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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA210319-8520

26 April 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 21 March 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked originally asked for correspondence with the Government about increasing the central funding for Policing in London and then clarified that you wanted *“documents relating to what the Mayor has done about funding for the Police”*.

Keeping Londoners safe is the Mayor’s top priority. The Government has already forced the Met to make £850m of cuts and the force still has to make cuts of £263m by 2022-23. The Mayor has raised an additional £234m for policing and tackling crime.

This includes:

- £95m, funded mostly from an 11 per cent increase to the Mayor’s council tax policing precept - the equivalent of 46p a week. This will be split between a number of crime-fighting measures, including new officers, specialist investigators to disrupt gang violence and the Mayor’s new Violence Reduction Unit.
- An extra £118.6 million from business rates to support police officer numbers in future years.
- An additional £20.4 million to support additional initiatives against serious violence, including tackling gangs and providing more youth workers at hospital Accident and Emergency units.

Further information about this can be found here <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-confirms-record-investment-for-policing>.

Information about the many ways the Mayor is fighting for funding for the Metropolitan Police is embedded throughout the Mayor’s work and communications about crime and crime

prevention. It would be impossible to extract all related documents where this topic is discussed. However, given you had previously mentioned correspondence with the Government, you may also wish to see the attached letters the Mayor has sent, as summarised below.

2017

30 June – Letter to PM post-election priorities

30 June – Letter to Amber Rudd – Home Sec – post-election priorities

19 July – Letter to Amber Rudd – Home Sec – Funding of the Metropolitan Police

2018

23 Jan – Amber Rudd letter on appointment as Home Sec

19 Feb – Nick Hurd (as policing minister) – additional costs of Met Police

5 April – Letter to PM – serious violence, requesting meeting

20 April – Letter post-Mayors violent crime summit at City Hall (6 letters tailored by responsibility) – Rudd (Home Sec) Javid (MHCLG), Hinds (Education), Hancock (DCMS), Hunt (Health), Gauke (Justice)

9 May – Letter to Sajid Javid – on appointment as Home Sec

7 Aug – Letter to Home Sec – public sector duty

3 Oct – Budget letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

21 Nov – Letter to Nick Hurd on his appointment as Minister for London

19 Dec – Letter to Home Sec on knife crime prevention orders

2019

27 Feb – Letter to Sajid Javid Home Sec – VAWG and police funding

11 March – Letter to Chancellor of the Exchequer – Spring statement

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You may also be interested in the Mayor's diary, which is published at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/publication-scheme/mayor-londons-diary>

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Yours sincerely


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MAYOR OF LONDON

Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP

Secretary of State for the Home Department
The Home Office
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Date: 19 JUL 2016



Congratulations on your appointment as Home Secretary, a role which you take on at a critical time for our nation's future. I look forward to working with you to realise our shared ambition to keep Londoners safe from crime and terrorism.

As I mentioned when we spoke, my priority is the safety of Londoners, and vital to that is tackling extremism and ensuring that we are able to respond to a major terrorist attack in our capital city. I was appalled by the shocking attack in Nice last week and I am reviewing our own safety measures. I and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner will do everything possible to keep Londoners safe and I will share the results of my preparedness review, that I have asked Lord Toby Harris to undertake, when they are available in the autumn.

Also vital for keeping Londoners safe is adequate funding for the Metropolitan Police. As Home Secretary, Theresa May MP committed to discussions with me about this, including the National and International Capital City grant which currently sees London under-funded by £175m a year, and I look forward to discussing this with you as soon as possible. Overall, I believe it is essential that London has a seat at the table in future discussions on policing fund allocation and grants, and as both the Mayor and Police and Crime Commissioner for London, I would appreciate an early conversation to gain your assurance on ensuring adequate levels of resource for London overall.

I have been working with the Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, to forge a new path for neighbourhood policing in the capital. I believe this will be the foundation on which we can build better community relations, essential in stopping the tragic instances of youth and gang violence that affect vulnerable young people here and across the country. I look forward to working with you to deliver a police service that is as diverse as London's population and increases confidence in all communities.

Finally, I know that we agreed during the referendum campaign that the UK would be stronger and safer inside the EU. Our membership has given us access to vital areas of cooperation which support our police and security services in keeping the public safe. If we no longer have access to this cooperation, that positive difference will be lost, and our ability to keep the public safe will be diminished. One of the most significant elements of the EU's Justice and Home Affairs package is

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the European Arrest Warrant under which over 7,000 suspects have been removed from the UK, and over 1,000 have been returned to the UK to face justice for crimes committed here. Londoners will remember that it was the European Arrest Warrant that enabled us to bring Hussein Osman, one of the 21/7 failed suicide bombers, back to face justice in the UK in a matter of weeks, instead of the years it would have previously taken. I hope we can work together to make the case to retain this vital crime-fighting tool.

As we agreed on the UK's relationship with the EU, I hope that we can agree that we should do whatever it takes to ensure our ability to fight crime and terrorism is not diminished by leaving. I look forward to working with you and your officials to ensure this.

Yours sincerely,



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Mayor of London

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Date: 30 JUN 2017

Dear Amber,

Many congratulations on your reappointment. I wanted to take this opportunity to restate my commitment to working closely with you and your department to ensure we deliver a safe and secure London. Never has this been more important than now when we face unprecedented challenges following the horrific terrorist attacks at Westminster, Manchester, London Bridge and Finsbury Park.

I thought it would be helpful to set out the most pressing issues, and I hope we will have the opportunity to discuss them soon.

Metropolitan Police Service Funding

Demands on the police in London are increasing. Crime is up 5% in the last twelve months, with a particularly troubling 30% increase in knife crime. As the tragic and horrific events of recent weeks have shown, the complexity of the policing task in the capital is increasing too and this has an impact right across policing in London. For example, over two-thirds of the officers involved in the response to the Westminster terror attack on 22 March were deployed outside Westminster. This meant that local officers were taken from responding to local priorities to respond to this incident. This is a pattern we saw repeated following the attacks in Manchester and at London Bridge.

The Met have responded to the challenges they face with courage, dedication and professionalism. But they have been operating in a constrained environment. Their budget has reduced considerably since 2010 and £600m of savings have already been delivered. Now a further £440m of savings are needed by 2020-21 in order to live within the settlement agreed at the 2015 Spending Review. This pressure is in addition to a National and International Capital City Grant which, according to the Home Office's own Independent Panel, falls short of fully compensating the Met for the costs which they face – by around £170m on our assessments. These constraints, combined with London's rapidly growing population, have meant that the Met has faced the largest reduction in funding per person of any police force in the country since 2000. I would therefore urge you to scrap the proposed police funding formula, not to proceed with the planned cuts to the Met's police grant and ensure that national activity the Met performs on behalf of the rest of the country is properly funded through the National and International Capital Cities (NICC) Grant. (London currently only receives £174m a year in NICC funding which leaves a £172m burden on London taxpayers.)

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As Home Secretary, I know you will be focused on ensuring that the public are kept safe, with the police service they deserve. This will mean confronting difficult funding issues. I urge you to proceed with extreme care in this endeavour and to do so in an open and transparent way. The previous proposals for a new funding formula were not developed in this way and were rightly abandoned in 2015. The current review has also lacked transparency. Police forces do not yet know exactly which indicators are being considered to determine funding allocations, nor the impact this will have for policing capacity. Given the increasing demands on the Met, Londoners will simply not accept an outcome to the funding formula which sees an overall reduction in funding for policing in London.

I understand the need to make the Met more efficient – and we have embarked on the largest transformation in its nearly 200 year history. Efficiencies will deliver a leaner back office and fewer buildings, while new technology will improve productivity and free up officer time for front line policing. But delivering this transformation while keeping Londoners safe, with the added threats we now face, will require time and support from central government.

In order to support this transformation, we have a number of outstanding bids to the Transformation Fund with the Home Office which we hope will be considered quickly. I am particularly keen to ensure funding for the Child House scheme which will offer greater support to young victims of sexual violence. On the whole I believe that ongoing top-slicing of the MPS budget to contribute to the biddable Transformation Fund actually impedes our ability to invest in our transformation programme, but as long as the fund continues, I hope that the true scale of our transformation efforts will be adequately understood and supported.

I urge you to look again at plans to reduce funding to the Met and I look forward to working with you to address the funding challenges that the Met faces.

Tackling Extremism

Following the recent horrific terror attacks in London and Manchester it is clear that we must redouble our efforts to tackle extremism and radicalisation in our communities. Existing national measures to prevent radicalisation have had mixed results – whilst some communities have been reassured others have only been further alienated. I believe we need greater local input to ensure that preventative work is being delivered consistently and effectively where it is needed – and this is clearly urgent in London. I am pleased to see that the Queen's Speech includes a commitment to create a new commission for countering extremism – and I will work with the Government to design a new strategy to root out once and for all extremism in all its forms from our city.

I would welcome the opportunity to work more closely with you and your officials to deliver more tailored and effective counter radicalisation activity across London. I am also particularly concerned to ensure that our health services have the resources they need to work with those at risk of radicalisation due to mental health difficulties. I am sure you will understand the urgency with which I feel this work needs to begin.

