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Welcome to the latest London Assembly annual report, which sets out the work we have done over the year to April 2011. The Assembly is required by law to produce this report but, more importantly, it is a chance for us to tell Londoners what we have been doing on your behalf. From our regular Q&A sessions with Mayor Boris Johnson and other senior figures in London government, to investigating a raft of important London issues, to dealing with thousands of Londoners’ concerns, Assembly Members have been your voice at City Hall. This report gives a brief summary of that work and how you can find out more about a particular subject.

We have grouped our work around eight subject headings. The first details how the Assembly has looked at the actions of the Mayor and his senior advisers and appointees, and examined the finances and performance of the Greater London Authority (GLA) group, which includes the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA), Transport for London (TfL), the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA), and the London Development Agency (LDA).

The remaining sections reflect the priorities Londoners identified in the GLA’s Annual London Survey: safety and policing; housing and planning; transport; health and community; London’s economy; environment and climate change; and the 2012 Games.

Who we are

The London Assembly is made up of 25 Members elected by Londoners at the same time as the Mayor. Eleven represent the whole of the capital with fourteen elected by constituencies made up of two or three London boroughs.

On 1 May 2008 nearly two-and-a-half million Londoners cast their vote to elect the third London Assembly since the GLA was created. The current Assembly consists of eleven Conservative, eight Labour, three Liberal Democrat, two Green and one independent Assembly Members. Full details of the 2008 election results and biographies of Assembly Members are on pages 24-40.

Our role

The London Assembly is a watchdog for London. It holds Mayor Boris Johnson and his advisers to account by publicly examining policies, activities and decisions in key areas like policing; housing and planning; transport; economic development; health and community services; the environment; and the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Mayor is required to consult Assembly Members ahead of producing his statutory strategies and his £13.1 billion a year budget, which includes the GLA portion of your council tax. As well as examining the Mayor’s policies through its meetings and committees, the Assembly directly questions the Mayor ten times a year at Mayor’s Question Time.

In addition to their City Hall duties Assembly Members represent Londoners on three key organisations: the MPA, LFEPA and the LDA.

Assembly Members are champions for London, investigating issues that affect everyday life in the capital to find ways of improving our city. The Assembly publishes reports recommending action by the Mayor, central government, local authorities and others.

All London Assembly meetings are held in public and broadcast on our website so

Londoners can see and hear what is being done on their behalf.

Twice a year Assembly Members and the Mayor hold People’s Question Time, giving Londoners an opportunity to ask them directly what they are doing to improve life in London. This year’s events were held at the Camden Centre and Battersea Arts Centre.

The Mayor has to answer to Londoners at the ballot box every four years; the London Assembly’s job is to ensure the Mayor is held democratically accountable every day.

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Assembly Members what do they do?



Representing a city of seven-and-a-half million people is a big job for the 25 Members of the London Assembly. Their main task is to keep an eye on what the Mayor is up to. The Mayor is the most powerful directly-elected politician in the UK, so Assembly Members have a key role in holding him to account on behalf of Londoners in between elections. The most visible example of this is Mayor’s Question Time where the Mayor answers to Assembly Members during two-and-a-half hours of questions in City Hall’s Chamber ten times a year. Like all Assembly meetings, these sessions are public so Londoners can stay informed about the Mayor’s activities, and the Assembly can provide public critical challenge and review of his performance – an established principle of representative democracies. Mayor’s Question Time and other Assembly meetings provide a public forum for discussing alternative ideas and challenging policies that affect the daily lives of Londoners. As well as cross-examination during these sessions, Assembly Members submit written questions to the Mayor, often at the suggestion of their constituents. In the last year the Mayor was asked 4,456 questions.

Assembly Members also hold regular discussions with the chairs, chief executives and commissioners of the MPA, LFEPA, TfL and the LDA in order to press for improvements to services and ensure the organisations are accountable to Londoners. The Mayor sets the priorities for these GLA group organisations, which have a combined budget of £13.1bn. The chairs and chief executives of the Olympic Delivery Authority, which gets part of its funding from Londoners’ council tax, and the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games also appear in front of Assembly Members so they can monitor preparations for the 2012 Games and the legacy they will leave behind. Members propose and vote on motions on issues of importance to the capital at Assembly meetings and can agree to petition the Mayor or organisations within the GLA group on behalf of Londoners. The Assembly also makes the case for London in response to consultations from government and other organisations whose proposals will have an impact on the capital.

Assembly Members investigate and publish reports on actions and decisions the Mayor takes, and anything the Assembly considers to be of importance to London. To help its investigations the Assembly can summons documents and relevant people. Londoners are also asked for their views on subjects under investigation and these are reflected in Assembly reports. The Assembly conducts its investigations through committees, which meet regularly in public and publish their findings and recommendations, making proposals to the Mayor and government organisations about ways to improve the capital. A committee may also ask an individual member to carry out a special investigation on its behalf, and Assembly Members also produce their own reports. Assembly Members play an active role in organisations that are part of the GLA group. Twelve sit on the MPA, which is responsible for making sure that London’s police are accountable for the services they provide to people in the capital. Eight serve on LFEPA, which runs the London Fire Brigade. One Assembly Member sits on the board of the LDA, which is the Mayor’s agency for driving London’s sustainable economic growth.

A great deal of an Assembly Members’ work takes place in public to ensure the maximum amount of transparency and accountability, but there is plenty of behind the scenes activity too. Assembly meetings and investigations require preparation with lots of background research including briefings with experts, site visits and meetings with people who use the services being examined. But the most important, often unseen, work is acting on behalf of constituents. Every year Assembly Members receive thousands of letters and emails raising concerns or asking for help in dealing with a particular problem. Assembly Members take up the case with the appropriate organisation and press for solutions. Sometimes these issues become the focus of formal Assembly investigations with public meetings to air the complaints and question the organisations involved, for example the review of the accessibility of transport in London. Assembly Members also spend a lot of time outside City Hall meeting constituents face to face. Simply put, the job of an Assembly Member is to stand up for Londoners.

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Holding the Mayor to Account

The Assembly’s primary responsibility is to monitor and review how the Mayor exercises his powers, investigating his actions and decisions and those of his staff.



Devolution for London

The Government has proposed changes to the responsibilities and structures of London government in the Localism Bill and the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill. The legislation would see the Mayor take over responsibility for housing and regeneration from the Homes and Communities Agency London region and the LDA. The MPA would be replaced by the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime which will be held to account by an Assembly Police and Crime Committee. In June the Assembly questioned Local Government Minister Bob Neill MP about the Government’s proposals and agreed a joint response to them with the Mayor and London Councils. That submission included measures to enhance the Assembly’s ability to hold the Mayor to account and ensure proper transparency and accountability at City Hall. An Assembly investigation into the 2010 General and Local Elections made a number of recommendations about holding the 2012 GLA elections to ensure that every elector is able to cast their vote.

Mayor’s Question Time

The Mayor must present a written report to the Assembly detailing his decisions, the reasons

for them, and his responses to proposals submitted by the Assembly, before Mayor’s Question Time (MQT), held ten times a year. At MQT, Assembly Members question the Mayor on a wide range of subjects. Issues raised over the last year included: public transport fares; police numbers; London 2012 Games; air quality; housing; central government funding for London; and driverless trains on the underground. Assembly Members also submit written questions to the Mayor designed to obtain information, often at the suggestion of constituents.

The Mayor’s Budget for 2011/12

On 23 February, the Assembly considered the Mayor’s 2011/12 £13.1 billion budget for the GLA group and a freeze in City Hall’s portion of Londoners’ council tax at £310 for a Band D property. Assembly Members proposed four amendments to the budget but as none achieved the necessary two-thirds majority the Mayor’s spending plans were formally approved unchanged. But examining those spending plans began months before with the Budget and Performance Committee probing how much the Mayor wanted to spend, how he wanted to spend it and what Londoners could expect in return for their money. In its response

to the draft budget the Committee warned that while the Mayor is looking to protect front-line services, London’s police, fire and transport services are facing grant cuts and savings requirements that will inevitably affect the services Londoners receive.

The Mayor’s advisers

The Mayor has the power to appoint 12 paid staff to act as his advisers and must appoint one Assembly Member to be the statutory Deputy Mayor. He has also chosen to appoint advisers to a number of unpaid posts he has created. The Assembly examines these direct appointees in public about their responsibilities and specific policy initiatives.

Confirmation hearings

The Assembly can hold confirmation hearings in advance of mayoral appointments to eleven key posts at the following organisations: TfL; MPA; LFEPA; London Waste and Recycling Board; London Cultural Strategy Group; and the London Pensions Fund Authority. The hearings provide an opportunity to interview appointees in public about their qualifications and fitness for the role. The Assembly can then make an advisory recommendation to the Mayor about confirming the appointment.

