre policy that will set out plans to address the significant environmental impacts of data centres and ensure that their growth is aligned with, not at the expense of, London's housing ambitions.

The recently launched London Infrastructure framework is part of my wider whole-city partnership approach to managing infrastructure challenges across the capital. Through this strategic framework, I'm taking a coordinated, long-term approach to ensuring the capital's energy, transport and digital infrastructure can keep pace with rising demand.

Major Sports Events: Impact for London 2025

On 9 June, I published the Major Sports Events: Impact for London 2025 report, which demonstrates the significant contribution of flagship women's sporting events to the capital. The report shows these events generated over £54.7 million for London's economy and attracted more than 1.4 million fans to the city.

Key highlights included the record-breaking Women's Rugby World Cup Final at Twickenham and the return of women's tennis to Queen's Club for the first time in over 50 years. Working closely with partners, I have ensured these events deliver lasting benefits for Londoners, including supporting thousands of young people to access and participate in sport.

The report shows that the world leading major sports events ecosystem in London played host to 13 major women's sports events, offering fans a diversity of amazing experiences and bringing new opportunities to Londoners. It demonstrates how the growth of women's sport is translating into tangible economic and social benefits for all Londoners.

Women's sport is now one of the fastest-growing sectors in the global sports industry. Driven by unprecedented commercial investment, record-breaking broadcast audiences, and surging grassroots participation, revenue and viewership for women's competitions are expanding at a significantly faster rate than in men's sports. The global revenue for women's sport was over £1.8 billion in 2025 (having exceeded £1 billion in 2024) and women's football is predicted to be in the global top five sports by 2030.

To mark the launch of the report, we hosted an event at London Stadium bringing together key stakeholders from across the sporting events ecosystem. With Maggie Alphonsi MBE as keynote speaker, the event showcased London's leadership in women's sport and provided practical workshops focused on strengthening opportunities and outcomes for women and girls across the sector.

Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and Trade and investment mission to Singapore and Japan

Between 14-18 June, I led a major international trade and investment mission to Singapore and Japan, alongside 28 leading London-based companies that are delivering innovative solutions in the fintech, cyber and creative tech sectors.

This was the first Mayoral mission to Singapore and Japan since 2014 and 2015 respectively and was therefore a major opportunity to continue strengthening the economic, social and cultural ties with two of the UK's most important partners in the region. My visit to Japan in particular built on a recent visit to London by PM Prime Minister of Japan, Sanae Takaichi, during which Japanese investors set out a five-year investment pipeline worth more than £9 billion.

During my visit, I undertook a busy programme of engagements focussed on promoting London as the world's leading destination for business, investors, tourists, sports and students. My mission was delivered in close partnership with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Department for Business and Trade (DBT), highlighting the increasingly important role that Mayors can play in driving economic growth in their cities through international promotion.

In Singapore, I:

- Launched the trade mission by joining 14 London-based companies at an evening reception at the official residence of His Majesty's Trade Commissioner (HMTc) for Asia Pacific
- Met with the Prime Minister of Singapore, Lawrence Wong, at Singapore's World Cities Summit, one of the world's leading gatherings of urban policy makers
- Announced a major new £7m campaign to promote London to international tourists and investors and fight back against harmful disinformation against the capital.

- Accepted the Lee Kuan Yew World Cities Prize – widely regarded as the Nobel Prize for cities – which this year was awarded to London by the Singapore Government in recognition of the bold transformations we are making to our city
- Met with Felix Loh, CEO of Singapore’s iconic ‘Gardens by the Bay,’ to learn about Singapore’s vision for a ‘City in a Garden’ and discuss the value of long-term investment in green infrastructure to improve wellbeing and drive growth
- Showcased London to Singaporean investors at a business breakfast organised by Opportunity London in conjunction with JLL
- Launched a ‘Singapore style’ development arm for London with £100m investment to redevelop a key site in the Royal Docks
- Spoke at a flagship trade and investment event, organised by London & Partners (L&P), which convened London-based companies on L&P’s Grow London Global trade mission programme with key business leaders in Singapore’s financial services and fintech community
- Was the Guest of Honour at the British High Commissioner’s ‘King’s Birthday Party’ evening reception, which was attended by 500 of Singapore’s political, cultural and business leaders

In Tokyo, I:

- Spoke at L&P’s major gathering of London and Tokyo-based businesses at the Tokyo Innovation Base, the city of Tokyo’s cutting-edge startup campus and business networking hub
- Spoke to over 60 leading businesses at a business lunch organised by the British Chamber of Commerce in Japan
- Held a bilateral meeting with the CEO of Mitsui Fudosan, whose £1.1bn investment at the British Library site is a massive vote of confidence in our capital
- Held a bilateral meeting with the CEO of Mitsubishi Estates to discuss their major new development on London’s South Bank, which represents a massive boost for our world-leading creative and economic sectors
- Spoke to over 150 business and cultural leaders at an evening reception organised by the British Embassy, British Council and L&P
- Met with Chief Administrative Priest Yukon Moriyama at the Asakusa Sensō-ji Temple, for a discussion about how faith and heritage make such positive contributions to the lives of Londoners and Tokyoites
- Unveiled a Transport for London roundel at Ueno station – a gift celebrating London and Tokyo’s shared transport history, marking the 100th anniversary of the subway with Tokyo Metro.
- Met with Hakkaku Rijicho, Chairman of the Japan Sumo Association, at Tokyo’s iconic Ryogoku Kokugikan Sumo arena, to discuss the popularity and success of Sumo in London and to extend an invitation for Sumo to return to London in the future
- Held a formal bilateral with the Governor of Tokyo, Yuriko Koike, during which we discussed the growth of AI and the need for cities to be at the forefront of harnessing AI’s huge potential positives and ensure it benefits society
- Launched the new J-StarX Indie Game Growth Accelerator Programme, which will connect Japanese studios and video game startups with the fast-growing gaming ecosystem in London, and announced that every Youth Lates club will be offered access to gaming as part of my investment in youth clubs
- Met with senior representatives from Sony, Redbull and Fnatic – one of the world’s leading professional esports organisations – as I announced a major new report setting out an exciting

future for esports in London. This shows how we want to continue attracting more major events and international companies and increase opportunities for young people. The same week, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the major esports event VALORANT Masters London at the Copper Box Arena in London on Friday 19 June. She met with Riot Games executives and toured both the event and Fan Fest, demonstrating London's continued commitment to supporting the growth of the esports sector.

Throughout my visit to Singapore and Japan, I also undertook a series of interviews with Singapore and Tokyo-based media to ensure that my message that London is the world's leading destination for tourism, business, students and investment would be heard by millions of people across those countries and the wider region.

New £7m international tourism and investment campaign

On 15 June, when in Singapore, I announced a major new international tourism and investment campaign to show the world the very best of London and fight back against the global scourge of online disinformation attacks.

The new £7m campaign, delivered by the London & Partners, will promote the capital across Europe, the US and Asia, celebrating why London is the best city in the world and helping to drive visitor numbers and business.

London is regularly voted the number one city in the world and is a recognised leader in finance, tech, education, sport and culture. Tourism contributes more than £41bn to the capital's economy each year, and accounts for more than a quarter of all tourism jobs across the country. Time Out recently named London as the best city in the world for culture due to the capital's free world-class museums, evolving cultural spaces and a standout year-round cultural programme.

But a flood of disinformation is being peddled online against the capital from across the world. Harmful and false narratives are being spread widely across social media in what has become a money-making industry, with organised extremist groups and state actors attempting to create division and damage confidence in London.

I'm committed to championing and standing up for London and tackling this harmful disinformation, which is why this new campaign will celebrate the very best of the capital to the world. It will target key markets to boost our hospitality, culture and tourism industries by increasing confidence among international holidaymakers, as well as attracting investment. It will launch in September, showcasing the capital at prime locations across key global markets by celebrating London as a city of constant evolution, highlighting its rich heritage, world-class experiences, culture, creativity and role as a centre for innovation and trade.

Heat Ready London

On 25 June, as part of London Climate Action Week, I unveiled the capital's first ever heat plan - Heat Ready London - a new city-wide vision to help the capital adapt to increasingly frequent and severe heatwaves.

London as a city is more exposed to heat risk than anywhere else in the UK and the need for action is becoming increasingly urgent as London experiences more frequent and severe heatwaves - as we saw in both May and June. Scientists expect extreme heat events to become more frequent and intense as the climate changes, underlining the need to prepare the capital for a hotter future.

Setting out the scale of the challenge, the Heat Ready London report shows that around 1 million homes in London may currently be at high risk of overheating. A further 1,361 schools, 60 hospitals and 351 care homes are in high-risk areas across the city, while London could face between two and three times as many heatwaves as it currently experiences within 20 years.

Heat Ready London is a call to action for partners across the capital, providing a framework to drive collective action, protect lives, strengthen resilience and ensure London remains a place where everyone can thrive.

It will help shape how cities across the UK respond to rising temperatures and adapt to a warming climate by identifying where action is most urgently needed. It focuses on six key sectors: the built environment, business and economy, emergency preparedness, resilience and response, health and care, green space and nature and infrastructure and sets out five objectives for a heat-resilient London.

Recognising that no single organisation can address the scale of the challenge alone, the report sets out 37 priority areas of focus, highlighting where change is most needed in the short, medium and long-term.

Adapting to hotter temperatures is a matter of social justice. People living in poorly designed homes, those without access to green space, older people, young children and those with physical or mental health conditions are often most vulnerable to heatwaves and its impacts.

On 15 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban also chaired a roundtable on heat risk across London. The roundtable brought together senior leaders from across key sectors to discuss the strategic vision and core objectives of Heat Ready London, to commit to work collectively on its delivery, and to feed into shaping the partnership and governance arrangements that will drive implementation to better manage high temperatures in our city.