Knife Crime

I am particularly concerned about the numbers of young people being injured or killed on the streets of the capital. This week I published my new Knife Crime Strategy which recognises that knife crime disproportionately affects particular people and places in London and sets out new action to address this. This strategy will bring together police, partners and communities to take effective action. The strategy encompasses prevention, intervention and enforcement and I have enclosed a copy for your information.

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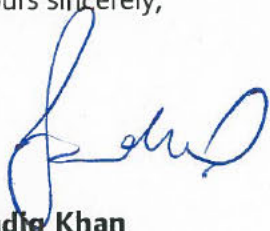
National Infrastructure Policing

With regard to plans to merge the British Transport Police, the Ministry of Defence police and the Civil Nuclear Constabulary, I would be grateful for assurances that this centralisation will not lead to any reduction in interconnectivity or joint working between the BTP and the MPS. Both forces currently cooperate on a number of important issues such as sexual abuse on public transport, counter terrorism and resilience. I would like to see this cooperation greatly enhanced.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet before the summer recess to discuss these issues in detail and I will ask my office to contact yours to see if this will be possible.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in the best interests of London and the UK.

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 30 JUN 2017

Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to take this opportunity, following the General Election, to restate my commitment to working closely with your Government to ensure that London continues to grow and prosper in a post Brexit Britain.

London is a major national economic asset and I want to ensure that other cities and regions across Britain benefit from our economic growth. However, Britain can only succeed if London succeeds – the capital accounts for 22.7% of the UK's economic output, a third of its growth and 21% of all UK tax. Our economic competitors are New York and Tokyo, rather than Birmingham or Manchester, and we must work together to strengthen London's competitive advantages compared to other global cities. I have written to your Secretaries of State setting out where I hope we can work together over the years ahead and I thought it would be helpful for me to share with you the most pressing issues I have raised with them.

Crossrail 2

The Strategic Outline Business Case for Crossrail 2 is currently with the Department for Transport for consideration, and a swift decision will be needed to be able to legislate in this Parliament for Crossrail 2 to be built by 2033. The scheme is an essential investment to improve UK competitiveness, and will help us address some of the challenges posed by Brexit. It will address capacity and congestion issues on the transport network across the South East and enable the creation of 200,000 new homes and 200,000 jobs, including 60,000 supply chain jobs outside London. It is vital that we leverage the resources, knowledge and skills from Crossrail 1 and transfer them to Crossrail 2 – making the timing of a decision all the more urgent. I am concerned about the risks arising from any delay and would welcome an early commitment from the Secretary of State so that we can continue to make progress.

Police funding

The Metropolitan police work tirelessly to keep our streets safe and respond to security threats such as the horrific recent attacks at Finsbury Park, London Bridge, Borough Market and Westminster. I am deeply concerned at the severe pressures on the resources available to the Metropolitan Police at the same time as we face growing threats, not just from terrorism but also from rising violent crime – including knife crime. If London's police service is subject to further cuts, it will become increasingly impossible to maintain the number of police on our streets.

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Security experts are clear that neighborhood policing plays a crucial role in stopping terrorist attacks – acting as the eyes and ears of the security services. The Met has already had to make £600m of savings since 2010, and faces another £400m of cuts over the coming years based on current Government spending plans. We will do everything possible to limit the impact on frontline services, but cuts on this scale will make our city less safe. I have written to the Home Secretary urging her to scrap the proposed police funding formula, not to proceed with the planned cuts to the Met's police grant and ensure that national activity the Met performs on behalf of the rest of the country is properly funded through the National and International Capital Cities (NICC) Grant (London currently only receives £174m a year in NICC funding which leaves a £172m burden on London taxpayers.)

Air quality

Air pollution is the biggest public health challenge facing London and the UK. Over 9,000 early deaths are caused each year in London alone by long-term exposure to air pollution and around 40,000 across the country. City Hall is already taking bold action, including introducing the T-charge in October this year, bringing in the world's first Ultra-Low Emission Zone in 2019, and expanding it to a wider area of London in the near future. However, these ambitious actions alone will not be enough to bring London back into legal compliance as quickly as possible. This is a national problem requiring national action and support. I would like to work closely with you and Ministers to significantly strengthen your draft Air Quality Plan, and in particular to include a national vehicle scrappage fund to help drivers who bought diesel cars in good faith.

Productivity and devolution

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Deliver a good Brexit deal for the capital

I am under no illusion about the scale of the challenges that lie ahead and I want to restate my offer to work with your Government to deliver a deal that protects jobs, growth and living standards. While I am pleased that you have recently announced that we need a separate process for EU nationals living in the UK, I am concerned this is a long way from a cast-iron guarantee. All EU citizens in the UK by the time we leave the EU need to be informed that they can stay indefinitely - and this needs to be as simple and comprehensive a process as possible. This will enable UK nationals living in the EU to also have their futures made certain. I am also keen to see trade with

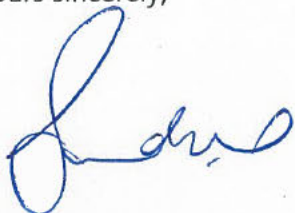
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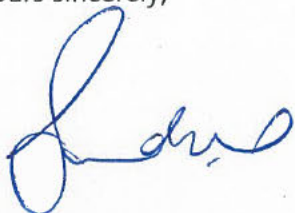
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Dear Amber,

FUNDING OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE

Further to my letter of 30 June, we are beginning the process of developing next year's budget for the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and I feel it is necessary to set out to you and your Department the alarming scale of the funding pressures now facing policing in London. Without an increase in funding from central Government, these pressures will force the MPS to make significant cuts to services and reduce police officer numbers to levels not seen since 2003, all at a time of rising demand and unprecedented threat. This will impact on the safety of Londoners. I call on you to confirm, now, that the Government has abandoned its unwelcome funding formula review and that police funding will be increased.

As you know, the MPS has delivered significant savings since 2010 – more than £600m – savings realised through the loss of 2,800 PCSO and police staff posts, the disposal of more than 120 buildings, and the closure of the vast majority of London's police front counters.

We must deliver nearly £400m in further savings over the coming four years in order to balance our books. The flat budget settlement provided by the Government – which fails to take any account of the increasing demand or inflationary pressure on policing – leaves us no choice and the front line is now at risk.

PCSO numbers are now such that we can allocate just one per ward, alongside two Police Constables. Ward teams used to have one Sergeant, two PCs and three PCSOs.

We have invested the capital from the sale of police stations and other parts of our estate to modernise the MPS, with new systems and devices to maximise efficiency and effectiveness.

I have opened a consultation on the closure of further front counters in order to save a further £10m in annual running costs. By the end of this process, London may have as few as 32 front counters left open to the public – only one per Borough. In 2008, there were 149.

I have increased the MPS precept by the maximum percentage possible, but the extra £11m that provides (before buoyancy) is just a fraction of what is needed.

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We have a comprehensive savings programme in place, but even with that, a funding gap remains. Without urgent Government action, it is inevitable that in the next year, a process of significant and sustained reduction in MPS officer headcount will have to begin if we are to be able to manage the budget pressures we face. Our projections show that, if the current funding circumstances remain as they are, over the next two years MPS officer numbers will have to fall below 30,000 for the first time since 2003 in order to balance the books.

Today, London has around 1.3million more residents than it had in 2003. The city's population is projected to increase further to 10million by 2030. Its population is also becoming younger, more diverse, more transient and has high levels of deprivation – all of which are considerations in determining the level of need and demand on policing.

Crime in our city is increasing, in volume, complexity and harm. Knife crime is approaching levels of volume and severity last seen in 2011. 27 Londoners under the age of 25 have been murdered with knives since January. The recent MOPAC/NHS England Sexual Violence Needs Assessment showed that 11 women and girls are raped or sexually assaulted in every London Borough, every week of every month. In June alone, there were nearly 7,000 reports of domestic abuse in London, up from 5,500 three years ago – a 27% increase.

Terrorism remains a constant and evolving threat to our capital and its people. As you know, Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley has described the current tempo of counter-terror activity as 'unprecedented'. That work – of preventing terror attacks and responding if the worst happens – involves the whole of policing, from neighbourhood policing to safeguarding – not just the specialist functions paid for through counter-terrorism funding. The MPS found that for every one pound that was spent by counter-terrorism in the response to the Westminster Bridge attack, a further two pounds was incurred to wider policing in London. The full policing grant must be uplifted, not just the National and International Capital Cities Grant.

We need the following:

- A significant real-terms increase in Police Grant, to enable us to protect front line officer numbers and continue to transform the MPS to meet the crime and safety challenges of today and of the future;
- The full funding of the National and International Capital Cities Grant, to reflect the true – and accepted – additional costs that come with policing the nation's capital; and
- An announcement, now, that the Government has abandoned its funding formula review.

We need clarity on all of the above, and the Government's long term plans for police funding, as soon as possible. This is essential for us and for all PCCs, if we are to be able to make informed budgeting decisions for the year ahead and beyond.