An ethical GLA

The Assembly has a vital role in ensuring the GLA group operates in an ethical and transparent manner in accordance with the law and proper standards. The Audit Panel receives regular reports from internal and external auditors and examines the systems in place to ensure proper use of Londoners’ money and prevent fraud. Assembly Members sit along side independent members of the GLA Standards Committee that promotes high standards of conduct by the Mayor, Assembly Members and GLA staff. The Standards Committee also considers any complaints about the conduct of the Mayor and Assembly Members. The Business Management and Administration Committee monitors the use of consultants at City Hall, staff numbers and deployment and reviews the effectiveness of the GLA’s administration to ensure it is efficient and transparent. The Assembly and the Mayor jointly appoint the GLA’s three Statutory Officers: the Head of Paid Service, Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer, who are legally responsible for the proper administration of City Hall. Assembly Members fulfil similar roles on the MPA and LFEPA to promote effective governance and transparency.

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The Assembly monitors the performance of those responsible for public safety in the capital.



Metropolitan Police Authority

The MPA’s £3.5 billion budget is set by the Mayor and funds the capital’s police service. Twelve MPA members come from the Assembly while 11 are appointed independent members. In addition to work on the MPA, the Assembly monitors the budget and performance of the Police Authority and regularly questions senior people from the Authority and the police service. For example, the Assembly has asked Commissioner Sir Paul Stephenson how the Metropolitan Police will retain public confidence while implementing budget cuts. Sir Paul, alongside MPA Chair Kit Malthouse AM, was also probed on the future of Safer Neighbourhoods teams and borough policing; examples of the police doing more for less; and how crime rates and police units’ performance will be used to decide where spending is allocated. Assembly Members have also pressed the Mayor about his priorities for public safety. Members are closely monitoring the Government’s plans to give the Mayor more powers over policing by replacing the MPA with a new Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime and the establishment of an Assembly Police and Crime Committee.

Front line policing

How will policing in London be affected by budget cuts? Can plans to redeploy officers to front line duties make up for having fewer officers overall? These are vital questions that form the heart of an investigation by the Budget and Performance Committee. The Committee is examining whether redeployment can compensate for a planned reduction of 500 officers in London over the next three years, and the potential effect of even bigger funding cuts. The investigation is also assessing how the Metropolitan Police measures front line police work and the effectiveness of efficiency programmes that recruit civilians to replace officers doing administrative tasks. As well as hearing from senior Met officers the Committee questioned Policing Minister Rt Hon Nick Herbert MP about the Government’s proposals for frontline policing in the capital. The Committee’s findings will be published in mid 2011.

London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority

LFEPA runs the London Fire Brigade, employing 7,200 people with a budget, set by the Mayor, of £460 million. It is made up of eight Assembly Members, seven borough

representatives and two members selected by the Mayor. The Authority oversees the policies and procedures designed to deliver a high quality service to Londoners. In addition to work on LFEPA, the Assembly monitors the budget and performance of the Authority and regularly questions the chairman Brian Coleman AM and Commissioner Ron Dobson. Assembly Members have asked about government plans for the future of fire brigades; LFEPA budget and planning targets; authority allowances; and if there would be any proposed fire station closures or restricted operating hours. In its response to the Mayor’s 2011-12 budget for LFEPA the Assembly raised concerns about the long-term sustainability of the fire service if it continues to receive a smaller contribution from the council tax than in previous years.

Business as usual? Emergency services during the 2012 Games

Next summer, 30,000 athletes and Olympic officials will arrive in London along with thousands of journalists and perhaps hundreds of thousands of tourists. The Health and Public Services Committee looked at how the police, fire, ambulance and health services are planning to cope with this influx

whilst still delivering business as usual for Londoners. The Committee’s report set out 12 milestones that these organisations need to meet by October 2011 to ensure robust plans are in place to deal with the pressures they will face during the Games, from final funding agreements to testing command and control arrangements.

The year ahead

Legislation is currently going through parliament that will make significant changes to the way policing in the capital is run. It proposes the abolition of police authorities in England, replacing them with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners, and in London with the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPC). The Mayor will be required to produce a Police and Crime Plan for London setting objectives for the police service. The legislation also proposes an enhanced public safety role for the Assembly with the creation of a Police and Crime Committee. As well as examining the Mayor’s plan and making recommendations for changes, the Committee will investigate the actions and decisions of the MOPC and any issue of importance to policing and crime reduction in London.

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Housing and Planning

The Assembly casts a critical eye over the Mayor’s policies and decisions on strategic planning and housing policy and pushes for changes that would enhance the capital



Crowded Houses

More than 100,000 families live in overcrowded social rented housing in London – one of the most hidden parts of London’s housing crisis. A report by the Planning and Housing Committee called for a shift in policy to help more people out of overcrowded conditions, and cut the health and social costs linked to overcrowding. There must be proper incentives to build family-sized homes, and boroughs should give overcrowded households higher priority for re-housing. The report found that building bigger homes not only reduces overcrowding for large households but would also release smaller properties to meet other housing demand. It called on the Mayor to introduce targets for social rented landlords to build homes with four or more bedrooms and government funding to be based on per person housed, rather than per-unit-built.

Fire safety in tall and timber-framed buildings

Following a spate of serious fires the Planning and Housing Committee investigated fire risks at timber-framed construction sites and in residential tall buildings. The investigation found that one in five fire risk assessments

for residential tall buildings in London were inadequate. It called for improvements to the way fire risks are managed in such buildings, and clear information for residents on evacuation procedures and how to avoid increasing the risk of a fire. After hearing from fire officers and the construction industry the Committee urged government to address a ‘crisis of confidence’ on timber-framed construction sites with an immediate review of building regulations and requirements to fit temporary sprinklers, and to inform the Fire Brigade when starting new timber-framed buildings.

Cornered Shops

London is often called a collection of villages and like so many rural villages its local small shops are under threat. A Planning and Housing Committee report documented the drastic decline of neighbourhood shops in London, and called for changes to local, regional and national planning policies to offer them more protection. Along with the economic downturn, the rise of the big supermarkets and their move into ‘local format’ stores, like ‘Tesco Metro’ and ‘Sainsbury’s Local’, has also contributed to the loss of smaller retailers. The report calls

on the Mayor to make changes to his London Plan to give local shops more protection and boroughs more power to resist or negotiate on planning applications from big retailers.

The London Plan Examination in Public

The Mayor’s London Plan sets the economic, environmental, transport and social blueprint for the capital. It is such an important framework for London’s future that it is subject to a lengthy assessment by an independent panel at the formal Examination in Public (EiP). Based on detailed work carried out over the previous two years the Assembly presented its views on several key issues at public sessions of the EiP. These focused on: establishing the highest design and quality standards for new developments that value local character and are sensitive to the local context of the development; increasing protection for green space and growing space in London and supporting commercial food growing near urban communities; support through the planning system to promote new ways of working, including exploiting technology to make suburban areas and town centres appropriate places to work from; and strengthened powers for boroughs to negotiate the provision of affordable

small retail units with applicants for new retail developments.

Crown Estate

Key workers like nurses, fire fighters, teachers and police officers are essential to keeping London functioning but they often find housing too expensive in the communities they serve. That’s why the Assembly was greatly concerned about the Crown Estate’s plan to sell four estates comprising 1,400 homes largely occupied by such workers. Assembly Members questioned the chairman of the Crown Estate about the sale and obtained assurances about the rights of existing tenants and future use of the estates as key worker housing.

The year ahead

The Assembly will be looking in detail at the proposal to give the Mayor greater planning and development powers through the establishment of Mayoral Development Corporations, and the plans to absorb the London Development Agency and the Homes and Communities Agency London Region into the GLA. Investigations are also being planned into the condition of private rented housing, the consistency of Mayoral planning decisions and service charges for leaseholders.

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Transport

The Assembly represents the interests of everyone travelling around the capital and examines the performance of Transport for London (TfL).



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Crossrail and Tube upgrades

The Assembly has been a vocal champion for continued investment in upgrading and expanding public transport in the capital. In particular Assembly Members pressed the Chancellor to ensure the long-term benefits of Crossrail and upgrading the Tube were not jeopardised by short-term budget constraints. The Transport Committee raised examples of poor service levels on the Underground with the Mayor and questioned senior Tube officials about a number of safety breaches including a ‘runaway train’ on the Northern Line. The Committee has also continued to urge TfL to publish details of line and station closures for Tube upgrade works as early as possible so passengers can plan around them.

Pedal Power

More than 1,200 Londoners helped with the Transport Committee’s examination of Cycle Hire and Cycle Superhighways schemes by filling in a survey on their strengths and weaknesses. As well as highlighting teething problems with charging and customer service in the popular hire scheme, the Committee’s report urged the Mayor to tackle problems with a lack of bikes and docking points in certain areas. More than half of survey respondents told the Committee

that Cycle Superhighways do not make them feel any safer, prompting recommendations for much more consistency in features like the width of lanes and improvements to junctions. The report identified a lack of transparency about Barclay’s sponsorship funding for the schemes and how any expansion of Cycle Hire will be paid for.