Summer Streets

On 29 June, I announced the recipients of my 2026 Summer Streets funding, following the success of the 2025 scheme.

This year, I have awarded £477,000 across 15 schemes in 13 boroughs to bring al fresco dining, events and extended opening hours to the capital's streets throughout the summer and into autumn.

Four larger schemes will begin in Brent, Lambeth, Greenwich and Barking & Dagenham, receiving up to £100k each, while 11 smaller schemes will deliver an array of outdoor dining, markets and cultural activities. Summer Streets builds on my wider ambition to support London's hospitality and nightlife industries.

Policing, Crime and Security

Cultural reform and transformation on the London Policing Board agenda

On 11 June, I was pleased to chair the latest meeting of the London Policing Board (LPB). At this session, LPB Members questioned the Commissioner and his team on cultural reform and wider transformation work within the Met.

As well as challenging and supporting the Met on reform, I also took the opportunity to recognise the impact of this work for Londoners and the impressive achievements in making our city safer. In

the 12 months to April, crime overall fell by nearly 30,000 offences compared to the 12 months prior. That included an 11 per cent reduction in gun crime, a 17 per cent reduction in knife crime, and a 22 per cent reduction in theft from the person.

I also highlighted the progress made by the Met in the way it investigates rape and serious sexual offences. The Met was a pilot force for the Operation Soteria approach, which originated in MOPAC. Thanks to their determination, the positive outcome rates for these offences in London have doubled and today are the best in the country.

I'm grateful to the Commissioner, the Met and all partner agencies for their work in making London a safer for all.

Warning of a 'lost generation of young men'

On 2 June, I called on tech firms, the Government, regulators, and every part of society, to take on the manosphere - warning that the growing influence of the manosphere risks a lost generation of young men.

New polling carried out by YouGov for the GLA finds that only 15% of Londoners think young men and boys have enough positive role models — and that Londoners are nearly nine times more likely to say social media is harmful (52%) than good (6%) for young people under 18.

I am therefore demanding that tech firms explain how misogyny spreads like wildfire on their platforms and to publicly set out how they will reform the algorithms feeding hate to children's feeds.

I'm also backing restrictions on social media access for under-16s and, until platforms are safe for kids, it's my view that a ban is the only way to stem the harms happening right now. I'm also calling on Ofcom to take a far tougher approach to enforcing the Online Safety Act.

I have also announced a new £1 million package through the Violence Reduction Unit to support thousands of young men and boys across the capital, including vulnerable boys in schools and pupil referral units, funding a new programme for fathers, and putting footballing mentors into communities across the capital.

I also launched my new public awareness campaign, delivered with charity Beyond Equality and creative agency Ogilvy, urging young men to *"ignore the noise and trust their own voice,"* alongside the N.O.I.S.E. guide — five simple questions to help boys spot harmful manosphere content. A new conversation guide for parents, teachers and trusted adults will also be available from the GLA, giving them practical prompts for talking to boys about what they're seeing online.

Transport

New members appointed to TfL Board

On 23 June, I announced further appointments to the TfL Board. Laura Shoaf CBE will serve on the Board from 29 June 2026, filling an existing vacancy and brings strengths in safety and security. Alison Munro CBE will serve on the Board from 7 September 2026, succeeding Mark Phillips, whose term of office expires on 6 September 2026. Alison brings strengths in audit and risk and assurance. Both new Members will serve up to September 2028.

Londoners to benefit from cleaner air as green transformation accelerates with 3,000th zero-emission bus

The capital's iconic red buses hit a major green milestone ahead of Clean Air Day on 18 June, with 3,000 zero-emission buses now in operation – around a third of the TfL fleet.

Already recognised as having the largest zero-emission bus fleet in Western Europe, London has seen a rapid 100-fold increase over the past decade, from just 30 electric buses in 2016. TfL is accelerating the delivery of its zero-emission fleet, which is set to double in under five years.

As transport accounts for a significant proportion of London's greenhouse gas emissions, it's vital that TfL continues to lead the green transition to tackle the climate emergency, cut toxic pollution, and protect public health and the environment. Making the bus fleet zero-emission at the tailpipe could save an estimated five million tonnes of carbon over the next two decades, while operating around 3,000 electric buses over the course of a year alone is estimated to save more than 100,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions. This equates to more than 118,900 flights between London and New York City.

London's buses are among the greenest in the world, with lower CO₂ emissions per passenger kilometre than cities such as New York and Vancouver. Since 2021, all new buses have been zero-emission at the tailpipe, and the rest meet or exceed Euro VI standards. Buses also play a crucial role in reducing congestion, carrying up to 80 times as many passengers as a car while using only around three times as much road space.

TfL is making the bus network greener in more ways than one, having also converted all the lighting at its bus shelters to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting. Around 12,000 bus shelters across the capital now have more energy-efficient, luminous and longer-lasting lights, making the shelters both greener and more welcoming for customers. The new lighting will use less than half as much energy and brighten up bus shelters by 10 per cent.

Londoners can spot the 3,000th zero-emission bus, which has been specially wrapped to commemorate the milestone, on route 165 travelling between Romford and Rainham. The 3000th zero-emission bus will operate from Stagecoach's Rainham bus depot. It is part of a wider order of more than 120 zero-emission buses from Ballymena-based Wrightbus, supporting the UK's zero-emission bus industry, green jobs and wider economic growth.

I'm proud that London is leading the charge in sustainable transport with 3,000 of our iconic red buses now going green. Over the last decade as Mayor, I've worked with TfL to take our bus network from strength to strength – creating new services, such as the game-changing Superloop, and boosting our zero- and low-emission buses to help clean up our air and support our climate goals.

TfL unveils next-generation Bus Safety Standard to make London buses safer than ever

The future of London's buses has been revealed, as TfL published the next phase of its world-leading Bus Safety Standard. This sets out the next steps of safety requirements for buses entering service up to 2033 to ensure London continues to have one of the safest bus networks in the world.

Building on the progress to date, the second phase has been developed through extensive research, trials and close collaboration with manufacturers, operators, unions and safety specialists. It focuses on the collision types and injury risks that cause the greatest harm, while providing long-term certainty to support industry investment and innovation.

TfL takes bus drivers' safety and welfare seriously and contracts rightly require operators to meet high standards. Bus drivers play an essential role in keeping the capital moving and TfL continues to work on a range of measures to improve working conditions, health and wellbeing.

London's bus network is one of the safest in the world, and I'm proud that we are making real progress in eliminating death and serious injury from the network. But we must go further and faster to eliminate this across the capital.

This new world-leading safety standard is an important part of our work towards achieving Vision Zero across the bus network. It will help protect passengers, the bus drivers who keep London moving, as well as other road users, while supporting innovation that can prevent collisions and save lives.

TfL's crackdown on fare evasion sees increased ticket and payment checks and more penalty fares

TfL has released new data on fare evasion enforcement, showing the number of checks and penalty fares issued by TfL is up significantly on the previous year. The crackdown on fare evasion is part of a bold strategy to tackle fare evasion across all TfL services, with the goal of driving down the rate to below 1.5 per cent by 2030/31.

TfL's enforcement teams operate across the entire transport network, day and night, carrying out ticket checks and using technology to identify anyone travelling without the correct ticket or having paid the correct fare. TfL has significantly increased revenue enforcement across 2025/26, with new data showing that from April 2025 to March 2026, it has:

- issued 69,001 penalty fares, a nine per cent increase from last year
- issued 21,533 Irregularity Reports for possible prosecution, an 18.7 per cent increase from last year
- checked 6.9 million contactless payment cards, a 50.6 per cent increase from last year
- generated £5.4 million in Revenue Inspection Charges from people who did not have a valid Contactless Payment Card for their journeys, a significant 141.6 per cent increase from last year
- checked 3.3 million bus passengers, 400,000 more bus passengers than last year

TfL has also secured 14,406 convictions for fare evasion this year, 955 more than last year. As a result, court awards have risen by 24.6 per cent to £2.6 million.

TfL continues to tackle blatant fare evasion, such as gate-pushing, and enforcement officers have reported 4,428 individuals for possible prosecution during last year. This type of behaviour creates an intimidating atmosphere for staff and customers and increases the risk of work-related violence and aggression for customer-facing teams.

As part of its focus on everyone's safety and security, TfL is increasing the number of its Transport Support Enforcement (TSE) officers by 50, with 36 of these officers focussing on night shifts, to support a further increase in checks across the network.

The vast majority of those using TfL services pay their fares correctly. The small minority of those that evade paying the correct fares are committing a criminal offence which deprives TfL of essential revenue that should be reinvested into our world-leading transport network. For those people we have a clear message: fare evasion will not be tolerated, and that they will be held to account.

As part of our crackdown, we've expanded our team of professional investigators across the entire network and invested in cutting-edge technology to target the most persistent offenders, and these new figures show that our approach is working.

Have your say on new plans to extend the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) to Beckton Riverside and Thamesmead

TfL is inviting Londoners to have their say on new, more detailed plans to extend the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead via Beckton Riverside.

The consultation, which is open until 16 July, sets out updated proposals for how the extension could be delivered, including designs for two new stations, construction methods and potential impacts on local communities and the environment. Feedback will help shape the final scheme ahead of a planned Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) application in early 2027.

TfL is proposing a new station at Beckton Riverside, opposite Gallions Reach Shopping Park, as part of a wider redevelopment including homes, jobs, retail and community space. A second station is planned at Thamesmead Waterfront, a 100-hectare regeneration site owned by Peabody, with the potential to support thousands of homes, jobs and a new town centre. Thamesmead Waterfront is being considered as one of Government's New Town proposals, subject to consultation.

TfL is seeking views on designs for the new stations, construction plans, how materials would be transported to and from sites, and impacts on local communities and the environment.

The consultation is being supported by a programme of local engagement and communication, including letters to residents, leafletting and local drop-in events across the area. These events will give residents, businesses and stakeholders the opportunity to speak directly with the project team and share their views in person.