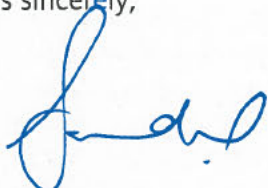
Whilst I appreciate that the Government might ordinarily look to address these matters in the Autumn Budget, these are extraordinary circumstances, and any further delay will impact on the safety of the public. Budgeting timetables for police forces mean that decisions – such as recruitment plans – must be made months in advance of the next financial year if they are to take effect in time to fit within the limits of the annual budget. We cannot recruit without certainty on next year's budget and the budget for following years. This could seriously damage the MPS in the short- and long-term.

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I have done my part; I have increased the precept to the highest permitted level. The MPS has done its part; efficiency savings have been achieved and it is delivering a significant transformation programme. The national Government must now do its part. For every day the Government delays, we come a day closer to facing inevitable and extremely difficult decisions that will affect the safety of Londoners not just today, but potentially far into the future.

I look forward to receiving your response as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Rt Hon Nick Hurd MP

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Our ref: MGLA061217-6644

Date: 19 FEB 2018

Dear Nick,

Thank you for your letter of 5 December 2017. I welcome your early confirmation that the Home Office will meet in full the additional costs the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) has incurred in relation to last year's terror attacks through the Special Grant.

As you are aware, the MPS also faces financial pressures related to the Grenfell Tower Investigation which I would ask the Government to fund through the Special Grant.

Please find enclosed two sets of costs for these Special Grant Claims for the additional policing costs relating the terrorist incidents at Westminster, London Bridge and Manchester and the costs of the Grenfell Tower Investigation. The investigation will continue into 2018-19 at least and therefore I have set out the costs the MPS expect to face in 2017-18 and 2018-19 for your consideration.

Terrorist Incidents

For the purpose of this claim, the MPS analysed costs incurred by both counter terrorism (CT) officers and the wider MPS response. Additional CT funding has been received for both the response by CT officers (not shown in this claim) and the element of the costs incurred by non-CT officers but which was for activities covered by CT grant. Costs have been reduced to account for CT funding already received. The net claim is for £7.8m and an analysis of the expenditure is included at Appendix A. The MPS also incurred £7.1m of opportunity costs for these incidents, which are excluded from this claim.

Grenfell Tower Investigation and Inquiry (Operation Northleigh)

Operation Northleigh is one of the largest MPS investigations that has ever been undertaken outside of CT Operations. The investigation team consists of 200+ officers and it is projected to remain at this level for the foreseeable future. Staff have been drawn from a variety of backgrounds and many have required bespoke training for the specific roles they are undertaking. The investigation has identified over 2,400 witnesses to be spoken to, have already taken over 1,000 statements and have recovered in excess of 31 million documents in digital form that require examination.

The Senior Investigating Officer has been to meet with the leadership team at Operation Resolve (Hillsborough investigation) and is of the opinion that the scale of the task is certainly comparable to that.

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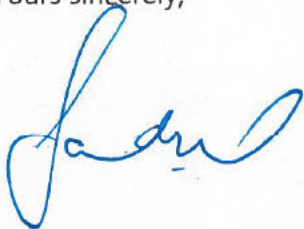
The parallel Public Inquiry (PI) also places additional resource demands on the investigation, as dedicated officers have been identified to ensure that the criminal investigation and PI can work effectively in tandem. The PI places the investigation into fairly unique territory in that regard and certainly places considerable additional resource requirements in terms of both MPS resources, specialist legal advice and logistical support. The criminal investigation is likely to continue beyond 2018 at which point any possible criminal prosecutions would then commence requiring ongoing dedicated investigative support.

The policing costs of the Grenfell Tower Investigation and Inquiry are split into additional costs and opportunity costs. The majority of the 17/18 opportunity costs are for officer salary costs, which the MPS is able to cover from within the 2017/18 budget.

However, the constraints on our overall budget and the corresponding decrease in our officer establishment mean we are not able to sustain the Inquiry team funding into 2018/19. Our Special Grant claim for the Grenfell Tower Investigation and Inquiry is therefore £38m in total, £11.1m for the additional costs in 2017/18 and £26.9m for the total costs in 2018/19.

We are of course happy to provide further supporting information.

Yours sincerely,



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MAYOR OF LONDON

The Prime Minister

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Dear Prime Minister,

Further to your letter of 24 February regarding serious violence, I must press you again for an urgent meeting between ourselves, the Home Secretary, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

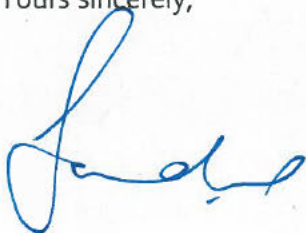
You will be as heartbroken and angered as I am by the violent deaths on the streets of London this year, with many of the victims being children and teenagers. I want us to work alongside one another to put an end to the appalling tide of these needless, violent killings.

As you know, the Met police are doing everything they can to catch those responsible and bring them to justice, and patrols have already been stepped up and extra stop-and-search powers are in place in the worst-hit parts of London.

We must all work together, in the best interests of Londoners, to bring an end to this violence.

I look forward to hearing from you urgently.

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 20 APR 2018



Thank you for participating in the Violent Crime Summit I convened on Tuesday 10 April for London's MPs, Council Leaders and Assembly Members to address the worrying rise in violent crime across parts of the capital. I am grateful that Ministers from your department and the Minister for London were also able to attend.

The willingness of so many of London's elected representatives to attend at such short notice is testament to the grave concern we all share at the shocking increase in violent crime in recent weeks and to our determination to put political differences aside and tackle this problem. I am committed to this cross-party approach across every level of London Government and I believe we must work together to utilise all our energy, knowledge and experience.

While cuts to police funding have in my view undoubtedly stretched police forces ability to deal with violent crime - not just here in London, but in other parts of the country where it is also rising - policing alone will not resolve this problem. That is why the Police Commissioner and I are doing everything possible to address the underlying causes of violent crime. This includes:

On enforcement:

- Bespoke Knife Crime action plans in every London borough.
- £110 million additional funding for the Met this year – the biggest ever contribution from City Hall towards the Met's budget. This will deliver 1,000 additional officers for the Met than would otherwise be possible.
- £15 million fund for the Met to specifically tackle knife crime. This has allowed the creation of a new Violent Crime Taskforce – with 120 officers focused on the most serious offenders and locations.

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- The Met Commissioner has my full support in cracking down on violent individuals and gangs. Uniformed patrols have been stepped up and weapons sweeps and intelligence-led stop-and-search powers are being used in the worst hotspots.

On prevention:

- We have launched the £45 million new Young Londoners Fund, to support young people – particularly those at risk of getting caught up in crime – to thrive. I will shortly write to you separately with more details on this but I would encourage community groups to visit the Greater London Authority website to find out how to bid for a share of this funding.
- We are working with schools to ensure every London school has a Safer Schools Officer assigned to it, make metal detecting wands available to all schools that want one and working with Ofsted to ensure that the learning from their thematic inspection on knife crime informs the safeguarding response within schools to knife crime
- We have launched the *London Needs You Alive* campaign to spread the message to young Londoners, and we are challenging social media providers to remove content that is clearly intended to send the opposite message.
- A £1.4 million Knife Crime Community Seed Fund, which will provide funding to community groups working with young people and their families and communities in priority areas to tackle knife crime. £250,000 of this has already been awarded to nine projects.

The Government also needs to play its part and focus on seeking and implementing solutions to prevent violent crime from happening in the first place. Your Serious Violence strategy goes some way in addressing this and I welcome the announcement that you are establishing a Serious Violence Taskforce. I look forward to representing London and working with others on the taskforce to develop and implement the long terms solutions we need.

I welcome your commitment to speak to colleagues in government to reflect the concerns raised that more needs to be done across departments to coordinate government action better, and I have also written to Ministers to ask what further measures are being taken to root out and tackle the causes of crime. This includes a letter to the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP whose department is overseeing the Troubled Families Programme, which was reviewed last year. Families have an important role to play in addressing knife crime and I have asked for an update on the work this programme is doing specifically to tackle this issue, particularly in preventing young people involved in the work being caught up in violent crime. I have copied you into this correspondence.

Sadly, as we have seen this year, far too many young people have been innocent victims of knife crime and we will all be deeply concerned at recent NHS data showing an increase of more than 60 per cent in the number of children aged 16 and under being treated for stab wounds in England over the past five years. I have heard from meeting many communities where crimes have occurred that they desperately want to see a commitment to action and not just words from those who represent them to tackle this menace and keep our young people safe.

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I look forward to hearing from you and thank you once again for participating in the Violent Crime summit.

Yours sincerely,



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MAYOR OF LONDON

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Date: 20 APR 2018



On Tuesday 10 April I held a Violent Crime Summit at City Hall in response to the increase in violent crime across the capital. The Home Secretary joined me on the panel along with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. Ministers from the Home Office and the Minister for London were also present.