Balancing act: The Mayor’s fares decision

Demand for public transport in London has been higher than expected despite the economic downturn which means TfL has collected more money from fares than it forecast. In its examination of potential fare rises for 2011, the Budget and Performance Committee therefore asked the Mayor to explain why fare increases are necessary and give details of the balance between increasing the cost of travelling for passengers and reducing spending on services or investments. The Committee also said that pay-as-you-go and season ticket fares on buses should not increase by more than the average fare rise, and this recommendation was broadly implemented.

Accessibility of London’s transport network

A Transport Committee investigation found that more than one in ten Londoners are

unable to use large parts of public transport because they’re not accessible for people with reduced mobility. The Committee’s report reveals step-free access and other accessibility measures on London’s transport network fall far short of demand with only ten of 270 Tube stations, a third of 300 rail stations and half of thousands of bus stops providing step-free access. The report made recommendations for improved planning and delivery of more accessible transport.

Door-to-Door-transport

More than 50,000 Londoners with disabilities rely on the provision of door-to-door transport like TfL’s Dial-a-Ride for access to shops and basic services. But a Transport Committee report revealed this vital service continues to be plagued by significant problems with availability, booking and efficiency more than a year after first highlighting its concerns. Users experience long waiting times and often make repeated attempts to book a ride despite the service providing fewer journeys than eight years ago. The Committee made a number of specific recommendations to the Mayor and TfL that would improve the service to the standards passengers have a right to expect.

Walk this Way

The Mayor needs to put his best foot forward if he is to achieve his target of increasing the number of journeys Londoners make on foot by 20 per cent over the next two decades, an Assembly investigation found. Its recommendations included urging the Mayor to support at least one large-scale infrastructure project that puts pedestrian needs at its core, promote ‘pedestrian only’ days in central London and for TfL’s journey planner to offer walking as the first option for trips of less than 1km.

The year ahead

The state of London Underground will be the focus of the first Transport Committee investigation of 2011-12. The review will examine the recent performance of the Tube and progress on upgrade and maintenance work, before making recommendations to the Mayor and TfL about how they could minimise disruption and maximise improvements. The Committee will also be looking at the government’s proposal for a new high-speed rail link from London to the West Midlands and reviewing the use of the Thames as a transport highway.

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Health and Community

Young or old, rich or poor, the Assembly works to improve the services all Londoners need to keep themselves and their communities healthy.



Swine flu – the London response

Was the 2009-10 Swine flu pandemic a media headline or a real threat to public health? An investigation by the Health and Public Services Committee set out to unearth the scale of the disease and how well it was managed. The Committee found that swine flu had caused 85 deaths and affected more than 120,000 people in London by March 2010, with one in every 50 Londoners receiving a course of antiviral medication.

While London’s health organisations were generally effective in handling the swine flu outbreak, recommendations were made to improve the way future pandemics are dealt with. These include reviewing locations for antiviral collection points and improving communication and support for vulnerable Londoners. The report was welcomed by NHS London as a positive and constructive contribution to learning lessons from the response to swine flu.

Thames Tunnel proposals

Over the last 50 years, the Thames has been transformed from a dead river to one teeming with wildlife. However, it still suffers from bouts of pollution when tens of thousands of gallons of untreated sewage flood in from

London’s ageing drains. Thames Water’s plan to build a new tunnel to prevent the overflow has been broadly welcomed by the Assembly but the detailed proposals raise points of concern that need addressing. Thames Water estimates customers’ bills will rise by £60-65 per year to help pay for the tunnel, but no one knows for how long or how vulnerable people will be protected if they can’t afford to pay. The project could run into delays as multiple boroughs undertake separate planning processes, prompting the Assembly to call on Government to consider how the Mayor could coordinate the planning process for the tunnel proposal. The Assembly also believes there should be a clear strategy for maximising employment opportunities for Londoners in the construction of the Thames Tunnel. Ambitious targets should be set that Thames Water’s contractors have to meet.

Childhood obesity

Childhood obesity rates in London are higher than the national average with one in five youngsters in the capital classed as obese. The Health and Public Services Committee is looking at what the Mayor can do to help tackle this ticking health time

bomb. The investigation is examining the Mayor’s strategies and initiatives that aim to tackle childhood obesity, including his Health Inequalities Strategy, Food Strategy, Sports Strategy and the London Plan. The Committee has questioned Mayoral advisors about what they are already doing and heard from experts on obesity and a representative of a takeaway pizza company. The Committee’s report will be published in the spring.

London Ambulance Service

With 999 calls up by more than a quarter in five years, how well is the London Ambulance Service performing? And how will it cope with significant changes as a result of reforms proposed in the Government’s recent NHS White Paper? The Assembly’s Health and Public Services Committee is investigating how the London Ambulance Service (LAS) is meeting current and future operational, financial and organisational challenges. During its investigation the Committee has questioned the LAS, experts in emergency medicine, and service users including patients groups and doctors. A report of its findings will be published later in the year. The Assembly has also written to the

Government suggesting that the LAS could become accountable to the Mayor. Unlike London’s other emergency services, the Mayor does not currently have any role in its governance.

NHS London

The Health and Public Services Committee regularly questions the chief executive of NHS London and the Regional Director of Public Health London about key issues facing London’s health services. Recent issues raised by the Committee include the Government’s proposed changes to the NHS in London and the potential expansion of the Mayor’s role in promoting public health.

The year ahead

With gas and electricity costs increasing significantly the Assembly will be investigating fuel poverty in the capital and assessing Mayoral initiatives aimed at helping meet the national target to end fuel poverty by 2016. In addition to following up previous work on mental health services and home care, the Assembly will also be conducting a review of childcare in London to establish how accessible it is and the impact of the Mayor’s Childcare Affordability Programme.

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London's Economy

The Assembly is concerned to see that London has the means and opportunity to meet the economic challenges that lie ahead.



Economic Development

How will the Mayor deliver his plans to promote economic development in London with a shrinking budget and the Government's planned abolition of the London Development Agency (LDA)? The Assembly raised these key issues when they looked at how the GLA will have an influence on London's economy in the future. Questioning the Mayor's economic development advisor Anthony Browne, the Assembly Members were particularly concerned about the impact funding cuts would have on the Mayor's ability to boost London's economy. In March the Mayor's then Chief of Staff appeared before the Assembly to announce government funding for the LDA of £388 million over the next three years. Assembly Members later questioned the Mayor, about how that reduced funding will be allocated, what efficiency savings can be made and which LDA programmes may be cut.

Renewing London

London's infrastructure is both one of its greatest economic assets and one of its biggest economic challenges. As the often Victorian roads, sewers and Tube lines reach

beyond the end of their efficient working life large sums need to be raised to renew them if London is to remain a competitive and attractive place in which to live and work. The Assembly has been looking at whether new ways of funding could be used to pay for such infrastructure replacement and renewal and what risks may come with using innovative methods of finance to replace traditional government grants.

Promoting London

London's status as one of the world's prime cities has to be jealously guarded and constantly reaffirmed in the face of growing competition. To that end the Mayor has created a new single promotional agency for the capital, London & Partners. Its remit will be to draw businesses, jobs, tourists, students and culture to the capital with funding from the GLA. The Budget and Performance Committee has examined the funding, staffing and assets of this new agency and will be monitoring its performance and return on investment.

Skills for London

While the unemployment rate in London remains amongst the highest in the country the capital's businesses still suffer from

shortages of employees with the right skills. The Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee has kept a close watch on how skills training is delivered in London and how the Mayor can influence improvements during a time of major change to the organisations funding skills training in the capital. While the Mayor has restructured the London Skills and Employment Board (LSEB) and taken the Committee's advice to appoint a single advisor for skills, the Government has signalled that the statutory powers of the LSEB will be abolished. This means that the LSEB, the chair of which is appointed by the Mayor, would lose its statutory responsibility to produce a strategy for employment and skills in London. In January the Committee discussed these changes and the impact of the abolition of the LDA on skills training with the Mayor's Advisor for Economic Development. The Government has also announced that it will centralise skills funding. The Skills Funding Agency (previously the Learning and Skills Council) will not have a separate funding stream for London.

The year ahead

The coming year will bring major changes to the way economic development priorities are delivered across the UK, with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and Enterprise Zones established to replace the old Regional Development Agencies. In London, the Assembly will be monitoring the handover of responsibilities and the wind-down of the LDA as it prepares for closure in spring 2012.