I'm really pleased to be progressing our exciting plans for the DLR extension to Thamesmead, following Government backing in the Budget last autumn. This is something I've long called for - alongside London's businesses and communities - because it will not only transform travel in a historically underserved part of our city, but also unlock thousands of new jobs and homes, boosting the economy across the capital and indeed the country. I encourage Londoners to have their say in this detailed consultation and help shape these game-changing plans.

Whole Tube network on track for mobile coverage by end of the year as further sections go live

Customers on the Bakerloo, Metropolitan and Circle lines are now able stay connected for more of their journeys after further sections gained high-speed mobile coverage in recent months. In total, around 60 per cent of stations that are 'underground' now have coverage, and work is on track to bring coverage to the whole network by the end of the year.

In recent weeks, coverage has been introduced in the tunnelled sections on the Bakerloo line between Queen's Park and Edgware Road, plus on the Metropolitan line between Euston Square and King's Cross St Pancras, as well as between Barbican and Moorgate. The Circle and District lines have also gained coverage between Cannon Street and Monument, Sloane Square and Victoria, and Bayswater and Paddington.

All four major mobile network operators (Three UK, EE, Vodafone, and Virgin Media O2) are taking part in the rollout, as part of TfL's commitment to bring mobile connectivity to the whole of London's transport network.

The expanding coverage will also host the new Emergency Services Network (ESN) - which, when fully operational, will be able to give first responders immediate access to life-saving data, images and information in live situations and emergencies on the frontline.

As well as delivering coverage on the Tube, TfL and Boldyn are also working to introduce coverage to sections of the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) that are underground, as well as the Windrush line between Highbury & Islington and New Cross.

It's brilliant to see this continued progress on delivering 4G and 5G across the London Underground, with more mobile coverage for passengers across an ever-growing network of lines and stations.

Next phase of A23 Streatham Hill improvement work begins

Work on the next phase of improvements on the A23 Streatham Hill began at the end of June, with temporary traffic restrictions in place while the scheme is delivered.

Starting on Monday 29 June, phase four of the project sees the construction of new central islands as part of a wider transformation of the road. These will provide safer waiting areas for pedestrians crossing the road and help separate traffic flows. The improvements will include protected cycle lanes, new pedestrian crossings and continuous bus lanes, designed to reduce road danger and make it safer and easier for people to walk, cycle and use public transport.

Until August 2026, traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction. Daytime works for this phase are expected to complete by 9 August, followed by a period of overnight resurfacing works later in August. People travelling in the area are being advised to plan ahead and allow more time for their journeys. There will also be temporary changes, including bus stop relocations, side road closures, pedestrian diversions and parking suspensions. TfL is encouraging people to walk, cycle or use public transport during this time and for drivers to consider alternative routes.

The A23 has a poor safety record and has seen a high number of collisions in recent years, which have sadly led to injuries and even people losing their lives. These improvements to cycle lanes, bus lanes and crossings will make the area safer for everyone and help us move towards our goal of eliminating deaths and serious injuries from London's roads.

TfL's wildflower verges continue to blossom

TfL has doubled the amount of wildflower verges on its estate to 520,000m² in just two years, helping to boost biodiversity and support wildlife across the capital.

The expansion, from 260,000m² in 2024, forms part of wider efforts to make the city greener and more resilient to climate change. Improving the area and quality of wildflower verges across London is an important part of making the capital more sustainable.

New wildflower verges have been introduced at a number of sites in the past year, including along the A10 in Enfield, the A2 in Bexley and the A217 in Sutton. TfL has also sown wildflower seeds, donated by Butterfly Conservation, near Rotherhithe roundabout on islands that previously had more formally planted areas. These new locations complement existing wildflower verges, some of which are publicly accessible sites that allow people to enjoy green spaces, for example at Redbridge Roundabout and alongside a shared foot and cycle path by the A40 in Hillingdon.

TfL's approach to wildflower verges has blossomed since an initial trial on two sites took place in 2019, one alongside the A40 in Hillingdon and one alongside the A406 at Redbridge. By reducing mowing from up to eight times a year to twice annually, and removing grass cuttings, verges are better able to support wildflowers and create richer habitats for wildlife.

The expansion of wildflower verges across London shows how simple changes can have a big impact, helping nature thrive. Alongside these verges, TfL have planted more than 640,000 trees, including two major new woodlands, and created or restored over 2,000 football pitches worth of green space.

These achievements reflect my commitment to greener neighbourhoods across the capital, investing in practical solutions that help support communities and tackle climate change.

TfL offers Knowledge of London candidates a year of free Santander Cycles rides

TfL has opened Santander Cycle access to Knowledge of London candidates while they prepare for their Knowledge test by offering free annual subscriptions that provide unlimited 60-minute rides across the capital.

Since 20 June, candidates have been able to request use of the cycle hire scheme, providing a cost-effective alternative to travelling by car or motorcycle during their studies. With more than 1,300 candidates currently working towards the Knowledge, the new offer aims to reduce the cost of training, while also helping candidates build practical experience on the roads by learning central London's road network more efficiently.

Becoming a licensed London taxi driver requires an incredible level of dedication and commitment, and we want to make that journey as accessible as possible. By offering free access to Santander Cycles, TfL are giving Knowledge students a flexible, affordable way to get out on the road and build the real-world experience they need.

This initiative not only helps reduce the costs associated with training but also supports candidates in navigating London more efficiently as they learn the capital's roads. We're seeing growing interest in the Knowledge, and by making it easier and more affordable to get out on the road, we want to encourage even more people to take the first step towards becoming a licensed taxi driver.

Five captivating photographs of London's wildlife celebrated by Santander Cycles and the Natural History Museum

Santander Cycles and the Natural History Museum have awarded five budding photographers with annual subscriptions to Santander Cycles and Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition tickets for their captivating photos of London's wildlife. Celeste Katz from Richmond will also see their clever and technically excellent photograph of a parakeet inside a tree trunk displayed at South Kensington Tube station.

Londoners were invited to capture striking images of London's wildlife encountered across the capital while out on their bikes, using Santander Cycles' two new nature-inspired Side Quest routes. This produced an inspiring collection of photographs showcasing wildlife thriving in the city's streets, parks and waterways. A panel of expert judges from TfL, Santander Cycles and the Natural History Museum selected the five winning photographers.

The other four winners - Faujdar Vipul, Erika Keenlyside, Olivia Nicolaou and Jon Pitman - also stood out to the judges for their impressive photographs, including a romantic landscape picture of a deer at dusk, a relaxed fox enjoying the sun in West Hampstead, a dramatic image of a pigeon at Boxpark Wembley, and an adorable image of a mouse on the London Underground.

These new Side Quest cycling routes were designed to encourage people to explore London's hidden wildlife and green spaces, so it's fantastic that this competition has got young Londoners doing exactly that. As cycling is one of the best ways to explore London, I am proud to see TfL's Santander Cycles making it an even more attractive and accessible option for Londoners, helping us to build a greener and better London for everyone.

TfL marks 40 years of Poems on the Underground with new summer series across the network

TfL announced a new summer series of Poems on the Underground, which launched across the network from 1 June. The new series coincides with the 40th anniversary of the much-loved initiative, marked with a special commemorative leaflet celebrating its legacy.

To mark the launch, a special reading event took place at Covent Garden, where invited poets performed a selection of poems that have featured on the Underground over the past four decades.

As part of the 40th anniversary celebrations, TfL has also published a commemorative leaflet featuring forty of the best-loved poems ever displayed on the Underground. The collection spans centuries and continents, with writers ranging from John Donne and Po Chu-I, to contemporary poets including Leanne O'Sullivan and Roger Robinson, reflecting the diversity of London itself.

Alongside the programme, TfL is continuing to support access to culture across the capital. For those inspired to discover more of London's cultural scene, 2-for-1 on tickets to BFI Southbank is available to TfL customers until 31 August, offering greater access to one of the capital's most distinctive cinema experiences. Across four screens by the river, BFI Southbank will screen the best of classic, independent and foreign-language films, including Marilyn Monroe: Self-Made Star throughout June. In July, BFI Southbank will also host Station to Station: Kazuo Ishiguro Top Ten Train Films, as The Nobel Prize winning author takes us on a journey through his favourite train set films.

TfL marks Pride Month and 10 years of diversity traffic signals with a new Art on the Underground audio tour celebrating LGBTQIA+ perspectives

TfL marked the start of Pride Month and the 10th anniversary of diversity traffic signals around Trafalgar Square with the launch of a new Art on the Underground audio experience, celebrating LGBTQIA+ perspectives across London's transport network.

TfL's new Pride Audio Tour is a new remote public audio guide produced by Art on the Underground in collaboration with OUTbound, TfL's LGBTQIA+ staff network. The tour invites customers and Londoners to explore five significant artworks while hearing personal reflections from LGBTQIA+ contributors connected to the pieces. Each stop on the audio tour pairs a featured artwork with a personal reflection, offering a range of voices – from TfL staff members and artists to individuals who have directly contributed to or been inspired by the works.

19 June also marked the 10-year anniversary of around 50 pedestrian traffic signals around Trafalgar Square having their 'walk' image replaced with new diversity images as part of the celebrations for the capital's Pride event. The familiar green walking symbol was replaced with either green gender related symbols or a 'holding hands' design. The designs represent LGBTQIA+ relationships, including a holding hands symbol and trans symbol that have remained in place and have been a mainstay in Trafalgar Square for 10 years.

Later in the month, customers were able to see portrait posters of staff across the network who have made huge contributions to LGBTQIA+ community within TfL and across the transport industry, alongside portraits with local community groups, organisations and individuals that have been in the forefront of showcasing their Pride in identity and Power in Unity in London and beyond.