At the summit, that was attended by London's MPs, Council Leaders and Assembly Members, we discussed what is being done on both prevention and enforcement and what more can be done at every level of Government to tackle this scourge of violence on London's streets. I am committed to this cross-party approach and believe we must work together to utilise our energy, knowledge and experience to stop the number of predominantly young people from coming to harm in the capital.

I welcome the announcement that the Home Secretary will chair a Serious Violence Taskforce following publication of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, but one of the key messages to come from the summit was the need for more coordinated cross-departmental action to deal with the national rise in violent crime, including from your department and others.

If we are to tackle the causes of crime and prevent crime from happening in the first place we need to engage with our schools, children and young people. Far too many young people have been innocent victims of knife crime, and you will be as shocked as I am at recent NHS data showing an increase of more than 60 per cent in the number of children aged 16 and under being treated for stab wounds in England over the past five years.

At City Hall we are taking action to create more opportunities for young people to provide alternative paths away from crime, and we are working more closely than ever before with schools to tackle this problem. Measures we have introduced include:

- The launch of a £45 million new Young Londoners Fund to support young people to thrive and provide alternative paths. The fund is targeted on supporting young Londoners who are marginalised or at risk of being left behind, and will include funding mental health first aid training for schools.

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- We are helping young people caught up in crime turn their lives around through the London Gang Exit Service and by extending the work done in London's major trauma centres and A&E's.
- We are working with schools; ensuring every London school has a Safer Schools Officer assigned to it, making metal detecting wands available to all schools that want one and working with Ofsted to ensure that safety is a part of the inspection framework for our schools.
- In London, there are 300 Safer Schools Officers and I am working to ensure every school in London has a nominated officer. In addition, every school in London can now receive a knife wand.
- And we have launched the *London Needs You Alive* campaign to spread the message to young Londoners whilst challenging social media providers to remove content that is clearly intended to send the opposite message.

One of the issues where I believe the Government can go further is in the provision of mental health services and support for young people. My team has been working alongside NHS and local government colleagues to gain greater understanding of school based mental and emotional health services, in particular the inequalities that appear to exist between different areas.

Proposals in the 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision' Green Paper to see senior mental health leads trained in every school by 2025, and rollout to a fifth of schools by 2022 are neither fast nor ambitious enough. I want to see meaningful assurances that plans are viable – that is the services will reach the children that need them, and schools are resourced to deliver additional responsibilities around mental health awareness, identification and action.

I am also concerned at the level of support available to and used by schools in terms of the numbers of exclusions across London. Whilst overall numbers for permanent exclusions are declining in London and fixed term exclusions affect only 2 per cent of all London pupils, this equates to over 25,000 young people a year, with Black Caribbean boys over-represented in this group. London boroughs try to work closely with their local schools to prevent young people being excluded and to find alternative education provision, but more needs to be done to prevent those who have been excluded from being marginalised. I therefore welcome your department's Exclusion Review, chaired by Edward Timpson, as an opportunity to gather more formation about the various informal arrangements. It is crucial this review also considers what effect exclusions and the support for those excluded has on the rise of serious violence – early intervention and prevention has to be the best way forward. I am also investing in the expansion of my Stepping Stones programme to support vulnerable young people in their transition from primary to secondary school.

Ofsted is currently leading on a thematic review into London school's responses to knife crime. This will include looking at good practice and gaps in the processes adopted by schools locally, resulting in a set of recommendations for schools to adhere to. MOPAC has been engaged with Ofsted on this work to encourage them to impress upon our schools the urgency and seriousness of this issue. However, I would go further and urge you to support my call that tackling serious violence should be part of Ofsted's safeguarding inspection framework.

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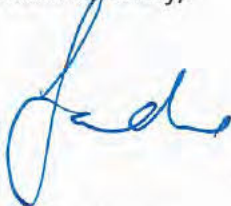
It is also imperative that schools are not stigmatised by taking action on knife crime. If the DfE and Ofsted encourage *all* schools to take action on serious youth violence – through the use of knife wands and school safety officers among other measures, then this stigma would no longer exist. In particular, I would urge you to ensure that serious violence is included in the curriculum for PSHE education and through your review of PSHE that you will make clear recommendations for greater coordinated action in schools to tackle knife crime.

Addressing the root causes of crime will take time but what is clear from the summit is the need for urgent action to be taken at a national and local level to prevent more young peoples' lives from being lost or young people being seriously harmed on London's streets.

I would be grateful if you could talk to your officials and ask them to look at all of the services that your department is responsible for, either strategically, or through delivery and commissioning in London, to ensure that the Department for Education is fully bearing down on violent crime, in every possible way.

I would very much welcome a meeting with you to discuss how we can work together to tackle this problem. Please could your office contact my Diary Secretary [REDACTED] on 020 7983 [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]@london.gov.uk to arrange this.

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 20 APR 2018

Dear David,

On Tuesday 10 April I held a Violent Crime Summit at City Hall in response to the increase in violent crime across the capital. The Home Secretary joined me on the panel along with the Police Commissioner and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. Ministers from the Home Office and the Minister for London were also present.

At the summit, that was attended by London's MPs, Council Leaders and Assembly Members, we discussed what is already being done on both prevention and enforcement and what more can be done at every level of Government to tackle the rise in violent crime in parts of the capital. I support this cross-party approach and the commitment to work together to find solutions to keep our streets safe.

I welcome the announcement that the Home Secretary will chair a Serious Violence Taskforce following publication of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, but one of the key messages from the summit was the need for more coordinated cross-departmental action to deal with the national rise in violent crime. Given the role the Ministry of Justice plays in prisons, probation and courts, the involvement of your department is critical.

In the summit the Home Secretary agreed to speak to colleagues to ensure that all government departments are prioritising work to address violent offending. I believe that this work will be vital, but it is also important that the Government works with London in a similarly co-ordinated manner.

The recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Working Towards Justice Devolution to London, provides us with an opportunity to consider how we can work together to ensure criminal justice services are effectively tackling the rise in serious violence. Commitments within the MoU, such as the opportunity to co-commission a secure school, will enable us to collectively begin addressing the systemic issues contributing to violent crime. Our officials have been working together to develop a new Prison Pathfinder project at HMP Isis which aims to test a new model to violence reduction and Through the Gate resettlement provision. I would ask for your commitment to support this pilot with the contractual freedoms and investment needed to put in place an effective co-commissioning arrangement between our departments, whilst using HMP Isis as a test bed for new approaches to violence reduction.

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We have also committed to jointly reviewing probation services in London and exploring options for giving London greater influence in order to improve outcomes. Outside of this work, there is an immediate need for prisons and probation services in London (both the Community Rehabilitation Company and the National Probation Service) to be focusing their efforts on addressing violent offending. Much more can be done by these services to ensure the right interventions are being used to rehabilitate perpetrators of violence and ensure they do not pose a further risk to the public.

As part of the MoU, we will also consider opportunities to co-commission and better integrate services for the most complex, violent and persistent offenders, as well as those found to be carrying a knife for the first time. It is absolutely vital that we take a long hard look at what more we can do to support the transition between youth and adult offender services, and more broadly those young adults age 18-25 years, who see a drop off of support and intervention, which doesn't match either their vulnerability or recognise their increased exposure to serious youth violence. This is an area which urgently warrants a specific offer and proper investment.

However, all of this is against the backdrop of a prisons and probation system which is in crisis. Even when offenders are caught, the system is failing to properly punish and reform them, with too many released back into society to return to their previous criminality. This is making the job of the police more difficult, and leading to our communities being less safe. In London, the community rehabilitation company is simply not performing well enough, and our prisons are overcrowded, violent and starved of the necessary rehabilitation support offenders need to break from criminality. Take Project Chrysalis, which was set up to put Trident police officers within HMP Young Offenders Institute Feltham and HMP Isis to address gang related offending within these establishments. The prisons and probation service and the Youth Justice Board (YJB) both withdrew funding for this at the end of the project however, I have continued to invest in this increased enforcement with £404,000 of the additional £15 million available to tackle knife crime in London being allocated by the MPS to continue this work. Londoners deserve to know what your plan is to turn around the poor performance of our prisons and probation service.

In addition, young offenders have long been identified as a vulnerable cohort, both as perpetrators and also victims of violent crime, yet funding for youth offending services has seen significant reductions recently. In addition, despite it being April, YJB funding allocations for youth offending teams (YOTs) in 2018/19 have yet to be announced, which makes it impossible to plan activity to tackle serious violent offending.

The Government must provide the investment needed both for YOTs and broader youth services to offer the range of provision needed to prevent young people committing violent offences and to rehabilitate those who are already in the youth justice system. In addition, the Youth Justice Board must put in place better monitoring systems to provide more clarity on the sentencing outcomes for knife crime.

It is absolutely right that the Met acts to tackle the scourge of serious youth violence in London, but this will also put increasing pressure on an already stretched secure estate, which is struggling to provide any meaningful rehabilitation, demonstrated by the shockingly high reoffending rates. It is therefore vital that the MoJ drive an improved approach to community sentences, to ensure they are better equipped to address the drivers of violence and stop the cycle of reoffending.