Plans for a pan-London LEP, the new Royal Docks Enterprise Zone and proposals for a Mayoral Development Corporation in north Tottenham will all be on the agenda as the Economic, Culture and Sport Committee examines how the new arrangements will work. The key issues will be how the Mayor delivers regeneration projects; employment and skills funding; promoting London; and supporting London businesses. The investigation will also take a wider look at the implications of legislative changes in the Mayor's powers and responsibilities and the Mayor's future role in economic development in the capital.

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Environment and Climate Change

The Assembly’s work focuses on making London a more desirable and sustainable place to live, work and relax.



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Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy
In its initial assessment of the Mayor’s strategy to limit the impact of climate change on London the Assembly recommended a number of improvements that have now been incorporated. These include the adoption of a target for reducing emissions by 2050 and greater clarity about funding investment in decentralised and renewable energy. The Assembly continues to press the Mayor for further improvements to the monitoring of emissions reductions and the coordination of Mayoral strategies to achieve those reductions.

Flood risk
Flooding destroys property, disrupts the economy and, at its worst, costs lives. London faces flooding from a variety of sources, ranging from a tidal surge on the Thames to overflowing sewers. The Environment Committee is investigating the flooding risks that most often affect the largest number of Londoners: surface water and river flooding. The Committee is mapping the risks and assessing the challenges that face those responsible for protecting London from flooding, including looking at how the various bodies responsible for flood risk

management coordinate their work. The Committee has been gathering information from a range of experts and organisations and will report soon.

Recycling rates
Despite significant improvements in the amount Londoners recycle, overall the capital lags behind the national average with almost half of London’s waste going to landfill. The Environment Committee is undertaking a number of projects on how recycling rates in London can be improved. The Committee is examining schemes that encourage households to manage their waste better, from cash back incentives to penalty charges. The investigation is assessing how recycling schemes work elsewhere to see if they could be used in the capital. A special investigation is also looking at the difference in recycling rates between London boroughs, which can vary by as much as 35 per cent. The review is looking at how waste is managed; the financial costs and benefits to local authorities of recycling; and how the attitudes of local people influence how much gets recycled. These projects feed into ongoing work on the Mayor’s Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

Street trees
They look good, improve the air you breathe and even provide welcome shade at the height of summer. London’s street trees are an important part of the capital’s urban landscape and require careful management. The Assembly is reviewing current trends in street tree numbers and what progress has been made on implementing recommendations from its 2007 report Chainsaw Massacre which highlighted the need to increase the number of street trees as part of the battle against climate change. The review is also looking at the effectiveness of planting and replacement programmes – such as the Mayor’s scheme to plant 10,000 trees by 2012 – and the role street trees play in the Mayor’s environment policies.

Big city, bright lights
The neon adverts at Piccadilly Circus and the illumination of historic buildings may be good for the capital’s tourism industry but why do so many shops and offices in London leave their lights on when they’ve shut up for the night? It is estimated that lighting up the capital’s workplaces accounts for eight per cent of some 3.52 million tons of carbon emissions a year. That’s why the Environment

Committee is talking to the capital’s business and public sector organisations about why they leave lights on and what can be done to promote energy-saving policies to cut both emissions and lighting costs.

The year ahead
The Assembly will be looking at how the winding-up of the LDA and the proposed transfer of its functions to the GLA will impact on the delivery of the Mayor’s environmental programmes and his ability to fund them. There will also be the conclusion of a review of the expansion of flights at London City Airport and their wider environmental impact on the capital once current legal proceedings have finished, and a look at the potential to create green energy jobs in London.

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The Assembly conducts detailed analysis of preparations for the Games and monitors how the promised long-term benefits will be delivered.



Just the ticket

The Assembly has long pressed the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) to offer Londoners a fair chance to get tickets for the Games at as fair a price as possible. Having examined the overall ticketing strategy the Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee found a welcome balance between generating the £441 million needed from sales and ensuring that tickets are not all priced out of the reach of hardworking families. The Committee was particularly pleased that following its pressure the organisers will make up to 6,450 free tickets available for carers accompanying disabled spectators who could not otherwise attend. The Committee’s report warned confidence in ticketing could be undermined if public bodies buy too many reserved tickets without explaining why they need them, how they’ll be paid for and who will be getting this privileged access to the Games. Following the report the Mayor has promised to set an example by publishing a register listing who is allocated each of the GLA’s tickets and why.

A sporting legacy for London?

Will the Games inspire greater long-term participation in sport, as Lord Coe promised in London’s bid? Assembly research has shown that simply holding the Games does not increase sports participation and concerted action is required. The Assembly’s latest investigation into the delivery of a sporting legacy found that, despite a slow start, the Mayor and his Sport Commissioner have made recent progress. The Mayor’s £15 million sports fund can help fill gaps in provision and influence the way other funds are spent. The investigation found it is too early to judge whether the good work that is being done will help reach the very difficult target of a sustained increase in sporting activity across the capital. If that target is achieved it will have a lot to do with the thousands of Londoners who volunteer week-in-week-out to run local sports clubs. The Assembly was delighted to recognise that dedication by hosting a reception at City Hall for more than a hundred volunteers who were nominated for their exceptional efforts.

Going for Green?

London’s Olympic bid promised to go for green as well as gold by making the 2012 Games the most sustainable ever but an Environment Committee report found much work still needs to be done if the Games are to be as transformative as originally hoped. Positive moves like planning to reuse or recycle 90 per cent of temporary materials and the careful mapping of the Games carbon footprint are welcomed. But the Committee also found missed opportunities like failing to use more electric vehicles in the Olympic fleet and disappointing progress towards reaching the targeted use of renewable energy during the staging of the Games. The report set out work needed to help ensure the Games live up to their environmental aspirations and was welcomed by LOCOG’s chief executive who promised to act on its recommendations.

Legacy United? – The future of the Olympic Stadium

In September 2010 an investigation by the Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee concluded that plans to transform the 2012 stadium into a 25,000-seat athletics arena were flawed. It also found that the Olympic Board’s original insistence on an athletics-led future for the stadium was a ‘missed opportunity’ to deliver the most sustainable and beneficial legacy for the local community. The Committee stated it was likely that only a major football or rugby club could provide the crowds and regular use to allow the 2012 stadium to pay for itself and provide significant local employment. Since the publication of the report the OPLC has announced West Ham United and Newham Council as preferred tenants for the stadium.

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The finances of the Olympic legacy

Who will look after the Olympic Park once the Games are over and who will be picking up the bills for its reconfiguration and long-term operation? Responsibility for the Olympic Park has been transferred from the London Development Agency to the Olympic Park Legacy Company (OPLC) and looks set for another change with the proposed establishment of a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC). The Budget and Performance Committee has examined the implications of this organisational merry-go-round and found it is unclear who will be accountable for maximising the overall economic benefit of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Its report raised concerns about who will be left holding the £387 million debt accumulated in buying the land in the Olympic Park. The Assembly has questioned the chair and chief executive of the OPLC about plans for the long-term future of the park and the funding agreements in place to pay for it, including the proposal for West Ham United and Newham Council to take over the stadium. Assembly Members also questioned the Mayor’s then Chief of Staff about the formation of the MDC and how it would be held accountable for its decisions.

Questioning the Games organisers

To keep track of London’s progress towards 2012 the Assembly questioned the chairs and chief executives of both the Olympic Delivery Authority responsible for building the Olympic Park and the associated infrastructure, and LOCOG charged with organising the event. In December 2010, Assembly Members raised progress on building the Games venues, the organisational arrangements for the Games themselves and that all-important issue of the legacy they will leave behind.

The year ahead

The Assembly will continue to closely monitor both the build up to the Games and the changing plans for delivering the long-term legacy that was such a feature of the bid to host the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics. As well as further work on the Olympic legacy costs, the Assembly will report on transport plans for Games time, and the skills and employment opportunities on offer to Londoners during the Games.

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The Greater London Authority is paid for by a levy on London council tax bills (the GLA precept), grants from central government and other bodies, and income from interest, sales, fees and charges.

In 2010/11 the GLA precept for a Band D property was £310 a year. Most of the £923 million raised by the precept was spent on the Metropolitan Police Service and the London Fire Brigade. The London Assembly’s budget was £8.6 million, costing Band D council taxpayers less than £3 a year – or just over £1 for every Londoner. The Assembly’s budget for 2011-12 will be £8 million which is seven per cent less.

Nearly one fifth of the Assembly’s budget funds London TravelWatch, which deals with specific complaints from public transport users in London. London TravelWatch received £1.6 million of the Assembly’s £8.6 million budget in 2010/11.

Three quarters of the Assembly budget was spent on staff costs and salaries, £6.3 million a year. The twenty-five Assembly Members have direct support from assistants and researchers, helping to respond to correspondence from Londoners, following up constituents’ complaints and concerns about services, and examining the Mayor’s proposals and policies. The Assembly as a whole has a small team of officers arranging and supporting its public meetings, researching and drafting Assembly reports, publicising its work and organising events.