TfL partners with Marmalade Trust and others to host events for Loneliness Awareness Week

TfL partnered with loneliness organisations and charities Camerados, Marmalade Trust and Strangers In The City to host a series of events between Monday 15 June and Friday 19 June in support of Loneliness Awareness Week.

Open to all Londoners and visitors, with the aim of tackling loneliness in the capital, the events focused on reducing stigma around loneliness and supporting communities to have open and honest conversations.

The popular Chatty Cabins initiative at the London Cable Car returned to encourage people to connect and spark conversations with others, while enjoying a journey across the River Thames between Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Docks. This free scheme included a 20-minute round trip in the cable car and a hot drink and ran throughout the week.

In collaboration with Marmalade Trust and Strangers In The City, a ticketed Games Night ran on Tuesday 16 June at the London Cable Car experience. A pop-up Public Living Room was also in place at the Greenwich Peninsula Terminal on Wednesday 17 June, in partnership with Camerados, to encourage Londoners and visitors to chat with others and have company.

TfL's support of Loneliness Awareness Week 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'.

TfL celebrates 18 London schools for outstanding efforts to boost active travel and improve safety and air quality across the city

TfL recently celebrated London schools for their outstanding work to increase active travel and improve safety and air quality across the city, as part of TfL's schools programme, Travel for Life.

An 'Inspiring Success' awards ceremony hosted by my Walking and Cycling Commissioner, Will Norman, celebrated 18 schools nominated by their local council for inspiring delivery of TfL's Travel for Life accreditation programme. TfL Travel for Life offers free education programmes to schools and education settings across London, to help them increase active and sustainable travel options on the school run, reduce car use and improve safety, health and wellbeing.

Nightingale Primary School in Redbridge reduced car usage on the school run from 30 per cent to 19 per cent, William Morris School in Merton increased walking and cycling by four per cent, and Thames View Junior School in Barking and Dagenham brought car and motorcycle use down to just nine per cent.

Each of the 18 schools have also delivered improvements from installing cycle and scooter facilities to introducing safer streets around school gates. Springfield Primary School in Hackney installed storage for 55 additional scooters and secured eight pool bikes, while Nightingale Primary School in Redbridge helped secure a School Street.

Around 1,500 London schools are now taking part in TfL Travel for Life, which is delivered in partnership with the London Transport Museum and London boroughs. Schools achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold accreditation for reducing car use, improving safety and increasing sustainable travel and I encourage any schools interested in getting involved to get in touch with TfL.

Two Transport for London staff members recognised in the King's Birthday Honours

Two TfL members of staff are to receive British Empire Medals (BEM) for services to helping communities while working at TfL.

Claire Alleguen has worked at TfL for roughly 20 years and throughout that time has been committed to making TfL a great place to work for all. In 2023 she proudly took the role of chair of TfL's LGBTQ+ colleague network group, OUTBound, which works to ensure colleagues and customers, regardless of their gender or sexuality, are represented.

This voluntary role, which she does in addition to her daily work as a Local Engagement Manager, working with boroughs and groups on local improvement and more, has seen her foster a more inclusive and supportive workplace and lead on significant events such as LGBTQ+ History Month and Trans Awareness Week.

Evren Altinok has received a BEM in honour of his outstanding leadership, innovation, and altruism through using decommissioned TfL tech to support those in need in this digital age. In response to the digital divide exposed during the pandemic, Evren identified that children in disadvantaged areas lacked access to essential learning tools as the world moved to video calls and online learning.

Acting in his own time, Evren implemented TfL's Devices for Schools programme, a voluntary scheme to repurpose decommissioned IT equipment for educational use. By taking decommissioned TfL laptops and more, he worked with TfL's senior leaders, showing how the initiative aligned with TfL's sustainability goals. He signed up volunteers, personally delivered

devices, and dedicated thousands of hours to the cause. More than 4,000 devices have now been donated to 90 schools, including 1,400 devices to the Get Online London scheme.

I'm proud to see Claire and Evren recognised in the King's Birthday Honours for their hard work at TfL to build fairer, more inclusive communities. Both recipients have shown outstanding commitment to supporting others and creating opportunities where they're needed most, and their work has made a lasting impact on many lives. Huge congratulations to Claire and Evren on this fantastic achievement.

I am also happy to congratulate Shekeila Scarlett, Senior Operations and Change Manager for the Woolwich Ferry, on her MBE for services to education. As a school governor, Shekeila has been recognised for promoting diversity while advocating and creating opportunities for young people.

TfL brings back popular Cycle Sundays with unlimited free 60-minute Santander Cycle rides every Sunday in July

Cycle Sundays is back, with TfL and Santander Cycles offering free Santander Cycles Day Passes, giving everyone unlimited 60-minute rides every Sunday from 5th to 26th July. Launched in 2024 in collaboration with leading cycling organisations, the initiative is designed to encourage Londoners and visitors, especially those who are new to cycling, to try exploring the capital by bike.

It is quick and simple for everyone to enjoy free bike rides throughout Sundays in July. TfL Cycle Sundays offer codes are available on the Santander Cycles discounts page or the Santander Cycles app and can be redeemed at any docking station terminal by choosing a Day Pass and entering the code. Customers will need to use a bank card or their mobile phone to complete the process. The Day Pass - usually £3.50 - gives customers unlimited 60-minute rides within a 24-hour period.

Day passes for Santander e-bikes can also be redeemed as part of the Day Pass offer, but they must be hired via the Santander Cycles app or with a membership key and are only available to registered members. Membership is free and can be created online or through the app. The initiative aims to enable both Londoners and visitors to try TfL's electric bikes.

TfL Cycle Sundays offers beginner-friendly routes chosen by TfL and partners including British Cycling, Cycle Sisters, London Cycling Campaign and Sustrans. There are more than 50 routes, which give cyclists of all abilities and walks of life a choice of leisure rides up to ten miles long.

I'm delighted that TfL Cycle Sundays has returned, and this year it's bigger and better than ever so even more Londoners and visitors can enjoy exploring our great city by bike.

Environment

Climate Investor Forum

On 1 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a keynote address at Tech Nation's flagship Climate Investor Forum, marking the culmination of their 2026 Climate Growth Programme. The Programme is designed to support top UK climate startups to grow and attract investment. The Forum brought together business founders to pitch to an audience of investors and wider stakeholders. As part of his speech, Mete highlighted London's progress on net zero so far, and emphasised the importance of innovation and partnership with business to deliver a green and resilient city.

UNISON's London Regional Council meeting

On 3 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a keynote speech to UNISON's Greater London Regional Council meeting, attended by representatives from over 100 public service branches. This was an opportunity to highlight the unique climate risks London faces and London's response to the climate emergency through key manifesto deliverables, including progress on air quality, energy, decarbonisation, and climate resilience programmes across the public sector. Mete also addressed the role of public services and trade unions in supporting delivery of a net zero and climate-resilient London.

SXSW London

On 1 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered closing remarks at SXSW London's Data Centre Summit. During his speech, Mete emphasised London's strategic position in the development of data centres and highlighted the need to involve communities in the transition. The Summit was opened by my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber.

On 2 June, Mete participated in a panel discussion on the development of AI. The panel discussed the expansion of data centres and impacts this has on communities. Mete emphasised the importance of giving communities agency and including them in the conversation as the roll out continues at pace.

He then gave opening remarks at the Nature & Climate House Summit. Mete spoke ahead of a session on resilience and "the future economy", with discussion focused on building conditions in which people, communities and markets can thrive under pressure. In his remarks, Mete drew attention to my commitment to adaptation and resilience, highlighting work to develop a strategic vision for tackling hot weather in London and projects aimed at building community resilience and capacity to support Londoners.

On 4 June, Mete joined a panel discussion on 'Is Swimmability is the next frontier in urban resilience?' alongside panellists Chris Romer-Lee from Swimmable Cities, and Amber Keegan from Surfers Against Sewage. During this panel, Mete highlighted my plans to improve swimmability, including through my Clean and Healthy Waterways Plan, which will create safe and healthy waterways for all Londoners to enjoy over the next ten years.

Eurocities Annual Conference

On 9 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban participated in the Eurocities Annual Conference in Utrecht. Mete participated in a panel discussion which explored the role of cities in driving climate action in a shifting Europe. Mete spoke about the importance of climate action being grounded in the needs of citizens and communities. He highlighted my ten-year plan to clean London's waterways and emphasised the benefits that are felt by communities from high quality and accessible green spaces, as well as the improvements to London's air quality through the expansion of ULEZ.

Hatton Cross launch

On 12 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban and my Deputy Mayor for Transport, Seb Dance, joined partners from TfL and Places for London to mark the formal launch of the Hatton Cross ultra-rapid electric vehicle (EV) charging hub. This is a significant milestone in the delivery of EV charging infrastructure across London, in line with my manifesto commitment to deliver 40,000 charge points by 2030, accelerating the shift to cleaner, greener transport across the capital. The site features 12 ultra-rapid charging bays powered by 100 per cent renewable energy, showing how green investment is being translated into real infrastructure for Londoners. The event also announced the UK's first EV charger apprenticeship programme, creating new green jobs and opportunities.

Official opening of Canary Wharf Group / Sea Lanes lido

On 15 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, launched the new Sea Lanes swimming pool in Canary Wharf, an exciting new open water swimming site which will enhance blue space in London. During the event, Mete highlighted my commitment to transforming London's waterways through my Clean and Healthy Waterways Plan – from cleaning the waterways, to improving biodiversity and opening up more blue spaces for Londoners to relax, walk and swim in safely.

Breathe London Awards

On 16 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave the keynote speech at the inaugural Breathe London Awards Ceremony. The event brought together all Breathe London stakeholders and partners to celebrate the actions taken by Londoners to raise awareness of the impact of air pollution. Through my Breathe London Network, we are turning air quality data into insights, and insights into action, helping to improve air quality and deliver meaningful benefits for Londoners across our city.

