

LONDONASSEMBLY



The London Assembly



Who we are

The London Assembly is a watchdog for London. The 25 Assembly Members are elected by Londoners at the same time as the Mayor.

London has been represented by the Assembly and the Mayor since 2000. The Mayor is the most powerful directly-elected politician in the UK. As such, he must be held publicly and democratically accountable. The London Assembly makes sure this happens.

We examine the Mayor's policies and programmes in areas like policing, transport, housing, planning, the economy, health and the environment. The Assembly also directly questions the Mayor in public ten times a year at Mayor's Question Time.

The Mayor must consult Assembly Members before producing his strategies and £16 billion budget.

This includes the Greater London Authority (GLA) portion of your council tax. The Assembly can reject the Mayor's strategies or amend the budget if two-thirds of members agree to do so.

Assembly Members are champions for London. We investigate issues that affect your everyday life and work to find ways to improve London. Cross-party committees conduct Assembly investigations often looking at long-term issues facing the capital.

The Mayor must answer to Londoners at the ballot box every four years. Our job is to hold the Mayor to account every day.

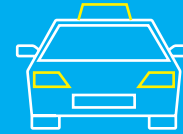
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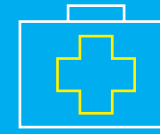
The Met is investigating historical allegations of **electoral fraud** at the 2014 **Tower Hamlets Mayoral Election** following the work of the Police and Crime Committee



The Police and Crime Committee's investigation on safety at **Notting Hill Carnival** created the impetus for MOPAC to commission a major review of crowd management arrangements



TfL announced it would significantly increase its **Taxi and Private Hire enforcement team**, as recommended by the Transport Committee in its 2014 report, **Future Proof**



The Health Committee's work on **mental health for marginalised groups** has helped shape the Mayor's new mental health initiative, Thrive LDN



The GLA Oversight Committee's work **on the procurement of the proposed Garden Bridge** contributed to the Mayor commissioning a review from Rt Hon Dame Margaret Hodge MP



The Economy Committee's work on **Brexit** led to joint talks at the Scottish Parliament with representatives from Scotland, Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly

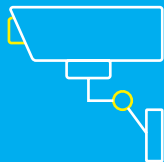


After the committee investigated the **pedestrianisation of Oxford Street**, TfL announced a 40 per cent cut in buses along the street



The London Finance Commission's January 2017 report promoted a **land value tax**, as recommended by the Planning Committee

How we made a difference in 2016 – 17



Following the Budget and Performance Committee's work on the implications of councils withdrawing **funding for CCTV**, MOPAC and the Met committed to consider whether a pan-London funding approach was needed



The Mayor's draft Good Practice Guide to Estate Regeneration incorporated many recommendations from the 2015 Housing Committee report, **Knock it Down or Do it Up?**



In line with Environment Committee recommendations, the Mayor agreed to **bring in the central Ultra Low Emission Zone a year early in 2019** and extend it in 2020



In October 2016, the Mayor agreed to adopt a 'Vision Zero' approach to **road safety**, as recommended in the 2014 Transport Committee report, **Feet First**



The Mayor committed to action on **development viability assessments** to improve transparency and hasten the delivery of **affordable housing** in line with Planning Committee recommendations



TfL announced changes to **door-to-door services**, including dropping the five-mile limit on Dial-a-Ride journeys, as the Transport Committee recommended in 2015



To avoid confusion over the cost of **TfL's fares freeze**, the Mayor has agreed to publish basic fare income data and assumptions before the 2020 Mayoral Election



After the 2016 **Mayoral and Assembly election**, we made a series of suggestions to improve the process next time and to avoid the problems experienced in Barnet

How we engage with the public

All Assembly meetings are open to the public. They are broadcast on our website and our YouTube channel. That means Londoners can see and hear exactly what we're doing on their behalf.

We encourage people and organisations to give their views to Assembly committee investigations. These contributions play a key part in shaping the recommendations we make in our committee reports.

Assembly Members welcome constituents' views. We are here to help if you have a problem with any part of the GLA group. We don't spend all our time at City Hall. Instead, we get out and about and see for ourselves what's working well and where changes need to be made.

We host key civic events over the year, including an Annual Service of Remembrance and a Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony. We also regularly receive visits from students and overseas delegations who want to learn more about our work.

Twice a year Assembly Members and the Mayor hold People's Question Time. These events give Londoners a chance to ask what we are doing for their city.



There are several ways you can get involved. You can:

- ◆ raise issues of concern with Assembly Members directly via email or Twitter
- ◆ tweet @LondonAssembly and tweet about our meetings and investigations
- ◆ give your views to Assembly investigations
- ◆ suggest a question for an Assembly Member to ask at Mayor's Question Time
- ◆ come to People's Question Time
- ◆ come to Mayor's Question Time and Assembly committee meetings at City Hall – the public are welcome
- ◆ watch our meetings live at www.london.gov.uk/media-centre/london-assembly or at www.youtube.com/user/LondonAssembly



Assembly members

There are 25 London Assembly Members. Eleven are Londonwide and represent the whole of the capital. Fourteen are elected by constituencies made up of two or three London boroughs. Like MPs, Assembly Members hold local surgeries for residents.

Eight Assembly Members also sit on the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA).



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