The remainder of the Assembly’s budget paid for the occasional use of external research, to provide information for investigations, and the usual requirements for a busy office including printing, IT equipment, postage and telephones.

	2010/11	2011-12
	£’000	£’000
Assembly Members pay	1,780	1,745
Assembly Member support	2,634	2,356
Scrutiny and Investigations	1,075	1,065
Committee and Legal Services	530	519
External Relations	314	311
Director/business support	607	499
Elections and Special Projects	58	54
London TravelWatch	1,603	1,443
Total	8,600	7,992

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Tony Arbour JP
Conservative

Constituency
South West London

2009-10 GLA responsibilities:
Member of the Business Management and Administration Committee; Confirmation Hearings Committee; Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee and Planning and Housing Committee; Deputy Chair of the Standards Committee; Member of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Biography
Tony was a senior lecturer and Honorary Visiting Fellow at Kingston University Business School and is a former Governor of the university. He is a member of the Employment Tribunals of England and Wales.

Tony was GLC member for Surbiton between 1983 and 1986. He was first elected a councillor for Hampton Wick in 1971. He is a councillor in London Borough Richmond upon Thames and was Leader of Richmond Council 2002-2006.

Tony Arbour is a Justice of the Peace and Assistant Chairman of the Richmond upon Thames Bench.

He was vice-chairman of Kingston & Richmond Family Health Services Authority.

He has a vast historical and local knowledge of South West London. He has four children, and has been a parent governor at local schools. Hobbies include collecting first editions, carbooting, and ebaying.

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Jennette Arnold
Labour
Constituency
North East
(Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest)
2010-11 GLA responsibilities
Deputy Chair of the London Assembly;
Chair of the Business Management and
Administration Committee; Member of the
2010 Elections in London Working Group;
Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Biography
Jennette Arnold OBE AM has been a member of the London Assembly since 2000. Jennette’s work focuses on issues that impact directly on the lives of her constituents – improved transport services, crime reduction and affordable housing. She is also a champion in the fight against any form of injustice and discrimination.

Jennette continues to work hard in securing the promised legacy from the 2012 Games for local people - increased skills and employment together with the transformation of a part of London that was desolate and contaminated. As a member of the Metropolitan Police Authority she has focused on police accountability; community relations; and increased support for victims and witnesses of crime.

She was Chair of the London Assembly in 2008/9 and, under the previous mayoral administration, chaired the London Cultural Strategy Group, which helped bring the Olympic Games to London. She was also Chair of the London Health Commission, campaigning successfully for national legislation to ensure a smoke free London.

In 2010 Jennette was awarded the OBE in the Queen’s birthday honours list for her services to local government and the community of London.

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Gareth Bacon

Conservative

Constituency

Londonwide

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Member of the Environment Committee; Planning and Housing Committee; Budget and Performance Committee and Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee.; Member of the London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority.

Biography

Gareth has been a Councillor in the London Borough of Bexley since 1998, where he represents Longlands Ward. During his time on Bexley Council, Gareth has served as Vice Chairman of the Town Planning Committee (1998 - 2002), Deputy Mayor (2001-2002) and Shadow Cabinet Spokesman for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (2003 - 2006). Following the 2006 London local elections he was appointed Cabinet Member for the Environment.

He was Conservative candidate for the GLA constituency of Greenwich & Lewisham in 2004. He is married with one daughter.

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Richard Barnbrook

Independent

Constituency
Londonwide

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Member of the Audit Panel, Health and Public Services Committee and Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee.

Biography

Richard was born in Catford, South East London in 1961, is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Arts and has studied extensively at postgraduate level in America and the Far East. Prior to entering politics, Richard exhibited, taught and lectured in Art both in the UK and Europe.

In 2005, Richard stood for the parliamentary constituency of Barking for the British National Party, and in 2006 he was elected on to Barking and Dagenham Council and became Group Leader of the BNP official opposition on the council.

In May 2008 Richard was elected as a Londonwide Member of the Assembly. In August 2010 Richard resigned the whip of the British National Party and now sits as an Independent Member.

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Richard Barnes
Conservative
[Constituency](#)
Ealing and Hillingdon

2010-11 GLA responsibilities:
Appointed as statutory Deputy Mayor by Boris Johnson with responsibilities for Communities, Social Cohesion, Social Inclusion, Equalities including Disabilities and Responsible Procurement; Member of the Business Management and Administration Committee; Health and Public Services Committee and Standards Committee.

Biography
Formerly a Leader of Hillingdon Council, Richard has been a Member of the London Assembly representing Ealing and Hillingdon since May 2000. He has been a member of Hillingdon Council since 1982 and is currently ward councillor for Harefield, where he lives.

He has a degree in economics from the University of Wales, and speaks Norwegian, Danish, Swedish and French.

Richard served on the Metropolitan Police Authority from 2000 to 2008, and was Deputy Chair between 2000 and 2004.

On the London Assembly, he has been a member of the Health Committee, Audit Panel and was leader of the Conservative Group. Throughout his career in local government, Richard has maintained a keen interest in financial structures and processes, and ensuring value for money.

Richard chaired the 7 July Review Committee, the only public inquiry into the 7 July 2005 bombings in London, the report of which has been downloaded over 170,000 times since publication. He also produced a report promoting business continuity to small businesses entitled ‘Prepared For The Worst?’

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John Biggs
Labour

Constituency
City and East London

2010-11 GLA responsibilities
Chair of Budget and Performance Committee and Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee; Member of the Business Management and Administration Committee, Confirmation Hearings Committee and Economic Development, Culture, Sport Tourism Committee; Deputy Chair Labour Group; Labour Group Whip; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Biography
Now in his third term as Assembly Member for City and East London, John is a former Leader of Tower Hamlets. A graduate of Chemistry, Computer Science and of Law, John previously worked as an analyst in the City and as director of a political pressure group.

He leads on budget for the Labour Group on the London Assembly and represented the Assembly on the London Health Commission. He has a keen interest in regeneration and has played a major role in the Thames Gateway project. He was previously Vice Chair of the London Development Agency and Deputy Chairman of the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation. John is an Honorary Fellow of Queen Mary University of London and is a Governor of Birkbeck College, University of London.

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Andrew Boff

Conservative

Constituency

Londonwide

2010-11 GLA Responsibilities

Member of the Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee; Health and Public Services Committee; Planning and Housing Committee; and Budget and Performance Committee.

Biography

Andrew Boff has been a councillor in Hillingdon (1982-1994) and Hackney (2005-2006).

He is an active member of the Broadway Market Traders’ and Residents’ Association.

He produces EASTeight magazine, a hyper local publication that aims to promote bottom-up economic development.

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Victoria Borwick
Conservative
[Constituency](#)
Londonwide
[2010-11 GLA responsibilities](#)
Member of the Confirmation Hearings Committee; Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee; Standards Committee and Transport Committee; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

[Biography](#)
Victoria was born in London and has lived and worked here all her life. Married to Jamie, they have four children; she has been a Kensington and Chelsea Councillor since 2002, and is chairman of Borough Community Relations. On the MPA, as Chairman of the Civil Liberties Panel, she has led the scrutiny of public order policing ‘Responding to G20’ and is currently chairing the scrutiny of the use of DNA in policing, ‘Protecting the innocent’.
A proven campaigner, Victoria worked for the OPEN EUROPE Think Tank campaigning to raise awareness on the issue of a European constitution and European regulations. Prior to this she worked in the Treasurer’s Department at the Conservative Party Headquarters, and has held senior management positions at the P&O Group.

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James Cleverly

Conservative

Constituency

Bexley and Bromley

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Chair of the Health and Public Services Committee; Member of the Environment Committee and the Transport Committee; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority; Board Member of the London Development Agency; Chairman of the London Waste and Recycling Board.

Biography

James comes from a background in web and print publishing. He has a business degree from Thames Valley University and before being elected was the co-founder of a company that runs websites helping entrepreneurs and small businesses grow and develop.

For over 15 years James has been an officer in the Territorial Army, rising to the rank of Major, and until 2005 was the Officer Commanding 266 (Para) Battery Royal Artillery (Volunteers).

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Brian Coleman
Conservative

Constituency
Barnet and Camden

2010-11 GLA responsibilities:
Member of the Business Management and Administration Committee and the Confirmation Hearings Committee;
Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

Biography
Brian is the Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden and has served on Barnet Council since 1998. He was Mayor of Barnet from 2009-10 and is the Cabinet Member for Environment. He is the Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) and was Vice Chairman for several years. Brian was the first Conservative Chairman of the Assembly in 2004/05 and was re-elected to this office for 2006/07. Brian is deeply committed to his local community in Barnet, as a governor of a local secondary school, a committee member of the Friends of Finchley Memorial Hospital and a Trustee of the Finchley Charities, which provides homes for over 300 elderly residents. He is a member of Conservative Friends of Israel, and an active Methodist.