National Trust's Summer Reception

On 17 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a speech on unequal access to green, nature-rich places at a Summer Reception with the National Trust at Camley Street. This event covers ongoing work to address disparities in access to green space and support Londoners' health and wellbeing, aligning with wider ambitions to create a greener and fairer London. The National Trust, a partner on the West London Regional Park, is working with the GLA and London Borough of Ealing to help to drive plans that will improve park access for 600,000 residents and deliver a new 13km footpath linking the Grand Union Canal to the River Brent.

Clean Air Fund Parliamentary reception

On 18 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban attended and spoke at the Clean Air Fund Parliamentary Reception on London's experience in tackling air pollution and the role of regional leadership. He highlighted the importance of supporting Clean Air Day, the UK's largest air pollution campaign, which is helping to raise awareness about the impact of air pollution and empowering London's communities to advocate for stronger action at every level of government.

Clean Air Day evening reception with Earth Minutes

On 18 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, hosted a Clean Air Day reception for young Londoners "Fresh Air, Fresh Voices". The event, which was facilitated by Earth Minutes, brought together young people aged 18-25 to explore what clean air means to them, why it matters, and what meaningful action could look like. He spoke about the progress achieved in London through my air quality programme and highlighted the new round of funding, Round 5 of Mayor's Air Quality Fund, to support boroughs take more action to help clean up London's air.

Climate and the Future of Health Summit

On 22 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a keynote address at the Climate and the Future of Health Summit. During his speech, Mete emphasised the health risks posed to Londoners by hot weather, which underpin the need to adapt to a changing climate. Mete highlighted the work London is doing to adapt the city to cope with warmer temperatures.

Climate Innovation Forum

On 22 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, participated in a fireside discussion with David Saddington at the Climate Innovation Forum. During this discussion, Mete emphasised the importance of drawing on nature-based solutions to address the climate crisis. He highlighted how the reintroduction of beavers in Ealing has provided a natural flood defence to Greenford Station in west London.

Future Climate Leaders Forum

On 22 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered closing remarks at the Future Climate Leaders Forum. During his remarks, Mete emphasised the importance of centring young people at the heart of the climate discussion and highlighted my work to engage young people in this work by supporting the London Climate Action Week Youth Summit for the second year in a row.

Future Streets Forum

On 24 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a keynote address at the Future Streets Forum. The Forum explored initiatives on how to improve streetscapes for communities and highlighted my plans for the pedestrianisation of Oxford Street. The Forum convened leading voices in urban design, transport, place-making and property development to explore how streets can drive social, economic, and environmental value in London and internationally.

Curious Cities Assembly

On 24 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, provided the keynote address for the Curious Cities Assembly during London Climate Action Week. Mete spoke about his personal experiences growing up in London, and the importance of viewing climate action through a child's lens. Mete also highlighted how the impacts of climate change and air pollution are not felt equally across our city, but that our bold action with schemes such as the ULEZ have reduced inequalities and improved health outcomes for Londoners.

LCSC event

On 24 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, spoke at the London Climate and Sustainability Commission's event on supercharging community climate action in London. Mete spoke about the importance of hearing from grass roots and community-led groups in discussions around London's climate action efforts, and how these groups are giving helping Londoners access nature and feel engaged in their work.

Clean Air Fund event

On 24 June my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, took part in a Fireside chat and panel discussion as part of the Clean Air Fund's Clean Air Hub event. London has led the way on air quality action globally; data published by Defra shows that London's air pollution levels fell to within the legal limits for the first time in 2024, 184 years earlier than was estimated. Mete set out London's clean air journey and highlighted how local political leaders can navigate the challenges and opportunities of delivering climate and clean air policies at city level, including the interaction with national politics

Earthfest Leaders Summit

On 25 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, delivered a keynote address at the Earthfest Leaders Summit. The theme of the session was The Future of Nature & Conservation and Mete used this time to highlight the work I am doing to implement nature-based solutions to green London and to clean our rivers and waterways in the next ten-years.

LCAW Youth Summit

On 26 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, co-hosted the Youth Summit at London Climate Action Week, in partnership with Earth Minutes at the Tate Modern. The Youth Summit saw 200 young climate leaders come together for a day co-designed by young people, including speakers, discussions and workshops on climate and nature. Building on London's example, the young people will develop an international framework to support other young leaders to build their own youth summits at international climate weeks. The outcomes of the day more broadly will shape how we engage with young people on climate action moving forward.

Out in Climate

On 30 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, joined Out in Climate for a fireside discussion to celebrate Pride Month. During the discussion, Mete spoke about the intersectionality between climate justice and social and racial justice. He emphasised how the climate crisis differently impacts different communities across our city and the need to communicate the measures we have implemented across London in a way that is tangible for everyone.

Story Garden

On 1 July, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Mete Coban, gave remarks at the launch of the new Story Garden, now in its permanent space. The Story Garden is the result of my Future Neighbourhoods 2030 programme, which was piloted and tested in the British Library's meanwhile

use space by Global Generation and the local community. It includes classroom areas for learning, gardening and workshop space for recycling and reusing.

Growth and Skills

Engagement with Further Education skills providers on AI

On 3 June, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, hosted a roundtable with senior representatives from Further Education and Higher Education providers on AI. This is part of the London AI and Jobs Taskforce stakeholder engagement on the impact of AI on the London labour market. Attendees shared their insights in how AI is impacting different sectors and their learners.

Roundtable at the Shaw Trust with the Minister for Employment

On 11 June, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, attended a visit to the Shaw Trust hosted by West London Alliance, alongside the Minister for Employment, Dame Diana Johnson. The event was also attended by Andy Slaughter MP, Stephen Cowan, Leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council, and Angus Gray, Director and Connect to Work Senior Responsible Owner at the Department for Work and Pensions. They met with participants, employment specialists, and employers, to discuss their experiences of the Connect to Work programme.

This was followed by a roundtable, which brought together policymakers and delivery partners to reflect on the first year of the programme and to discuss the future of supported employment.

Shaw Trust Support for Young Londoners NEET Project Visit

On 12 June, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber, visited Shaw Trust's Bexley site (Bexley Youth Advice), to meet with Support for Young Londoners (SfYL) NEET programme participants. The SfYL NEET programme operates across London and is currently funded by the pan-London Youth Guarantee Trailblazer programme and Adult Skills Fund (ASF).

The programme takes a holistic approach and offers individually tailored support to Londoners aged 16-24 who are not in education, employment or training. Activities offered across the programme include building confidence, motivation and personal development through mentoring, in addition to work experience and core employability skills.

During Howard's visit, he took part in a job club, hearing directly from young people about the issues they face in trying to find work. He also heard firsthand about the range of support received through the programme.

Nominations for the 2026 Mayor of London Adult Learning Awards

On 15 June, I opened nominations to the 2026 Adult Learning Awards, the fifth learning awards I have hosted at City Hall to celebrate adult learning in the capital. Londoners have until Friday, 24 July, to nominate across ten categories, including the Mayor of London Inspirational Adult Learner of the Year and the Mayor of London Champion Employer for Skills and Apprenticeships Award.

The winners will be announced at the ceremony at City Hall in November. Nominations can be made online, and any questions should be referred to molawards@learningandwork.org.uk.

London Learner Survey

On 22 June I published the results of the annual London Learner Survey, showing the impact of adult learning over 2024/25.

The data shows how the training I am funding through London's ASF is delivering against ambitions set out in my Inclusive Talent Strategy. Learning is transforming lives across the capital, boosting prospects and helping our economy to grow.

Nearly 8 in 10 learners were in work, or further study after their course, and over half of learners in employment after their course were employed in key growth or growth enabling sectors such as construction, health and social care – over 42,000 Londoners. Some learners saw boosted incomes with pay rises of nearly 8% on average.

The survey also showed the transformational impact of learning on wellbeing, confidence and how Londoners feel about their lives. 95% of Londoners, after taking a course, reported a positive change in their lives, and over 151,000 learners felt more confident following their training.

Housing

A Local Remediation Acceleration Plan (LRAP) for London

Given this month marks the ninth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire, in which 72 lives were tragically lost, it remains a stark reminder of the work still required to ensure that all Londoners are safe in their homes.

Building safety continues to be one of my highest priorities and that's why, working alongside government and a coalition of London's remediation partners, we published a Local Remediation Acceleration Plan (LRAP) for London on 5 June.

The new LRAP marks a major change in approach — bringing together the organisations responsible for funding, regulation, enforcement and delivery to speed up remediation and make homes safe faster. It has been developed jointly with London's remediation partners – the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, the London Fire Brigade, the Building Safety Regulator, London Councils, Homes England, and boroughs, alongside engagement with residents. It sets out a coordinated plan to accelerate the pace of remediation, identify all affected residential buildings over 11 metres, and ensure residents and leaseholders are properly supported.

This plan responds to the government's Remediation Acceleration Plan. Delivery is overseen by the Joint Remediation Partnership Board (JRPB), co-chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, and the Minister for Building Safety, Sam Dixon MP, and comprises of senior representatives from the coalition of London's remediation partners.

London's remediation partners are already delivering key actions under the plan, including securing multi-year funding for boroughs and regulators, working collectively to enforce against landlords who are not taking sufficient action, and ensuring developers are held to account for the pace of remediation work.

However, London faces the biggest remediation challenge in the country. As of April 2026, London has 1,078 buildings in remediation schemes that are yet to commence works — more than all other regions of England combined.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

London-Africa Business Summit

On 4 June, I hosted the first Mayoral London-Africa Business Summit, building on the momentum of my 2025 trade mission to Africa and sending a clear message that London is open to African investment, talent, and innovation.

More businesses expand from London into Africa than from any other city in the world; over 110 African businesses have chosen to list on the London Stock Exchange, and – since my visit to the continent last year – four African businesses have invested more than £30 million into London through foreign direct investment.