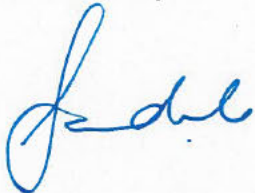
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The vulnerability of victims also needs to be reviewed, as we know that many offenders of serious youth violence were previously victims themselves, adding to the urgency to improve the experience of victims through the justice system, and ensure that all opportunities to prevent future offending are taken. The commitment within the MoU to create an integrated service for London is an important first step, but it is critical we follow this through over the next year to develop an end to end service, that provides the right services and levels of support. Addressing the root causes of crime will take time, but what was clear from the summit is the need for urgent action to be taken at a national and local level to get to grips with this menace and prevent more innocent lives from being lost or young people being seriously harmed on London's streets.

I would be grateful if you could talk to your officials and ask them to look at all of the services that your department is responsible for, either strategically, or through delivery and commissioning in London, to ensure that the Ministry of Justice is fully bearing down on violent crime, in every possible way.

I would like to be kept informed of your department's progress on delivering policies that will feed in to the overall national approach to keep our young people safe.

Yours sincerely,



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At the summit, that was attended by London's MPs, Council Leaders and Assembly Members, we discussed what is already being done on both prevention and enforcement and what more can be done at every level of Government to tackle the rise in violent crime in parts of the capital. I support this cross-party approach and the commitment to work together to find solutions to keep our streets safe.

I welcome the announcement that the Home Secretary will chair a Serious Violence Taskforce following publication of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, but one of the key messages to come from the summit was that there needs to be much more coordinated cross-departmental action to deal with the national rise in violent crime, particularly from your department.

To that end, I would like to invite a senior member of your department to sit on the London Crime Reduction Board and would be grateful if you could provide me with the name of an appropriate representative as soon as possible.

One of the issues where I believe the Department for Health can go further is in the provision of mental health services, as we will only tackle the menace of violent crime by getting to grips with its root causes and prevent violent crime from happening in the first place. With more than two million Londoners experiencing mental health problems each year, I have outlined below some of the areas of activity spanning prevention and support that I am funding, including interventions specifically targeted at children and young people at greatest risk of becoming involved in gang crime.

- Last year, I launched Thrive LDN - a new movement to improve mental health and well-being across the capital. Its funding has now been increased from £420,000 over the next financial year to £1.35 million. This includes £1.125 million over three years for Youth Mental Health First Aid in schools, and an extra £500,000 for our Young London Inspired Programme to increase social action and volunteering opportunities for young people most at risk of developing mental health problems. It will seek bids for projects that help young people across the city suffering from mental ill health, and build social and emotional resilience to promote good mental health and wellbeing.

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- I have recently announced a new Young Londoners Fund of £45 million to support voluntary organisations and community groups. This fund is targeted on supporting young Londoners who are marginalised or at risk of being left behind, and a specific theme will be on mental health and trauma. Bids for funding will begin in May.
- I have committed £1.4 million to ensure there is support for young victims of knife crime in Major Trauma Centres, and to extend this programme to key A&E departments in key boroughs to ensure they are maximising the power and value of support at a critical moment – young people are at their most receptive to changing their behaviour when they have recently been involved in gang crime, and have arrived at hospital suffering knife, gun and assault-related injuries. I am also delivering the Information Sharing to Tackle Violence programme in partnership with A&E departments.
- I have recently announced an additional £2.1 million towards the Metropolitan Police's mental health work in 2018 to 2019, and £3.3 million of extra funding for specialist mental health support in the Met from 2019 onwards, as it is essential that our police officers have the expertise and support they need to help members of the public experiencing a mental health crisis.
- I am investing £1.3 million towards a homelessness mental health pilot to help address some of the complex and chronic mental health problems that we know a significant number of our rough sleeping population experience.

Access to appropriate mental health support for our schoolchildren and young people is of particular concern. Greater London Authority officers have been working alongside colleagues at the Healthy London Partnership to gain a greater understanding of the provision of mental health support to schools in London, and in particular the variance and inequality that exists. I am in no doubt that one of the causes of rising violent crime is the growing amounts of untreated mental health problems and historic trauma amongst our younger population.

With these measures I am doing all that I can to support Londoners' mental health, but inadequate support from central government risks undermining these efforts. We are facing unprecedented levels of mental ill health, but the available funding support is nowhere near enough to meet demand.

Proposals in the 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision' green paper to see senior mental health leads trained in every school by 2025, and rollout to a fifth of schools by 2022 are neither fast nor ambitious enough. Without meaningful assurances around viability, incentivising schools to take on additional responsibilities around mental health awareness, identification and action will be a major challenge, particularly given an often depleted and demoralised teaching workforce.

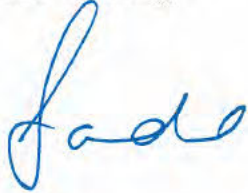
I am determined to maintain a relentless focus on getting to grips with this problem so we can keep our children and young people safe. Addressing the root causes of crime will take time but what was clear from the summit is the need for urgent action to be taken at a national and local level to get to grips with this menace and prevent more young peoples' lives from being lost.

MAYOR OF LONDON

As a result, I would be grateful if you could talk to your officials and ask them to look at all of the services that your department is responsible for, either strategically, or through delivery and commissioning in London, to ensure that the Department for Health and Social Care is fully bearing down on violent crime, in every possible way.

I would very much welcome a meeting with you to discuss how we can work together to tackle this problem. Please could your office contact my Diary Secretary [REDACTED] on 020 7983 [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]@[london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk) to arrange this.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Matt,

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I welcome the announcement that the Home Secretary will chair a Serious Violence Taskforce following publication of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, but one of the key messages to come from the summit was that there needs to be more coordinated cross-departmental action to deal with the national rise in violent crime, including from your department which might not seem to have such an obvious role in tackling violent crime.

One of the issues raised in the summit was the impact of social media and how it can be used to glorify gang and knife crime and quickly escalate disputes between gangs – a point the Met Police Commissioner has also been making. I have made a clear commitment to tackle the prevalence of videos on social media that seek to normalise violence and influence vulnerable young people to carry weapons, get involved in drugs or entice them to commit crime, but more needs to be done.

My Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime has met with Google to raise the issue of sharing videos online and YouTube are working alongside the MPS Operation Domain to increase the focus on removing videos with inappropriate content. My Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) has also been working with the MPS to flag inappropriate images and accounts on Twitter.

However, we need to ensure that videos or messages that seek to incite violence are identified, flagged and swiftly removed. MOPAC is working to convene voluntary and community sector partners to work with Google, but social media companies and the Government must be more proactive. I welcome the increased pressure from the Government on social media.

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These videos need to be tackled at source where there is an incitement to violence. I encourage you to influence these service providers to develop a mechanism which identifies knives and other weapons and deletes them before they are uploaded, thereby leaving any flagging of concerning videos as a backstop, not the primary and belated prevention mechanism.

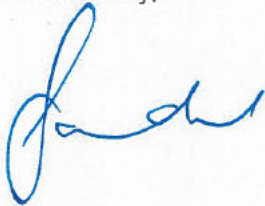
I am also looking at how we can use social media in a positive way to turn young people away from crime, for example I recently launched my '*London Needs You Alive*' campaign to encourage young people in London's most troubled areas to place a higher value on their lives, so they make more positive choices.

Addressing the root causes of crime will take time, but what was clear from the summit is the need for urgent action to be taken at a national and local level to get to grips with this menace and prevent more innocent lives from being lost or young people being seriously harmed on London's streets.

I would be grateful if you could talk to your officials and ask them to look at all of the services that your department is responsible for, either strategically, or through delivery and commissioning in London, to ensure that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is fully bearing down on violent crime, in every possible way.

I would like to be kept informed of your department's progress on delivering policies that will feed in to the overall national approach to keep our young people safe and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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Jo Johnson MP, Minister for London
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Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP

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Date: 20 APR 2018



On Tuesday 10 April I held a Violent Crime Summit at City Hall in response to the increase in violent crime across the capital. The Home Secretary joined me on the panel along with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. Ministers from the Home Office and the Minister for London were also present.

At the summit, that was attended by London's MPs, Council Leaders and Assembly Members, we discussed what is already being done on both prevention and enforcement through the Knife Crime Strategy and what more can be done at every level of Government to tackle the rise in violent crime in parts of the capital. I support this cross-party approach and the commitment to work together to find solutions to keep our streets safe.

I welcome the announcement that the Home Secretary will chair a Serious Violence Taskforce following publication of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, but one of the key messages to come from the summit was that there needs to be more coordinated cross-departmental action to deal with the national rise in violent crime, including from your department.

The importance of listening to and involving local communities in the response to violence in their neighbourhoods was a recurring theme. With your responsibility for supporting and encouraging strong communities across the country, I am sure you are taking steps to understand the trauma and impact of serious violence on communities as well as engaging with local people and agencies in establishing solutions. My team, led by Matthew Ryder, the Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, has organised a pan-London meeting of youth groups, community and voluntary organisations and other key stakeholders to discuss how to respond to violence in the capital, and hear their perspectives on the ways to address the root causes to this increase and find long-term solutions.