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Dee Doocey
Liberal Democrat

Constituency
Londonwide

2010-11 GLA responsibilities:
Chair of the London Assembly; Deputy Chair of the Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Biography
Dee Doocey has been an elected member of the London Assembly since 2004 and was Chair of the Assembly in 2010-11. For six years, Dee chaired the Assembly’s Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee (the lead committee for monitoring and reporting on the 2012 Olympic Games). Dee is also a member of the Metropolitan Police Authority, chairs the MPA’s Olympic and Paralympic sub-committee and is a member of the Home Office’s Olympic Security Board.

In November 2010, Dee was awarded a life peerage as Baroness Doocey, and sits on the Liberal Democrat benches in the House of Lords.

From 1986 until 1994, Dee was an elected councillor for the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, where she was Chair of the Housing Committee. Dee was previously Finance Director of the Liberal Democrat party, a management consultant, and Group Managing Director of an international fashion company with operations in London, Hong Kong and China. However she gave up her business interests when she was elected to the London Assembly in 2004 in order to concentrate full time on her London Assembly duties.

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Len Duvall

Labour

Constituency

Greenwich and Lewisham

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Leader of the Labour Group; Chair of the Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee; Member of the Business Management and Administration Committee, Budget and Performance Committee, 2012 Elections in London Working Group, Time for Action Panel, Confirmation Hearings Committee and Standards Committee.

Biography

Before becoming a politician Len worked in local government and the voluntary sector.

- 1990 – 2001 Member of Greenwich Council
- 1990 – 1992 Deputy Leader of Greenwich Council
- 1992 – 2000 Leader of Greenwich Council
- Former Deputy Chair of the Association of London Government
- Former member of the London Fire Authority
- Former Vice-Chair of the Local Government Information Unit
- Founder member of the New Local Government Network
- Founder member and Chair of Thames Gateway London Partnership
- Former Chair of the Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government
- Former Non-executive Director of Millennium Experience Ltd
- Former member of the Council of Europe and Chamber of the Regions
- 1998 – 2005 Chair of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum
- He was awarded an OBE for his contribution to London Local Government.

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Roger Evans

Conservative

Constituency

Havering and Redbridge

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Leader of the Conservative Group; Chair of the Audit Panel; Member of the Budget and Performance Committee, Business Management and Administration Committee, Confirmation Hearings Committee and Environment Committee.

Biography

Born in Lancashire in 1964, Roger Evans moved to London in 1987 and was elected to Waltham Forest council in 1990. He became the youngest ever leader of the Conservative group in 1994 – a post he held for four years.

Having worked for the Royal Mail in various roles for ten years, Roger funded himself through a law degree, being called to The Bar in 1997. He is a member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple and was a legal advisor to the IT recruitment company Spring.com until his election to the London Assembly.

Roger is a member of both Havering Council and the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation Board. He advises women-2-win, a group dedicated to increasing the number of female Conservative Members of Parliament.

Roger is a published author, with his book Gremal Quest printed in 2007. His passion for London led him to complete the 75-mile Capital Ring Walk around outer London. He maintains a relationship with constituents and transport users through his blog, www.city-hall.blogspot.com.

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Nicky Gavron
Labour
[Constituency](#)
Londonwide
2010-11 GLA responsibilities:
Chair of the Planning and Housing Committee; Member of the Environment Committee and the Health and Public Services Committee.

Biography
Nicky has been an elected politician since 1986 and has a track record in urban policy development for every level of government. In particular, she has been at the forefront of developing integrated and sustainable land-use, transport and environmental planning policies for London. In 2000, she became the first statutory Deputy Mayor of London, a post she held for seven years.

In this role, she worked closely with Mayor Livingstone to set up the Greater London Authority’s working processes and policy frameworks, with particular responsibility for the London Plan and climate change. She also played a central role in shaping the agenda for women and established the GLA’s Children and Young People’s Unit.

Leading London’s response to climate change, she introduced policies and programmes to reduce CO2 emissions across energy, water, waste and transport. Her initiatives include establishing the London Climate Change Agency and the C40: Large Cities Climate Leadership Group.

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Darren Johnson

Green

Constituency

Londonwide

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Chair of the Environment Committee; Member of the Business Management and Administration Committee and the Budget and Performance Committee; Member of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

Biography

Darren was elected to the London Assembly in May 2000 and has also served as a Green councillor in Lewisham since 2002.

As Chair of the Assembly’s Environment Committee, Darren has led Assembly investigations into a range of topics including: flood risk in London, water shortages, Heathrow expansion and the loss of London’s street trees. He has also promoted measures to address low pay in the capital through a London Living wage and policies to protect vital local services.

Darren served as Chair of the London Assembly (2009-10) and Deputy Chair (2008-9).

Darren was born in 1966 and lives in Lewisham with his partner, Dean. He is a graduate of Goldsmiths College, University of London.

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Jenny Jones

Green

Constituency

Londonwide

2010-11 GLA responsibilities:

Leader of the Green Group; Deputy Chair of the Planning and Housing Committee; Member of the Confirmation Hearings Committee and Transport Committee; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Biography

Jenny lives in Southwark and was a Southwark councillor, 2006-10. In the previous Mayoral administration she was the Mayor’s Green Transport Advisor, advising him on sustainable forms of transport. She was also Chair of London Food, a Mayoral body looking at ways of giving Londoners fresher, healthier and more affordable food while minimising its environmental impact. Jenny is an ex-archaeologist, former Deputy Mayor of London, former Chair of the Green Party of England and Wales, and was named in 2004 as one of 200 ‘women of achievement’ by Buckingham Palace.

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Joanne McCartney
Labour

Constituency
Enfield and Haringey

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Chair of the Time for Action Panel; Member of the Transport Committee; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority; Chair of the Labour Group.

Biography

Joanne was elected as the London Assembly Member for Enfield and Haringey in June 2004. Previously Joanne was called to the bar in 1990 and served as a local councillor in Enfield from 1998-2006. During this time she served as Chair of Enfield’s Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and as a Director of Millfield House and Theatre.

Joanne has previously served as Chair of the London Assembly Health and Public Services Committee and led investigations into a number of issues which are important to Londoners including: the decline of London’s public toilets; breast cancer screening; the future of the Post Office network, and access to mental health services.

As a member of the Transport Committee she undertook an investigation into cycle parking in London, resulting in the report ‘Stand and Deliver’.

She is currently the Labour lead on policing and is Chair of the Time for Action panel investigating the Mayor’s strategy to tackle serious youth violence.

Joanne has three children and is chair of governors at her local primary school.

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Kit Malthouse
Conservative
[Constituency](#)
West Central
[2010-11 GLA Responsibilities](#)
Deputy Mayor for Policing; Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

[Biography](#)
After completing his degree in politics and economics at Newcastle, Kit qualified as a Chartered Accountant with an international firm in the City of London. Since then Kit’s life has been split between his family, his business and London politics.

In 1998 he was elected to Westminster City Council. Kit’s first major job on the council was to head up the Social Services department, dealing with the elderly, disabled, children and vulnerable people. During his time in the department he initiated a number of radical policy initiatives, most notably more than halving the number of street homelessness in the city, and steered the department towards achieving the highest marks in the country from the Social Services Inspectorate.

Kit was then elected as Deputy Leader of the Council and was appointed Cabinet member for Finance by Sir Simon Milton, the council Leader. During the five years he remained in this job he increased council reserves by more than £50m, delivered one of the lowest council tax levels in the country, and was part of the team that kept Westminster at the top of the league tables throughout.

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Steve O’Connell
Conservative
[Constituency](#)
Croydon and Sutton
[2010-11 GLA responsibilities](#)
Member of the Transport Committee and the Planning and Housing Committee; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

[Biography](#)
Steve has been a Croydon Councillor for Kenley since 2002 and was Deputy Leader of the Council.

Steve is a south Londoner who studied at Brockley Grammar School and who is a lifelong Crystal Palace supporter. An animal lover, he shares his life with five dogs and Louis the cat. He’s also married to Michele with grown up children.

In the 2008 GLA Election Steve nearly doubled the Conservative majority. He has a particular interest in crime and safety, plus community cohesion as well as protecting our environment and green spaces. He is also a firm advocate for social mobility.

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Caroline Pidgeon
Liberal Democrat

Constituency
Londonwide

2010-11 GLA responsibilities
Leader of the Liberal Democrat group;
Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee and
Business, Management and Administration
Committee; Member of the Confirmation
Hearings Committee and Standards
Committee; Member of the Metropolitan
Police Authority.

Biography
Caroline was elected as a Liberal Democrat Member of the London Assembly in May 2008 becoming Group Leader in 2010, and has a strong track record of campaigning on issues such as strong policing and improved public transport across the capital.