The Summit was attended by around 200 business and political leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors from Africa and London, and included a keynote speech from Hon. Elizabeth Ofosu-Adjare, Minister of Trade, Agribusiness and Industry, Ghana.

Ahead of the Summit on 3 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, jointly hosted a reception with Invest Africa and FirstBank UK, to celebrate the closing of the Africa Debate and to look forward to the London-Africa Business Summit.

Olympia launch event

On 9 June, I spoke at a launch reception to celebrate a key milestone in Olympia's transformation into London's newest destination for entertainment, culture, hospitality and business, following £1.3bn of investment.

Once complete, the project is projected to inject more than £600 million GVA into the economy annually and to support the creation of 7,000 jobs, with expected annual footfall of 10 million.

Business engagement and support

During this time, my Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth, Howard Dawber continued to engage with and support businesses, including:

- On 1 June, co-hosted an event with the Mayor of Austin at SXSW London on Data Centres.
- On 1 June met with BusinessLDN AI Steering Group meeting to discuss my AI and Jobs Taskforce.
- On 1 June, spoke at Barclays Innovation Hub to a group of circa 50 SME leaders as part of a panel to launch Barclays' latest Business Prosperity Index. Following this event, he met with Barclays' senior London business banking team to discuss my AI and Jobs Taskforce.
- On 2 June, spoke at the Business in the Community Pride of Place Summit.
- On 2 June, spoke at the London Quantum Cluster one year anniversary hosted at the Institute for Physics.
- On 3 June, met with Massimiliano Messina Chairperson of AMIEO region (Africa, Middle East, India, Europe and Oceania) NISSAN to discuss investment opportunities and explore potential collaborations.
- On 3 June, attended an event organised by ABBA Voyage and London Legacy Development Corporation, alongside the Swedish Minister of Culture, to discuss the experience economy

sector and to launch a new programme engaging schools and young people about jobs in the sector.

- On 5 June, opened the Hillingdon Business Expo – organised by the Hillingdon Chamber of Commerce – an event attended by 1,500 representatives from Hillingdon businesses.
- On 11 June, met with the CEO of Japan Overseas Infrastructure Investment Organisation to discuss and promote FDI opportunities in London.
- On 29 June, met with senior leaders from Federated Hermes to discuss their current London investment plans and the London Growth Plan.
- On 29 June, spoke at the launch of L&P's 8th cohort of the Grow London Global programme, welcoming over 120 high-growth London companies that are joining for the next 12 months.
- On 30 June, spoke at a roundtable with senior business leaders organised by EY to launch their UK attractiveness survey.
- On 1 July, spoke at a roundtable with members of the British Retail Consortium on retail crime.
- On 1 July, spoke at a roundtable with senior leaders from the financial and professional services industry organised by the TheCityUK
- On 1 July, spoke at the launch event of the Action for Race Equality and Business In The Community race equity taskforce
- On 2 July, delivered opening remarks on what London needs from sports and entertainment investment at the Bisnow European Sports and Entertainment Conference.
- On 2 July, chaired a meeting with London's Business Improvement Districts, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Business and Crime, Kaya Comer-Schwartz.

International Promotion

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

- On 2 June, delivered a keynote on the relationship between the UK and Sweden at AccessUK 2026, a two-day event aimed at Swedish scaleups exploring the UK, organised by the Swedish Chamber of Commerce for the UK.
- On 3 June, joined the President of Ghana, H.E. John Mahama at the London Stock Exchange market opening ceremony.
- From 15 to 18 June, joined my visit to Singapore and Japan to bang the drum for the capital as a place to invest and do business, accompanied by nearly 30 high-growth companies who are part of London & Partners' Grow London Global programme. Over four days, he met with business leaders to promote London and drive trade and investment across critical sectors, including finance, tech, real estate, and the creative industries.
- From 22 to 24 June, he visited China to strengthen trade and investment links. On the visit he met the Deputy Mayor of Beijing, Mr Wenhong Tang, to mark the 20th anniversary of the London–Beijing partnership, the UK Ambassador to China, Peter Wilson to discuss China-UK

relations, spoke at the World Economic Forum New Champions in Dalian, and met with political and business leaders to promote London as an investment destination.

Fire

Chancellor visit and tour of Fire boat at Lambeth River Fire Station

On 18 June, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, joined the Chancellor on a visit to the Lambeth River Fire Station, alongside Dan Firth of Holyhead Marine and Mat Walker, Deputy Fire Commissioner. The visit included an overview of the station's operations, along with the history and impact of the rescue boat service.

Wildfire visit to Islington Fire Station

On 25 June, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service, Jules Pipe, visited Islington Fire Station and had the opportunity to speak to London Fire Brigade about wildfire capabilities and equipment and to see one of the four Wildfire Response Vehicle that we have funded.

Civil Society and Sport

Rally Together London, Trafalgar Square

On 6 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited Trafalgar Square to see Rally Together London in action, where the square was transformed into a vibrant pop-up tennis venue for young Londoners.

Delivered in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association, the event brought together community organisations and young people from across the capital to take part in coach-led sessions and activities, showcasing the power of sport to build confidence, skills and connections.

Taking place alongside the HSBC Championships at Queen's Club, the event helped to bring the excitement of world-class tennis into the heart of the city, inspiring more young Londoners to get involved in the sport.

Rally Together London forms part of my work to open up tennis to more Londoners, particularly those from under-represented backgrounds. Through this partnership, we are supporting over 5,500 young people to get into tennis and helping to create new pathways into coaching and the wider sports workforce.

Launch of the Basketball Facilities Fund

On 11 June, my new Basketball Facilities Fund opened for applications, delivering on my commitment earlier this year to invest in and improve basketball facilities across London.

This new fund will support the refurbishment and development of courts in communities across the capital, helping to ensure that young Londoners have access to safe, high-quality places to play. Basketball is one of the most popular sports among young people in London, and this investment will help harness its power to bring communities together, support physical and mental wellbeing, and create positive opportunities for the next generation.

The launch of the fund marks an important step in the work of my London Basketball Taskforce, as we continue working with boroughs, clubs and partners to grow the game and open up access to sport for all.

Go! London x NFL Foundation UK Grant Fund

On 18 June, Go! London launched a £1 million impact partnership with the National Football League (NFL).

This new collaboration will deliver an NFL Flag programme alongside wraparound support for young people aged 11–24. A total of 19 organisations across 17 London boroughs, from Croydon to Enfield, have each been awarded £40,000 to integrate NFL Flag football into their existing provision.

The programme will also train 100 community coaches, ensuring that flag football is sustainably embedded within the opportunities available to young Londoners.

Culture

AI and Jobs Taskforce Roundtable

On 16 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, hosted an online roundtable with stakeholders from the creative industries as part of my AI and Jobs Taskforce. The roundtable consisted of 10 creative industries stakeholders from a range of sub-sectors. A separate session was also held on the same day as part of the agenda for the Shadow Creative Sector Talent Board: the group set up to shape the development of the Pan-London Hub for Creative Skills. The session was chaired by Kat Daniel (Bloomberg) and will also feed into the work of the Taskforce.

Unveiling of the Dagenham Agates

On 23 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, spoke at the unveiling of a new artwork, The Dagenham Agates by Ruth Ewan. The artwork consists of two sister sculptures that celebrate the women who took part in the Ford Dagenham Sewing Machinist Strikes of 1968 and 1984–5 that led to the Equal Pay Act of 1970 and achieving a higher skill category for their work. The artwork is located at the key approach to Dagenham Green, a major new Peabody Trust residential neighbourhood, creating a more engaging and welcoming approach for residents and visitors.

Strategic licensing

On 29 June, my new licensing powers, granted by the Government through the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act, came into effect. The new powers will be enacted in phases. The next step is to launch a Responsible Authority test service, whereby the GLA will receive all licensing applications from across London and be able to make formal representations to Licensing Committees.

The ability to set a London-wide Strategic Licensing Policy and the call-in power will follow further legislation from Government later this year. This will be informed by the results of the consultation I ran on my draft London-wide Strategic Licensing policy earlier this year. A full report on the consultation will be published in the coming months.

Communities and Social Policy

Unveiling of the English heritage blue plaque for Kamal Churchie

On 2 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, joined the unveiling of the English Heritage blue plaque for Kamal Churchie - who was a pastor, community worker and anti-racist activist. The event honoured Kamal Churchie's contribution to London, whereby he gave decades of his life to the most marginalised communities in the docklands area and whose legacy has helped to make London what it is today.

AI Taskforce roundtable

On 8 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, chaired an engagement roundtable with equalities, human rights and civil liberties organisations to inform my AI Taskforce.

They highlighted that AI offers strong potential to improve accessibility, productivity, and skills development, especially through assistive tech and low-cost tools. However, there are significant risks of widening inequalities, unreliable or biased AI systems, and workforce disruption—particularly for already disadvantaged groups.

Participants emphasised the need for coordinated action, including inclusive training, clear standards, and safeguards to ensure AI supports good jobs rather than undermining them.

Deaf and disabled people's organisation forum meeting

On 10 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, chaired the Deaf and disabled people's organisation (DDPO) forum meeting. This meeting provided the opportunity to engage with DDPO's as part of the consultation for my refreshed Equalities Objectives. The group also provided feedback on a venue accessibility guidance document that is currently being developed for partners in the Family Financial Resilience Partnership.

Commemorative event marking the 9th anniversary of the Finsbury Park terror attack

On 18 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended a commemorative event hosted by Finsbury Park Mosque to mark the ninth anniversary of the Finsbury Park terror attack.

A tree and plaque have been placed in Clifton Court Garden to commemorate Makram Ali, who lost his life in the attack. Debbie provided a short speech, reiterating my commitment to building a community of love, compassion and to stand united together against racism and hate. Local MPs, Councillors and the family of Makram Ali also provided a moving address.

