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Dear Leonie,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the London Assembly Economy Committee's report: *Future of skills in a low-carbon circular economy*. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate the Committee's work on this important issue. Climate change still represents our most significant challenge over this decade. I am determined that London continues to be a world leader in both mitigating and adapting to the impacts of rising global temperatures. As part of this, we need to ensure Londoners – individuals, communities and businesses – have the skills and work opportunities to transition to and participate in the zero-carbon circular economy.

In response to the recommendations you set out:

1. A Green Procurement Standard: the Greater London Authority's (GLA) Group Responsible Procurement Policy was revised in 2018 and designed to drive a more sustainable approach to procurement. We are continually looking to improve this and identify where green procurement can strengthen environmental sustainability, drive innovation and increase quality.
2. Role of the Adult Education Budget: we have started assessing the demand for green skills in London in response to the need to transition to a low-carbon circular economy. This work includes the current Skills for Londoners Framework consultation, which asks skills providers to explain how they are embedding green skills in their provision and supporting their staff to deliver these skills. GLA Economics is also conducting analysis which, together with the responses to the Framework consultation, will support the development of how we use the Adult Education Budget to deliver the skills London needs.
3. An action plan to help London make the transition to a low-carbon economy: my Economic Development Strategy and London's Local Industrial Strategy prioritise the low-carbon transition and identify the importance of skills to achieving this. We will continue to identify evidence gaps and the relevant research needed to address these. Through my Good Work Standard, I will also continue to encourage best practice in green working and industrial relations to support the low-carbon transition.

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Thank you again for the Assembly's report.

Yours sincerely,

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**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London