Caroline was a councillor in Southwark for 12 years from 1998 to 2010, holding a range of posts including Deputy Leader of Southwark Council, and Executive Member for Children’s Services and Education. Caroline was a member of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority 2008 to 2010 and has been a member of the Metropolitan Police Authority since 2008.

Caroline has been involved in a number of voluntary and charitable organisations such as a Director of Southwark Energy Agency from 1998 until 2001, a board member of Aylesbury New Deal for Communities 2002 to 2004 and a Board Member of Lambeth and Southwark Housing Association 2002 and 2010. She has been a trustee of the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education since 2005.

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Murad Qureshi

Labour

Constituency

Londonwide

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Deputy Chair of the Environment Committee; Member of the Budget and Performance Committee, Transport Committee and Standards Committee ; Member of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority; Chair of the London Waterways Commission; member of the Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee.

Biography

Murad was elected to the London Assembly as a Labour party list member in 2004 and re-elected on 1 May 2008. Murad grew up in north west and central London where he attended his local comprehensive school before receiving a degree from the University of East Anglia and an MSc in Environmental Economics from University College London.

Murad worked in Housing and Regeneration for 15 years establishing housing associations and co-ops in the East End in response to chronic housing needs. He was also an Executive Committee member of SERA (1994-2000) campaigning on green issues and a former member of the City of Westminster Council (1998-2006) representing the neighbourhoods he grew up in.

Murad is a Board Member of BRAC UK, an International NGO that seeks to alleviate poverty and empower the poor in the UK and abroad.

As an avid sportsman Murad enjoys cricket and football and continues to play for local pub teams. He has campaigned for more open spaces and playing fields in London and looks forward to London hosting the Olympics in 2012.

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Navin Shah

Labour

Constituency

Brent and Harrow

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Deputy Chair of the Audit Panel and the Health and Public Services Committee; Member of the Planning and Housing Committee; Member of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

Additional information

An architect by profession, Navin came to the UK as a University College London scholar in 1973. He worked as an Architect and Development Planner and joined the Labour party in 1977 after becoming involved in Community Action groups in Brent and Harrow. Elected as a Harrow councillor for Kenton East Ward in 1994, Navin was Leader of Harrow Council from 2004 to 2006, and remained the Harrow Labour Group Leader until June 2008. He is a founder member and trustee of the Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance, serving as the Executive Member for Harrow Council of Racial Equality, is a member of the Ethnic Minority Taskforce and a Governor of Glebe School. In 2006, he received an Asian Achievers Award.

A member of the Co-Operative Society and the Fabian Society, Navin remains especially interested in community cohesion and planning, regeneration and housing. He lives in Harrow with his wife Rekha, also a Harrow councillor and his two grown-up children. In his spare time, Navin enjoys art, music, travel and photography.

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Valerie Shawcross

Labour

Constituency

Lambeth and Southwark

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Chair of the Transport Committee; Member of the Confirmation Hearings Committee; Member of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Biography

Valerie has a BA in Politics and an MA in Education. She has worked for the Inner London Education Authority, the Commonwealth Secretariat and as Head of Public Affairs for the National Federation of Women’s Institutes. She is a former Labour Party National Women’s Officer. She was a Croydon councillor between 1994 and 2000, serving as Leader (1997-2000). Valerie was awarded a CBE in 2002. She was elected to the Assembly in 2000 and between 2000-2008 she chaired the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (which runs London Fire Brigade). Valerie lives in Upper Norwood, SE19, and has been a south London resident for 30 years.

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Richard Tracey JP

Conservative

Constituency

Merton and Wandsworth

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Member of the Budget and Performance Committee, the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee and the Transport Committee; Vice-Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority; Mayor’s Ambassador for River Transport.

Biography

Richard Tracey was MP for Surbiton for 14 years and an Environment Minister in the Thatcher government. He also served as a senior member of the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee.

He is a Justice of the Peace and Freeman of the City of London. He was also Chairman of Wandsworth Conservatives from 2003 to 2008.

In 2006, he became Sport England Chair for South London. He takes an active interest in rowing and rugby football as President of both Kingston Amateur Regatta and Kingston RFC, and is a former current affairs broadcaster with BBC Television and Radio.

Born in Stratford upon Avon and educated at King Edward VI Grammar School and Birmingham University where he gained an LLB with Honours, he and his wife Kathy live in central Wandsworth and have four grown up children.

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Mike Tuffrey

Liberal Democrat

Constituency

Londonwide

2010-11 GLA responsibilities

Deputy Chair of the Budget and Performance Committee; Member of the Audit Panel, Environment Committee and Planning and Housing Committee; Member of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

Biography

Professionally, Mike is a chartered accountant and set up a successful management consultancy business advising large companies how to be more socially and environmentally responsible. Previously he worked in the charity sector.

In public service, Mike was first elected in 1985 to the GLC representing Vauxhall. From 1990 to 2002 he was an elected member of Lambeth Council and served for eight years as Liberal Democrat Group Leader, including four years as a joint council leader when the Liberal Democrats were the largest party without overall control. Elected to the London Assembly in 2002, Mike led the Liberal Democrat Group from 2006 to 2010 and is currently the Group’s spokesperson on budget matters, housing, planning and the environment. He also represents the Assembly on the London Sustainable Development Commission.

In his personal life, Mike supports several community, civil liberties and environmental causes and lives in Clapham with his young family.

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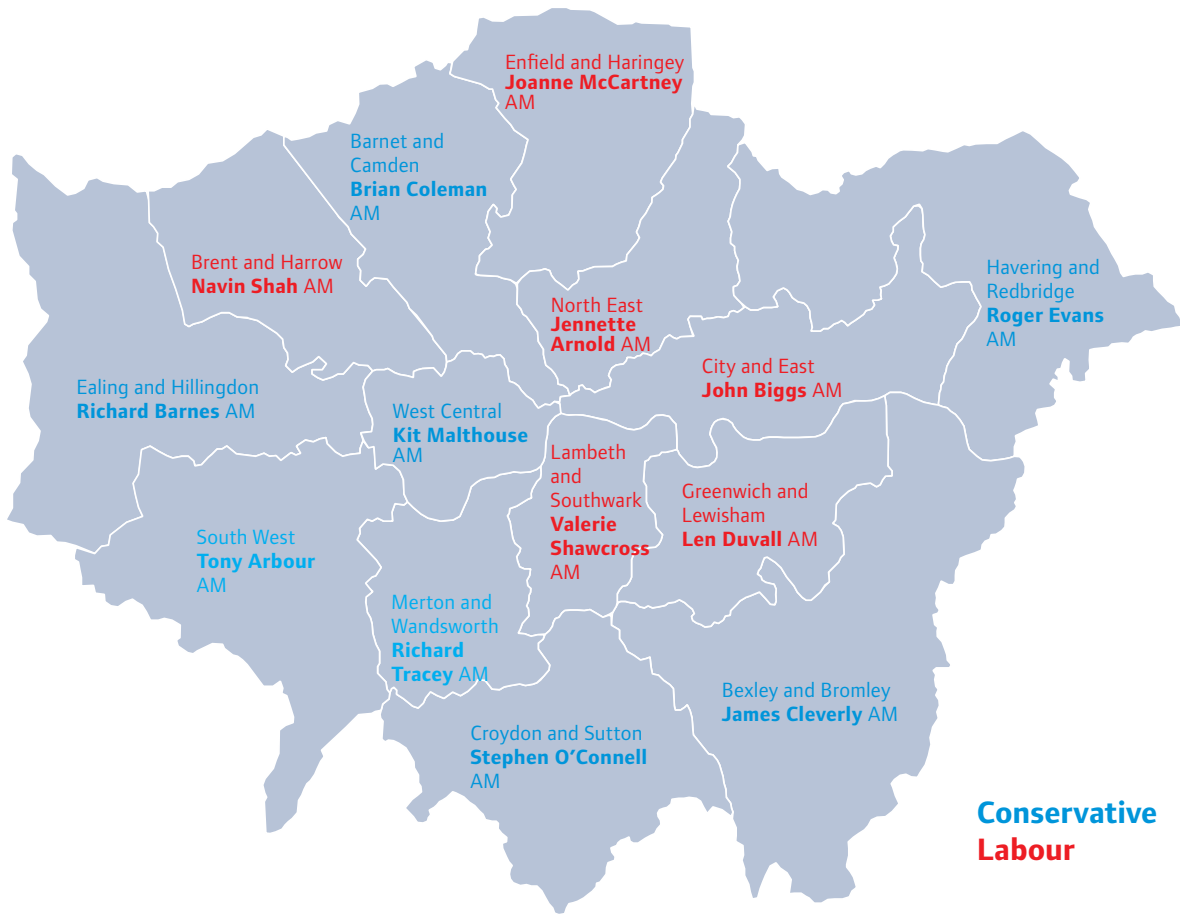
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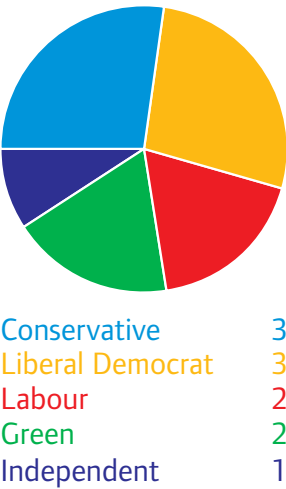
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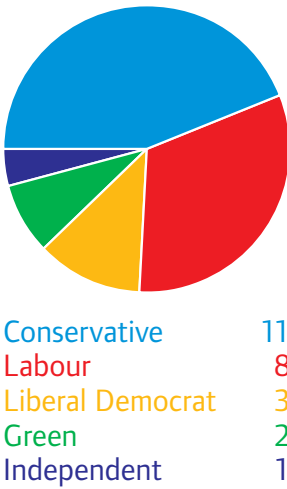
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Audit Panel Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
1 Cons	(Cons)	Roger Evans (Chair)
1 Lab	(Lab)	Navin Shah (Deputy Chair)
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Mike Tuffrey AM
1 unallocated	(unallocated)	Richard Barnbrook