A Glimpse into the Lives of Afghan Women: Stories of Struggle and Resilience exhibition

On 19 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended the private launch of "A Glimpse into the Lives of Afghan Women: Stories of Struggle and Resilience," an exhibition hosted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) at Southwark Cathedral as part of Refugee Week 2026. The Deputy Mayor delivered remarks along with IOM partners, artists, and Afghan women sharing their testimonies. The event offered an opportunity to stand in solidarity with refugees and people seeking sanctuary, celebrate the

resilience and contributions of Afghan women, and reaffirm London's commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive city.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism's centenary Gala Evening

On 19 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard OBE, recorded a video address for the World Union for Progressive Judaism's centenary Gala Evening, welcoming delegates from around the world and recognising the enduring contribution of Progressive Judaism to London's diverse civic and faith life.

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month Reception

On 25 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard OBE, attended the annual Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month Reception at City Hall. As well as performances, there were exhibitions and film screenings showing the historical and contemporary experiences and contributions of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities in London.

Black communities roundtable

On 23 June, My Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard OBE, joined my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime for London, Kaya Comer-Schwartz, to host a roundtable bringing together stakeholders from black communities to share current their experiences and perspectives on policing, safety, and other issues facing black Londoners.

Windrush Day

On 22 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard OBE, proudly marked Windrush Day with a visual recognising the profound impact the Windrush Generation have made in building modern Britain. This was unveiled at Outernet London, alongside four distinguished individuals whose contributions continue to shape and strengthen communities across the UK. We collectively honoured the Windrush Generation, reflecting on their enduring legacy despite the countless hardships they have faced, their resilience and community leadership remaining a source of inspiration for us all.

Hindu roundtable

On 24 June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes Bernard OBE, hosted a Hindu roundtable with my Deputy Mayor Policing and Crime, Kata Comer-Schwartz. Through the session, Debbie and Kaya listened to the experience of Hindu leaders and provided updates on my support, current initiatives, and steps to promote safety, inclusion, and resilience for Hindu Londoners.

Big Caribbean Lunch

On 28 June, celebrations to mark Windrush Day continued with the Big Caribbean Lunch in Windrush Square. This gathering offers a meaningful opportunity to connect with elders and community members, celebrate Caribbean heritage, and reaffirm our shared commitment to recognising and supporting the Windrush Generation. Events like these are vital in ensuring that the stories, contributions, and ongoing experiences of the Windrush community remain visible and valued across London.

Health

Meeting with Regional Director, NHS England London

On 25 June, I met Dame Caroline Clarke, Regional Director for NHS England London, as part of my regular series of meetings with senior NHS leadership in London. We discussed NHS reforms and continued to explore how we can achieve the best health outcomes for London. I was also briefed on topical public health issues.

London Health Improvement Board

On 1 July, I chaired a meeting of the London Health Improvement Board. Established with the NHS and London Councils, this Board represents an ambitious new phase in our work as a health and care partnership to prevent ill-health, improve health and tackle health inequalities through London-wide action. It will support the strategic 'shift' in the Government's 10 Year Health Plan – from treatment to prevention.

We discussed the developing London Health Improvement Plan which will guide our work in our three priority areas of children and young people's health, mental health and heart health. Within this, we discussed the Million Hearts and Minds challenge, a citywide programme to improve heart health. The board also considered and supported proposals for helping accelerate London's approach to health innovation.

Children and Young Londoners

Cricket Green School visit

On 5 June, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, visited Cricket Green School in Merton, where she joined staff and pupils to celebrate the school's achievement of a Healthy Schools London Gold Award. During the visit, she attended a whole-school assembly showcasing pupils' work, before meeting with staff and students to hear about their experiences of the programme and the impact of their inclusive physical activity initiatives. Cricket Green School's Gold Award project focused on increasing participation in adapted and accessible physical education, supporting pupils with special educational needs to build confidence, improve wellbeing and enjoy being active. I am committed to ensuring every child in London can lead a healthy and active life, and it's inspiring to see schools like Cricket Green leading the way in creating inclusive environments where all young people can thrive.

AI Taskforce Youth Roundtables

On 5 June and 8 June, Lib Peck, the Director of London's Violence Reduction Unit, and Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, chaired two respective roundtable discussions with young Londoners and youth and education sector leaders to inform the work of my AI and Jobs Taskforce. It's important that the experiences of young Londoners, and the professionals supporting them, are included in the recommendations of the Taskforce because emerging data suggests that entry-level roles and younger workers are likely to experience some of the greatest changes from AI. I want London to seize the opportunities that AI presents, whilst making sure no one gets left behind, and the insights shared at these roundtables will help identify practical actions we can take to do that.

School Dinners Exhibition

On 15 June, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, spoke at the Food Museum's School Dinners Exhibition launch event at the Houses of Parliament. The exhibition was recently awarded a national Museums and Heritage Award and explores the history of school food. I am delighted that my Universal Free School Meals programme has been celebrated as part of the exhibition.

St. Mary Magdalene school visit

On 17 June, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, had the pleasure of visiting St. Mary Magdalene All-Through School in Greenwich.

Alongside 15 others across London, St. Mary Magdalene is benefiting from my investment in strengthening mental health support in secondary schools. Joanne toured the school's dedicated wellbeing spaces, including the nurture room, sensory areas and quiet spaces designed to support students' emotional wellbeing. She also met with school leaders, staff and students to hear first-hand how they are using this investment to embed Whole School Approach to mental health and wellbeing, ensuring that support is accessible and integrated into everyday life of the school.

Chase Community School Phone Free Schools Event

On 19 June, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, had the pleasure of visiting Chase Community School to see their fully phone-free model in action. The visit offered a valuable opportunity to hear directly from school leaders, teachers and pupils about the impact on learning, behaviour and wellbeing, and to gather insight on emerging practice across London schools. During the morning, Joanne heard presentations from the Senior Leadership Team, teaching staff and pupils, and joined a Q&A exploring lessons learned from implementation.

National Education Union No Child Left Behind Conference

On 26 June, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, spoke at the National Education Union's 'No Child Left Behind Conference', a coalition of more than 350 organisations campaigning to break down the barriers from poverty to equal access to education.

Events

Eid on the Square

On 30 May, I hosted the 20th Eid on the Square event in Trafalgar Square - this year celebrating Eid-al-Adha. Over 12,000 attendees of Muslim and non-Muslim faith enjoyed amazing performances on the main stage hosted by Nadia Ali and Juwayria Ghazali. Stand out performances included The London Arab Orchestra, Amana, Khaled Siddiq and children's favourites Omar and Hana.

The Square and North Terrace were filled with a variety of stalls, caterers and activities which my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Policy, Debbie Weekes-Bernard visited, including a specially commissioned exhibition 'Our Eid in London' curated by Everyday Muslim and our Community Advisory Group in celebration of the 20th anniversary. We were delighted to welcome Muslim Girls Fence, Halal Tourism Britain and a new exhibition celebrating Muslims in Rail. We are grateful to this year's sponsors Remitly, Muslim Aid, British Muslim Trust and Ambala.

18 Team London Ambassador volunteers supported Eid on the Square, playing an important role in welcoming Londoners, providing information, supporting activities and helping to create an inclusive and enjoyable environment for all.

State of London Debate

On 3 June, the annual State of London Debate was held at Indigo at The O2. Londoners were also able to listen live on LBC radio, as LBC radio presenter James O'Brien hosted the event, bringing together Londoners from across the capital for wide-ranging discussions on the opportunities and challenges facing our city, and my priorities for building a fairer, safer and more prosperous London for all.

London Symphony Orchestra

On 13 June, I was delighted to welcome the London Symphony Orchestra back to the heart of the capital for BMW Classics. Trafalgar Square once again became our biggest open-air classical concert venue, entertaining both Londoners and visitors alike with a free performance. It was also a fantastic opportunity for young musicians from East London to perform alongside the London Symphony Orchestra back on this world-renowned stage. The free outdoor summer concert was conducted by LSO Chief Conductor, Sir Antonio Pappano and is still available for everyone to enjoy via LSO's YouTube.

West End Live

On 20 and 21 June, Trafalgar Square was once again packed with theatre fans, as West End Live returned to central London. Crowds enjoyed a weekend of world-class performances from the West End's biggest stars and hottest new shows, all completely free.

Now in its 21st year, it drew crowds of over 70,000 people and featured performances from over 60 productions, which are still available to enjoy online.

Armed Forces Day

On 25 June, I was honoured to join with members of the Armed Forces and the London Assembly to celebrate and pay homage to the work of our Armed Forces at City Hall's flag raising ceremony.

Armed Forces Day is a chance to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community - currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets. From protecting our nation to providing humanitarian support and promoting peace - their responsibilities are wide-ranging, and we must never underestimate the sacrifices they make to keep our country safe. It's vital that we continue to reflect and honour their immense courage and commitment.

I was joined by the Chair of the London Assembly, Andrew Boff, and my Armed Forces champion, Assembly Member Lord Duvall, as we welcomed British Army representative Colonel Steven Lowe, who delivered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Armed Forces, and Royal Navy senior representatives Commander Lee Broster. Major Tom Hallett from the British Army hosted the proceedings, which also saw Cadet Joylyn Chasweke read a poem, cadets Lilly Hunter and Sam Stokes raise the flag, and musical performances by The Band of the Grenadier Guards.

Mayor's Pride Reception

On 30 June, as part of Pride Month, I hosted my annual Pride Reception at the Outernet on Tottenham Court Road. The event brought together guests from London's LGBTQI+ community, the wider community, and their allies. I made it clear that I have always been proud of London's status as a beacon for openness, equality, and LGBTQI+ rights, and that I am determined that this remains the case.