Early engagement and involvement is crucial, as is local authority funding which is essential for services that support young people. To support this, I have recently announced a new Young Londoners Fund of £45 million to support voluntary organisations and community groups. This fund is targeted on supporting young Londoners who are marginalised or at risk of being left behind, and a specific theme will be on mental health and trauma.

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In London, the MOPAC funded London Gang Exit (LGE) Service is helping to divert vulnerable young people out of serious offending, bringing together partner agencies to provide a comprehensive package of support around housing, health, education, and employment. We will continue to fund this service, and will look to strengthen it further as a means of diverting at-risk young people out of gang crime.

Families also have a vitally important role to play in addressing the issue of knife crime. I know that your department is overseeing the Government's work on the Troubled Families Programme, which was reviewed last year. I would be grateful if you could provide an update on the work this programme is doing specifically to tackle this issue, particularly in preventing young people involved in the work being caught up in violent crime.

We also know from the lessons of the past that poorly designed housing and built environments can lead to criminality and anti-social behaviour. My draft London Plan states that measures to design out crime should be integral to development proposals and be considered early in the design process. I am clear that development should reduce opportunities for anti-social behaviour and criminal activities and contribute to a sense of safety. Developments should ensure good natural surveillance, clear sight lines, appropriate lighting, logical and well-used routes and a lack of potential hiding places. I am encouraged that your draft National Planning Policy Framework has similar measures included and welcome this national solution to a national problem.

As a priority for government it is clear that more needs to be done to urgently make more funding available and enable local authorities to tackle the drivers of crime more effectively, particularly in the areas at the highest risk. I would like to be kept informed of your progress with discussions on this point with the Home Secretary and Treasury, as well as on delivering policies that will feed in to the overall national approach to keep our young people safe.

Addressing the root causes of crime will take time, but what was clear from the summit is the need for urgent action to be taken at a national and local level to get to grips with this menace and prevent more innocent lives from being lost or young people being seriously harmed on London's streets.

I would be grateful if you could talk to your officials and ask them to look at all of the services that your department is responsible for, either strategically, or through delivery and commissioning in London, to ensure that the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government is fully bearing down on violent crime, in every possible way.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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MAYOR OF LONDON

The Prime Minister
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Date: 20 APR 2018

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing following the Violent Crime Summit I held at City Hall for London's MPs, Council Leaders and Assembly Members. I am grateful that the Home Secretary participated in the meeting and that Ministers from the Home Office and the Minister for London were also present.

We heard from the panel, that also included the Met Commissioner and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, what is already being done on both prevention and enforcement, and we had a useful discussion about what more can be done at every level of Government to tackle this scourge. I am committed to this cross-party approach and I believe we must work together to utilise all our energy, knowledge and experience.

However, what was clear from many of those who spoke at the summit, is that we will only tackle the menace of violent crime by getting to grips with its root causes and being both tough on crime and on the causes of crime.

I remain concerned about the resources available to the police in London, but policing alone will not tackle violence. One of the key issues to come from the summit was the need for more action to be taken at both a national and local level to tackle the root causes of crime and prevent violent crime from happening in the first place. I thought it would therefore be helpful if I set out some of the measures the Met Commissioner and I have introduced to tackle violent crime and its causes.

Last March, I published the Police and Crime Plan, which includes a priority on protecting children and young people, and following that, the London Knife Crime Strategy in June 2017. As a direct result of these, we are delivering:

On enforcement:

- Bespoke Knife Crime action plans in every London borough.
- £110 million additional funding for the Met this year – the biggest ever contribution from City Hall towards the Met's budget. This will deliver 1,000 additional officers for the Met than would otherwise be possible.

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- £15 million fund for the Met to specifically tackle knife crime. This has allowed the creation of a new Violent Crime Taskforce – with 120 officers focused on the most serious offenders and locations.
- The Met Commissioner has my full support in cracking down on violent individuals and gangs. Uniformed patrols have been stepped up and weapons sweeps and intelligence-led stop-and-search powers are being used in the worst hotspots.

On prevention:

- We have launched the £45 million new Young Londoners Fund, to support young people – particularly those at risk of getting caught up in crime – to thrive. I will shortly write to you separately with more details on this but I would encourage community groups to visit the Greater London Authority website to find out how to bid for a share of this funding.
- We are working with schools to ensure every London school has a Safer Schools Officer assigned to it, make metal detecting wands available to all schools that want one and working with Ofsted to ensure that the learning from their thematic inspection on knife crime informs the safeguarding response within schools to knife crime
- We have launched the *London Needs You Alive* campaign to spread the message to young Londoners, and we are challenging social media providers to remove content that is clearly intended to send the opposite message.
- A £1.4 million Knife Crime Community Seed Fund, which will provide funding to community groups working with young people and their families and communities in priority areas to tackle knife crime. £250,000 of this has already been awarded to nine projects.

We are also investing in the interventions necessary for addressing these issues. Through the London Crime Prevention Fund – in partnership with 31 London boroughs – MOPAC is sustainably funding 38 projects, at a value of approximately £5 million, to keep children and young people safe.

The Government also needs to play its part, and whilst I welcome the announcement that the Home Secretary will chair a Serious Violence Task Force following publication of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, one of the key messages to come from the summit was that there needs to be much more coordinated, cross-departmental action, to deal with the national rise in violent crime, particularly from the Departments of Education; Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government; Health; Digital, Culture, Media and Sport; Ministry of Justice and the National Crime Agency.

Today, I have therefore written to Ministers to urge them to take heed of the concerns raised in the summit and look at what further measures can be taken by government and government agencies to root out and tackle the causes of crime and prevent violent crime from happening in the first place. I have copied these letters to your office.

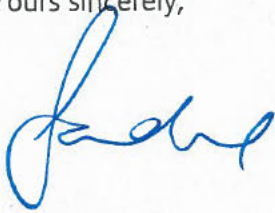
This issue needs national leadership at the most senior level. I have called for a meeting with you before and I do so again now, asking you to ensure that we can discuss this regularly along with others who play their part in addressing and reducing knife and youth violence nationally.

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Sadly, as we have seen this year, far too many young people have been innocent victims of knife crime, and we will all be deeply concerned at recent NHS data showing an increase of more than 60 per cent in the number of children aged 16 and under being treated for stab wounds in England over the past five years. I have heard from meeting many communities where crimes have occurred, that they desperately want to see a commitment to action and not just words from those who represent them to tackle this growing problem and keep our young people safe.

Addressing the root causes of crime will take time, but what was clear from the summit is the need for urgent action to be taken at a national and local level to get to grips with this menace and prevent more innocent lives from being lost or young people being seriously harmed on London's streets.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
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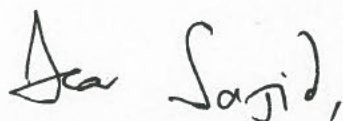
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Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP

Secretary of State for the Home Department
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Date: 09 MAY 2018



Congratulations on your appointment as Home Secretary. It is a matter of real pride for me and many others to see you appointed in one of our country's great offices of state.

You take charge at a critical time, when crime – and violent crime in particular – is rising across England and Wales and the scandal over people being wrongly deported or denied access to services needs urgent leadership.

The appalling Windrush scandal is completely indefensible. It was clearly the direct consequence of government policy that set out to create a 'hostile environment' for migrants and will have affected a great many Londoners. I note that you said recently that the Prime Minister's use of the term 'hostile environment' was "unhelpful and does not represent our values as a country", but this view must be backed up by immediate action. I urge you to make one of your first actions as Home Secretary be to put a stop to this hostile environment and its appalling discrimination, and to urgently introduce a much fairer approach to immigration enforcement.

The one million European nationals living in London – who are Londoners now, despite where they are originally from – will have been particularly concerned by this episode, considering the current lack of certainty over their future status. These Londoners, who came here to work and contribute, could become the next Windrush generation unless action is taken now to prevent the erosion of their rights. The Home Office must play a leading role to help all those who have a right to be here to realise that right, including reducing and waiving fees, ensuring access to legal advice, and ensuring that application processes are simple and fast.

The worrying rise in crime is of huge concern. I am doing everything in my power to tackle this menace in London – our holistic and public-health led knife crime strategy was launched last year and is backed up with significant funding to help both the Met and preventative services. We will not be able to tackle this problem without being both tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime.

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City Hall has invested more in the Met this year than ever before - with an additional £110m for the next year to deliver 1,000 additional officers than would otherwise be affordable. This is to be paid for through raising Council Tax and diverting Business Rates receipts and means City Hall is funding a higher percentage of the Met's overall budget than ever before. I have also allocated £45m over 3 years through the Mayor's Young Londoners Fund to support positive youth activities for young people at risk of getting caught up in crime.