Budget and Performance Committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
4 Cons	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Richard Tracey
	(Cons)	Gareth Bacon
	(Cons)	Roger Evans
3 Lab	(Lab)	John Biggs (Chair)
	(Lab)	Len Duvall
	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Mike Tuffrey (Deputy Chair)
1 Green	(Green)	Darren Johnson

Budget Monitoring Sub-committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
2 Cons	(Cons)	Richard Tracey
	(Cons)	Gareth Bacon
1 Lab	(Lab)	John Biggs (Chair)
1 unallocated	(unallocated)	Richard Barnbrook

Business Management and Administration Committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
4 Cons	(Cons)	Richard Barnes
	(Cons)	Tony Arbour
	(Cons)	Roger Evans
	(Cons)	Brian Coleman
3 Lab	(Lab)	Jennette Arnold (Chair)
	(Lab)	Len Duvall
	(Lab)	John Biggs
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon (Deputy Chair)
1 Green	(Green)	Darren Johnson

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Confirmation Hearings Committee* Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
4 Cons	(Cons)	Tony Arbour
	(Cons)	Roger Evans
	(Cons)	Brian Coleman
	(Cons)	Victoria Borwick
3 Lab	(Lab)	Len Duvall
	(Lab)	John Biggs
	(Lab)	Valerie Shawcross
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon
1 Green	(Green)	Jenny Jones

*Offices of Chair and Deputy Chair of CHC delegated for decision at the start of each meeting of the Committee.

Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
3 Cons	(Cons)	Tony Arbour
	(Cons)	Victoria Borwick
	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
2 Lab	(Lab)	Len Duvall (Chair)
	(Lab)	John Biggs
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Dee Doocey (Deputy Chair)

Environment Committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
3 Cons	(Cons)	James Cleverly
	(Cons)	Gareth Bacon
	(Cons)	Roger Evans
2 Lab	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi (Deputy Chair)
	(Lab)	Nicky Gavron
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Mike Tuffrey
1 Green	(Green)	Darren Johnson (Chair)

Health and Public Services Committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
3 Cons	(Cons)	James Cleverly (Chair)
	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Richard Barnes
2 Lab	(Lab)	Navin Shah (Deputy Chair)
	(Lab)	Nicky Gavron
1 unallocated	(unallocated)	Richard Barnbrook

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Planning and Housing Committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
4 Cons	(Cons)	Tony Arbour
	(Cons)	Gareth Bacon
	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Steve O’Connell
2 Lab	(Lab)	Nicky Gavron (Chair)
	(Lab)	Navin Shah
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Mike Tuffrey
1 Green	(Green)	Jenny Jones (Deputy Chair)

Time for Action Panel

Proportionality	Party	Name
2 Cons	(Cons)	Andrew Boff
	(Cons)	Steve O’Connell
2 Lab	(Lab)	Len Duvall
	(Lab)	Joanne McCartney (Chair)
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon

Transport Committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
4 Cons	(Cons)	Richard Tracey
	(Cons)	James Cleverly
	(Cons)	Victoria Borwick
	(Cons)	Steve O’Connell
3 Lab	(Lab)	Valerie Shawcross (Chair)
	(Lab)	Joanne McCartney
	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon (Deputy Chair)
1 Green	(Green)	Jenny Jones

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Standards Committee Membership

Proportionality	Party	Name
2 Cons	(Cons)	Tony Arbour (Deputy Chairman)
	(Cons)	Victoria Borwick
2 Lab	(Lab)	Len Duvall
	(Lab)	Murad Qureshi
1 Lib Dem	(Lib Dem)	Caroline Pidgeon
	Independent Members	Pradeep Agrawal
		Lucy Dennett
		Sir David Durie KCMG
		Claer Lloyd-Jones (Chair)
		Diane Mark
		Sam Younger
	Deputy Mayor	Richard Barnes

2008 Election Results Constituency Assembly Members

Constituency	Candidate	Party	Votes%	Majority
Barnet and Camden	Brian Coleman	Conservative Party	41.15%	19,693
Bexley and Bromley	James Cleverly	Conservative Party	52.59%	75,237
Brent and Harrow	Navin Shah	The Labour Party	37.27%	1,649
City and East	John Biggs	The Labour Party	34.69%	31,553
Croydon and Sutton	Stephen O’Connell	Conservative Party	44.08%	42,665
Ealing and Hillingdon	Richard Barnes	Conservative Party	43.15%	28,638
Enfield and Haringey	Joanne McCartney	The Labour Party	33.26%	1,402
Greenwich and Lewisham	Len Duvall	The Labour Party	36.21%	16,134
Havering and Redbridge	Roger Evans	Conservative Party	47.67%	43,025
Lambeth and Southwark	Valerie Shawcross	The Labour Party	37.16%	23,648
Merton and Wandsworth	Richard Tracey	Conservative Party	44.85%	26,293
North East	Jennette Arnold	The Labour Party	37.95%	28,437
South West	Tony Arbour	Conservative Party	40.82%	26,928
West Central	Kit Malthouse	Conservative Party	53.41%	51,381

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Party	Votes	Votes%	Number elected
Conservative Party	835535	34.63%	3
Liberal Democrats	275272	11.41%	3
Green Party	203465	8.43%	2
The Labour Party	665443	27.58%	2
British National Party	130714	5.42%	1
UK Independence Party	46617	1.93%	0
Left List	22583	0.94%	0
Independent (Rathy Alagaratnam)	3974	0.16%	0
English Democrats	25569	1.06%	0
Respect (George Galloway)	59721	2.48%	0
Abolish the Congestion Charge	63596	2.64%	0
The Christian Choice	70294	2.91%	0
One London (Leader Damian Hockney)	3430	0.14%	0
Unity for Peace & Socialism	6394	0.27%	0

Turnout and technical information

Areas counted	Votes
Electorate	5,419,913
Papers counted / turnout	2,454,088
Turnout	45.28%
Change in turnout from 2004	8.31%
Good votes	
Constituency Assembly Member votes	2,406,289
Londonwide votes	2,412,607
Rejected votes	
Constituency Assembly Member votes	47,799
Londonwide votes	41,489
Blank (no votes cast)	39,894

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Letter to Transport for London about Dial-a-Ride eligibility consultation, March 2011

Crowded houses, March 2011

Just the ticket, March 2011

Transport Committee response to the draft Route Utilisation Strategy for London and the South East, March 2011

London Assembly response to public consultation draft of the Mayor’s Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy, March 2011

A Vote of Confidence? March 2011

A sporting legacy for London?
February 2011

Assembly response to the Mayor’s consultation draft budget 2011-12, January 2011

Assembly response to Mayor’s draft business waste strategy, January 2011

Fire safety in London, December 2010

Assembly response to Thames Tunnel proposals, December 2010

London boroughs’ grants scheme, December 2010

Assembly response to the draft GLA budget 2011-12, December 2010

Pre-Budget Report 2010, December 2010

Pedal power, November 2010

Accessibility of the transport network in London, November 2010

Skills and employment update,
November 2010

Going for Green, October 2010

Walk this way, October 2010

Letter to Mayor’s Economic Adviser - Impact of Comprehensive Spending Review,
October 2010

Letter to Mayor of London - recent disruption on the Tube, October 2010

Response to Department for Transport’s consultation on reforming rail franchising,
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Response to Department of Health’s consultation paper: Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS,
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Bengali

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Greek

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Gujarati

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Hindi

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Punjabi

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