The event was held at Outernet, who are partnering with us and Pride in London in our bid to host World Pride 2032. The Outernet's Now Trending Space was also taken over with our 'Loved & Wanted' Campaign, which features stories from community groups across London.

Oxford Street Development Corporation

Transforming the Nation's Favourite High Street – Westminster Property Association Event

On 3 June, the Oxford Street Development Corporation (OSDC) met with around 180 West End business leaders at a Westminster Property Association Event to lay out our bold delivery plans for the exciting transformation project. OSDC Chair, Scott Parsons, alongside OSDC executive team, made it clear that we aren't just upgrading a street, we are driving a massive catalyst for wider transformation across the West End.

A Robust, Transparent Planning Committee

At the June OSDC Board meeting, the Board officially confirmed the members of the OSDC Planning Committee, moving firmly from planning into delivery. Chaired by OSDC Board Member Margaret Casely-Hayford, this eight-member committee will ensure all development decisions are impartial, transparent, and legally robust.

Crucially, the committee combines in local collaboration and expertise, with:

- Directly appointed representatives from Westminster City and Camden Councils.
- Five newly appointed independent experts in planning, law, regeneration, and urban design, recruited through a highly competitive open process.

With world-class design leadership and a rigorous planning structure, the OSDC are ready to shape a vibrant, sustainable, and prosperous future for London's West End.

A World-Class Planning Quality Review Panel

The OSDC has also established a new independent panel of 23 built environment experts to champion sustainable, high-quality design across the Mayoral Development Area. Managed independently by Frame Projects, a rotating five-member panel will meet monthly to review upcoming schemes. I am delighted that this panel will be co-chaired by two of the UK's finest architectural names:

- Simon Henley: Founding Director of Henley Halebrown, two-time RIBA Stirling Prize nominee, and a leading voice in design research.
- Paul Monaghan: Founder of AHMM, Stirling Prize winner, former Design Council Trustee, and a champion of landmark London projects (including 334 Oxford Street).

London Legacy Development Corporation

ABBA Voyage launches new education programme

On 3 June, ABBA Voyage announced an expanded education and careers programme at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The long-term initiative, developed in collaboration with London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), supports pathways into the creative industries for young people across east London. The launch included a special schools performance attended by nearly 3,000 local students.

Building on existing work with LLDC and East Bank partners, the next phase will introduce initiatives, including an Autumn School, mentoring, apprenticeships in live events and technical production, and a Freelance Charter, further strengthening the Park's role in creating accessible, long-term pathways into creative careers. The next phase is a strong example of the Inclusive Growth Framework in action, delivering on LLDC's commitment to scale activity that creates opportunities for local people and supports access to careers in the creative industries.

Here East – SXSW

On 3 June, Here East hosted its second SXSW London takeover, *It All Starts Here*, bringing together leaders from across the creative and technology sectors. The programme included panel discussions at Plexal on topics such as the relationship between space and culture, the role of technology in tackling violence against women and girls, and the future of AI, alongside tenant-led events, live demos and an evening programme of music and networking across the campus.

The Music is Black Festival by East Bank

The Music is Black Festival, presented by East Bank at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, is a celebration of sound, culture and community across an eight-month season of events honouring Black British music. On 13–14 June, the first weekend of live performances, *The Music is Ours* took place, attracting approximately 12,000 visitors to the Park across two days.

On 4 June, as part of the wider festival programme, UCL East hosted an *Arsenal x Adidas Black Music* panel discussion, exploring the relationship between Black British music, identity, sport and fashion, and the longstanding cultural connections between Arsenal Football Club and Black communities.

Sports

The FIH Pro League returned to Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre from 13–28 June, with England competing against leading international teams.

My Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, visited the Copper Box Arena during VALORANT Masters London, which took place from 6–21 June. The global esports tournament brought together 12 of the world's top teams, demonstrating the Park's growing ecosystem as a destination for esports.

Planetarium GO UK Launches in Zip World London at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Planetarium GO UK officially launched at Zip World London at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 29 June. Located beneath the ArcelorMittal Orbit, the initiative features a state-of-the-art mobile planetarium designed to bring astronomy and science closer to communities across the UK. The

planetarium will remain at the Park until 29 August, offering immersive educational experiences and supporting Queen Elizabeth's Olympic Park's ambition to create accessible opportunities for learning, inspiration and engagement in science and technology.

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

Imperial partnership announcement

On 11 June, OPDC announced that it has entered a new strategic partnership with Imperial College London.

This exciting new partnership will accelerate West London's innovation economy and support Old Oak's emergence as a powerhouse for entrepreneurship, regeneration and inward investment. Together OPDC and Imperial will harness the power of innovation and knowledge-intensive industries to drive inclusive economic opportunity.

OPDC and Imperial will work together to grow an innovation-led cluster at Old Oak, create high-quality mixed-use neighbourhoods, boost local prosperity through skills and talent development, and strengthen collaboration across West London's universities to build an exemplar higher-education cluster that supports inclusive, long-term growth.

Old Oak Common station ministerial visit

On 26 June, OPDC's Chief Executive Matthew Carpen attended a site visit at HS2's Old Oak Common station with Cabinet Secretary, Dame Antonia Romeo DCB.

The visit, also attended by Rail Minister Lord Hendy, HS2 CEO Mark Wild, HS2 Chair Mike Brown, and DfT Permanent Secretary Jo Shanmugalingam, brought together key partners to demonstrate OPDC's integrated, delivery-focused approach to working with HS2 and government.

The visit also provided an opportunity to update attendees on OPDC's latest plans for Old Oak. Following the announcement in May that OPDC had agreed heads of terms for a landmark Public Land Agreement with DfT, and with procurement of a private sector partner now underway, delivery of Old Oak is progressing at pace.

Small Grants announcement

On 30 June, OPDC announced the 19 projects that have received a total of £110,000 funding through its Small Grants Programme.

OPDC's Small Grants Programme celebrates the huge range of grassroots action happening across the area – with grants of between £1,000 - £7,000 available to support local community organisations.

The projects will deliver a wide range of initiatives over the financial year 2026/27 that will support OPDC's communities including: support for families in unsafe housing, intergenerational health and dance sessions, new youth and creative media opportunities, and evening meal provision for residents facing homelessness.

Planning and Regeneration

Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

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

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision
2026/0258	Cemex Dagenham	Barking and Dagenham	08/06/2026	No Strategic Issues
2026/0276	Sports Pavilion, Creswell Drive	Bromley	24/06/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0258	Cemex Dagenham	Barking and Dagenham	08/06/2026	No Strategic Issues
2026/0276	Sports Pavilion, Creswell Drive	Bromley	24/06/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0277	St Paul's Cray	Bromley	22/06/2026	
2026/0267	17-21 Dingwall Road, Croydon	Croydon	15/06/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0228	Unit 3 Greenford Park Auriol Drive	Ealing	08/06/2026	
2026/0265	Brunel Rugby Pitch	Hillingdon	01/06/2026	No Strategic Issues
2026/0229	St George's Court	Kingston upon Thames	01/06/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0271	Scott House	Lewisham	22/06/2026	No Strategic Issues
2026/0253	Bridgewater Triangle	Newham	01/06/2026	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2026/0275	One Station Road, Ilford	Redbridge	22/06/2026	
2026/0310	902 - 910, Eastern Avenue, Ilford	Redbridge	22/06/2026	No Strategic Issues

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
2024/0369	The Alcove at The Rockery	Barnet	01/06/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2025/0563	Curry Rise And Bray Road Estate	Barnet	08/06/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2025/1028	3-30 Cedar Way	Camden	08/06/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2025/1029	120-136 Camley Street	Camden	08/06/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2026/0094	Phoenix Academy	Hammersmith and Fulham	01/06/2026	Call in application
2025/0431	Berol Quarter	Haringey	08/06/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0563	101 Syon Lane	Hounslow	08/06/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2025/0138	Skipton House	Southwark	15/06/2026	Allow LPA to approve
2024/0685	2 Armoury Way	Wandsworth	01/06/2026	Allow LPA to approve

Key engagements

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

- I officially opened SXSW London on 1 June
- I attended the SXSW Manosphere event on 2 June
- I attended the State of London Debate on 3 June
- I attended the London - Africa Business Summit on 4 June
- I met with the Leader of Newham Council on 4 June
- I met with the Leader of Camden Council on 4 June
- I officially opened London Tech Week on 8 June
- I chaired a meeting of the Adult Skills Fund Board on 8 June
- I met with the Attorney General on 8 June
- I met with the Minister for Rail on 8 June
- I joined the official opening of the new Olympia redevelopment on 9 June
- I chaired a meeting of the London Policing Board on 11 June
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 11 June
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 12 June
- I visited Singapore and Japan 13-19 June

- I took part in the London to Brighton Bike ride on 21 June
- I co-chaired a meeting of the C40 Cities Steering Committee on 22 June
- I attended the opening reception of London Climate Action Week on 22 June
- I met with C40 Funders on 23 June
- I met with the UN Secretary General on 23 June
- I spoke at the Earthshot Impact Assembly on 23 June
- I chaired a meeting of the UN Secretary General's Subnational Roundtable on 23 June
- I joined the London Climate Ambition Summit Plenary on 23 June
- I attended the Serpentine Summer reception on 23 June
- I visited Aldgate School to see improved Air Quality programmes on 24 June
- I attended the Earthshot Awards dinner on 24 June
- I joined City Hall Armed Forces Day on 25 June
- I officially launched London's Heat Ready plan on 25 June
- I held my regular meeting with the NHS and OHID on 25 June
- I held my regular meeting with Met Police Commissioner on 25 June
- I held my regular Planning meeting on 29 June
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 30 June
- I spoke at the annual Mayor's Pride Reception on 30 June
- I spoke at the Picture Editors' Guild Awards on 30 June
- I chaired a meeting of the London Health Improvement Board on 1 July
- I travelled to Srebrenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 2 July