But as I explained to your predecessor on multiple occasions, the fact that violent crime is rising at such an alarmingly high rate across England and Wales shows that London cannot tackle this problem alone. We need much better coordinated action across Government to deal with this scourge. Last month, I held a Violent Crime Summit involving over 100 of London's elected representatives, and the former Home Secretary, the Met Commissioner and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. What was clear from the summit was not only the shared concern at the shocking increase in violent crime but also our determination to put political differences aside and tackle this problem. I remain committed to this cross-party approach across every level of London Government.

In the meeting, your predecessor agreed to speak to colleagues across Government to coordinate Government action on the various concerns raised across different departments. Having attended the first Serious Violence Taskforce meeting, I am concerned that it lacks a focus on what urgent actions all partners need to take to tackle and contain the current level of violence on our streets. I was particularly disappointed that there were no senior Government representatives from the Ministry of Justice or the Department of Health at the Taskforce. These are two crucial departments who deal with violent crime and I hope you will rectify this at the next Taskforce meeting. I have also written to Ministers following my Violent Crime Summit, asking what further measures they are taking to root out and tackle the causes of crime.

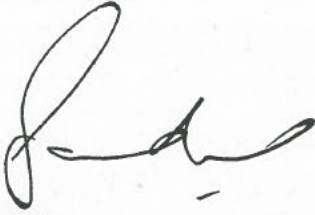
Despite my record investment this year, the Met needs to make further savings of £325m, on top of the £600m savings already delivered due to central Government grant cuts of more than £700m since 2010. This has already led to the loss of 30 per cent of police staff posts, 65 per cent of police community support officer posts, as well as police station front counters and 120 police buildings. This is putting pressure on their ability to keep Londoners safe, plus we are now faced with a significant fall in the number of officers on our streets in the future. More resources need to be made available to tackle violent crime because it is impossible to raise sufficient funding at a local level when the Met relies on central Government for over 70 per cent of its funding. Such cuts will undermine the vital work that the police are able to do, both in responding to violent crime and undertaking preventative work to keep weapons off our streets.

In addition, I have repeatedly called for full funding of the National and International Capital Cities (NICC) Grant, to reflect the true - and accepted - additional costs that come with policing the capital. The Met spends some £346m a year on this work, which includes diplomatic protection, and policing major events such as protests, concerts, football matches and state visits. The Home Office should reimburse Londoners for this work through the NICC Grant, but currently underfunds London by around £172m a year. When the Home Office's own expert panel reviewed the figures, it suggested the Met should receive £281m a year. So, on either calculation, the Met is significantly short-changed and the Government has even refused to increase this amount to reflect inflation. I urge you to look at police funding as a priority.

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I would welcome the opportunity to meet you at the earliest opportunity to discuss these issues and I will ask my office to contact yours to arrange this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sadiq Khan', written in a cursive style.

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Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP

Secretary of State for the Home Department
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Date: 07 AUG 2018

Sajid,

Tackling the tragic rise of knife crime and violence in London is my top priority as Mayor of London. Too many of our young people are having their lives destroyed by needless violence and I am determined, alongside the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), to take action to ensure that young Londoners are kept safe.

As we are both aware, this crisis cannot be tackled by enforcement alone. That is why my Knife Crime Strategy takes a holistic approach to violent crime, to address its myriad causes, and invest in preventative services as well as enforcement.

I'm confident we can make progress in London. But the most frustrating thing for me as Mayor is that even though we know what's required to get to grips with this problem, we simply don't have enough funding or powers to deliver the solution in full. I won't repeat the points in this letter that I have raised previously about the need for urgent additional resources required by the MPS and our prevention services.

The most successful approaches to addressing a rise in knife crime, such as the public health approach, have involved tackling the root causes of youth violence and the agencies involved all being directly accountable to one administration. In London, the system remains fragmented. Too many public services look upwards to Whitehall, rather than downwards to the needs of London's communities.

While setting the police's strategic priorities falls under my remit as Mayor, I don't have power to direct other agencies such as the health service or schools. The city's success depends on their willingness to co-operate. Londoners deserve a city where all agencies are accountable to its citizens and pull in the same direction. That is how, in the long run, we will solve this problem.

To that end, I am asking you to place a legal duty on public bodies to spot the warning signs of violence and act upon them. You will recall from the last meeting of your Serious Violence Taskforce how duties placed on agencies in Wales has led to real success in reducing violent crime. Similar duties have led to successful culture changes in other areas where duties were placed on agencies to spot and address safeguarding. In addition, s17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, placed a duty on local authorities to embed crime and disorder responsibilities in all they did. This led to the establishment of Community Safety Partnerships, which when funded, produced great innovation and delivery of services to cut crime and anti-social behaviour.

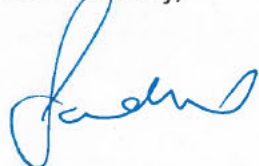
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I believe that placing similar duties on agencies in England would, overnight, raise the importance given to this issue and improve my ability to co-ordinate a London-wide approach to violent crime.

A public health approach is not an alternative to tough policing, but in addition to it. I am urging you to grant me the powers so that a fully co-ordinated approach can be taken in London to really get to grips with the increase in violent crime that blights the lives of so many of our citizens.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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MAYOR OF LONDON

Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP

Chancellor of the Exchequer

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Date: 03 OCT 2018

Dear Philip,

Budget 2018

I am writing to set out my priorities and policies that Londoners urgently need to hear from you in your Budget statement. Some will be familiar to you and your officials, but it is now vital we see greater urgency, action and progress in this economically uncertain time.

London's latest devolution deal signed last year showed a positive direction of travel. The Budget needs to build on this agreement and ensure that London, as well as the UK's other cities and regions, have the powers and tools we desperately need devolved to us to safeguard our future prosperity. With the consequences of a 'no-deal' Brexit becoming increasingly clear, this extra control has never been more important for Londoners and citizens of the UK as a whole.

Housing

Tackling the housing crisis is a priority that City Hall and the Government share, and I welcome the Prime Minister's conference announcement that caps on councils' Housing Revenue Account borrowing are to be lifted. Your Budget presents an opportunity for you to implement meaningful action to increase the pace of building of the homes that Londoners need. The development industry welcomes policy certainty; intervention by government to ensure this is the case is therefore particularly important at a time when the possibility of a hard Brexit risks weakening London's housing market and depleting its construction workforce.

My threshold approach to affordable housing, which the Housing Minister recently praised for being innovative, has provided important certainty for developers by offering a way to avoid the cost and uncertainty of protracted viability negotiations between local planning authorities and developers. Since this policy being adopted just over a year ago, it has led to 23 approved schemes that have been referred to me being immediately 'fast tracked' as they met or exceeded my threshold of 35 per cent affordable housing. In addition to these schemes, since being elected I have also used my powers to 'call-in' eight refused applications, thereby avoiding time-consuming and costly appeals, to ensure the approval of over 8,000 units with an average of 39 per cent affordable housing.

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More broadly, data from the Home Builders Federation shows that the number of homes given planning permission in London reached a record high in 2017, and so as you and I have discussed before, our focus must be on increasing the rate of delivery of consented units. My submission therefore contains specific measures that can be taken immediately to speed up build out rates on large sites (as Sir Oliver Letwin has been investigating), unlock more land for new homes, build more council and other affordable homes, and support Londoners in housing need.

Policing

Keeping Londoners safe is my top priority, but if we are to tackle the national scourge of violent crime that is rising unacceptably across the country, you must prioritise funding now. Waiting until the Spending Review is not a sustainable option. I am doing what I can in London – in the past two years I have invested £138 million in the police and I have also taken the decision to allocate funding to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) using money collected from business rates that would usually be spent on other important projects in London. This means we will be able to support an additional 1,000 police officers from 2019-20 than would otherwise be affordable. I have invested £15 million in a Violent Crime Taskforce – a unit to specifically tackle knife crime and directed an initial £500,000 towards establishing a Violence Reduction Unit to deliver a long-term public health approach to tackling the causes of violent crime.

I am also working with the MPS to deliver extensive efficiency savings whilst they are in the process of delivering the most significant transformation programme in generations. This has included: a significant rationalisation of the estate and disposal of surplus buildings; moving to a more efficient operating model based on 12 Basic Command Units, rather than 32 Borough Commands, and rolling out new technology such as body worn video and mobile devices which allow frontline officers to use their time more efficiently.

Yet it is clear that with the huge savings delivered by the MPS since 2010 and a further £325 million needed by 2021, the Government need now to accept the scale of the challenge and recognise that their cuts really do have consequences. I welcome the Home Secretary's admission that the police need greater funding. It is now up to you to bring that investment forward in the Budget.

Youth Services

Sadly, government cuts in funding have decimated many of the services for young Londoners which help to provide pathways away from crime. The closure of 81 youth centres and loss of at least 800 full-time youth workers in the capital since 2011 mean there are far fewer opportunities for young Londoners. I established a £45 million Young Londoners Fund to invest in projects and young people to help fill that gap, but it can't meet all of the demand. In your Budget there needs to be an urgent commitment to restoring funding for youth services to help young people fulfil their potential, particularly those at risk of getting caught up in crime.

Business Rates

I have strongly welcomed the 100 per cent Business Rate pilot that is forecast to deliver over £700 million of additional spending on strategic investment across the capital. An obvious and natural progression would be to extend the 100 per cent pilot to 2019/20 as a higher business rates retention share in London generates more tax revenues, jobs and more economic growth which benefits the capital and the country as a whole.

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Air Quality

I am determined to clean up London's dangerous air. Making air quality in London compliant with legal requirements is essential for improving the health and wellbeing of Londoners. Thousands of Londoners die early each year as a result of air pollution and it costs London's economy an estimated £3.7 billion. In your Budget I am therefore seeking the necessary funding to help clean up the capital's toxic air.

Transport

I was deeply angered and frustrated at the delay to the opening of the Elizabeth line announced by Crossrail Ltd on 31 August and I have launched a full investigation for both sponsors into the governance of Crossrail that will report shortly. I am also in discussion with the Transport Secretary to find a funding and financing solution that recognises that Transport for London (TfL) alone does not have the resources to cover the cost increases incurred by Crossrail Ltd. As we focus together on remedying these pressing issues in order to open the Elizabeth line as soon as possible and avoid the Treasury having to take on £3 billion of TfL debt, we must not lose sight of the longer-term infrastructure needs of London and the South East.

Crossrail 2 remains a crucial project, as the National Infrastructure Commission identified. As we prepare to leave the European Union, investment in Crossrail 2 will be essential to instil confidence in business and foreign investors that London – and the UK – remain open for business. A decision needs to be reached by December – a timetable we are working on with DfT – if we are to safeguard the land, consult with the public on revised proposals, and prepare for a Hybrid Bill to enable Crossrail 2 to be operational in the mid 2030s to support HS2 phase 2's opening. I would welcome acknowledgement of your continued support to this vital scheme and a commitment to this timetable in the Budget.

It is also essential to maintain investment in existing and nationally significant infrastructure. Steady and sustained investment in modern digital signalling, now largely funded through retained Business Rates, has made the Northern, Jubilee and Victoria lines some of the most frequent and reliable metro services in the world. This has enabled us to just about keep pace with London's growth and, with the Elizabeth line, has been core to attracting business investment and new jobs and homes. It has been crucial to the successful introduction of Night Tube services which have stimulated the night time economy over and above all original projections. Similar benefits will be delivered in the early 2020s following the completion of the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan line upgrades. This will, however, still leave the deeper Tube lines – some of the busiest on the network – in desperate need of modernisation.

This is particularly the case with the Piccadilly line where it is essential that we protect the order for a new fleet of trains to replace the existing life-expired stock and secure the resources necessary to introduce modern digital signalling to increase capacity. I look forward to your continued support for financing steady and sustained investment in existing infrastructure to secure the resilience of our transport network and to maintain London's attractiveness as a global business centre, particularly in the years following our exit from the European Union.

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Skills

Improving the skills of the UK workforce will be essential to meet the needs of our changing economy and mitigate the effects of Brexit. Further devolution of funding and powers – including the devolution of the 16-19 budget and control of funds raised by the Apprenticeship Levy – will help deliver the improvements to productivity we all wish to see. Devolving the Adult Education

Budget to combined authorities should be seen as a first step in wider regional skills delivery, closer to the people, jobs and businesses in London and beyond. The recent letter I co-signed with the Mayors of the Combined Authorities shows that the UK's city leaders are of one mind in calling for further skills devolution, and we will continue to press for changes that will benefit a significant proportion of the UK's learners.

Finally, I am deeply concerned with the economic consequences of a bad Brexit deal. As you have said yourself, we are at a critical juncture for the UK economy, and that is why the priorities set out in my letter need to be addressed if we are to protect London and the UK's future prosperity.

My Budget asks are set out in more detail in the attached paper. I would welcome a meeting to discuss these with you and will ask my office to contact yours to see if this can be arranged.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex

Mayor of London, Budget 2018

- **Housing**

Build out rates on large sites

My team and I contributed to Sir Oliver Letwin's review of build out, which has been of significant interest to us, not least because some of his case study sites are in London. I agree with the central argument of his analysis and I look forward to working with the Government to take forward those of his recommendations that will help accelerate build out in London. There may be immediate opportunities to increase build out rates at Barking Riverside and North Greenwich, two of the case study sites considered by Sir Oliver's team. If there is appetite to pursue these opportunities, or to look at similar opportunities on other large sites, then please ask your officials to contact Greater London Authority (GLA) officers.

Unlocking land for new homes

Beyond those large sites that have been the subject of Sir Oliver's review, there are a wide range of other sites that are held back from being built out due to issues such as land ownership, missing infrastructure, contamination, and speculation. I am convinced that, alongside its traditional planning and limited investment functions, the public sector needs to play a more interventionist role in the land market to address issues such as these. To support this, last year I earmarked £250 million of City Hall resources toward a new revolving Land Fund. This Fund has already supported a deal to unlock the redevelopment of the St Ann's Hospital site in Haringey, providing around 800 new homes, and we expect the Fund to be fully committed within the year.

With more resources we could go further, and I welcome the recent work between my officers and Government officials to secure London's share of the Accelerated Construction, Land Assembly, and Small Sites funds. I would urge you to expedite the process we are engaged in to agree Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) projects, and to act on the recommendations of the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) by allocating further funding to future rounds of HIF.

Over the longer term, I want to work with the Government to explore how reforms to land assembly rules, and an increase in the capacity to lead land assembly projects, could accelerate and increase housing delivery in London. Recent research I commissioned, *Capital Gains: A Better Land Assembly Model for London* (www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_capital_gains_report.pdf), recommends a package of reforms that could overcome the issues that delay or impede the assembly of land for housing. The GLA is exploring the potential to pilot a scaled-back version of some of the reforms this research proposes; I would welcome an acknowledgment of the GLA's work in this area, and an indication that government officials will stay in touch with GLA officers as plans for a pilot progress.

I would also like to highlight the positive role that City Hall is playing in support of Government departments to bring forward their surplus landholdings for redevelopment. However, unlike the arrangements for Homes England outside of London, the GLA lacks any formal role in overseeing public land befitting its devolved housing responsibilities. In my team's discussions with housing ministers over the past two years, there has been clear support for the GLA to be given at least an

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equivalent role in London to that which Homes England has outside London. I would welcome your support in my discussions with MHCLG to ensure this is actioned.

Affordable housing

Last year, City Hall funding supported the highest number of affordable housing starts in London since housing powers were devolved. I have moved quickly to build on this success using the additional funding you announced at the Spring Statement, including through a dedicated new funding programme for council housing. Through this programme there has been substantial interest in grant funding and in extra HRA borrowing. Bids for the latter have far exceeded the initial £500m of headroom allocated to London, and I therefore welcome the Prime Minister's conference announcement that borrowing caps will be lifted.

The current funding programme ends in 2022. I have asked my officers to begin preparing a detailed submission to the forthcoming Spending Review, focused on making a case for higher levels of spending on affordable housing. I would also like you to consider the case for offering a longer-term settlement for affordable housing grant funding, similar to the settlements agreed with TfL, to unlock additionality in housing association programmes.

More immediately, my officers have been in discussions with the Government about the £150 million Housing Zones loan funding, which is due to be returned to Treasury once it is repaid from the end of this calendar year onwards. Recycling the funding could unlock up to 2,000 additional homes; but this must be agreed very soon if the benefits are to be realised.

Homelessness

I welcome the Government's commitment to review the new burdens funding allocated to local authorities to cover the costs of the new responsibilities conferred by the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 within two years of its implementation. I share London boroughs' concerns that the funding currently available to them falls far short of the sums they need.

In June, I published my Plan of Action to end rough sleeping in the capital. It sets out my intentions to expand services in London, and also my requests for reforms and additional funding from the Government. Following the forthcoming publication of Government's own strategy, I would welcome urgent discussions about the resources needed to deliver our shared priorities. For example, an immediate priority is to improve the support that former rough sleepers receive once they are moved into permanent accommodation. With £3.4 million of government funding, the GLA could create a new pan-London cross-tenure tenancy sustainment service to prevent ex-rough sleepers returning to the streets.

I also welcome the Government's commitment to hold back a proportion of Flexible Homelessness Support Grant (FHSG) funding for 2017/18 through to 2019/20 to support London boroughs' closer collaboration in securing accommodation for homeless households. I am concerned by the risk, recently identified by MHCLG, that as much as £26 million of the £40 million earmarked for this purpose may not be allocated due to Government spending rules. The prospect of this funding has been key to boroughs' unprecedented progress with working together in this area. Similarly, I understand that some of the previously committed £4.2 million of funding for rough sleeping projects in London – including a hostel clearing house and the Safe Connections service – may also be at risk despite MHCLG officials previously assuring us this would not be the case. I urge you to ensure that the Government's commitments to earmark this funding are honoured.

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Welfare reform and supported accommodation

I welcome the Government's decisions to reverse the removal of automatic entitlement to the housing support element of Universal Credit from 18 to 21-year-olds and to increase both Target Affordability Funding and Local Housing Allowance (LHA) caps. But the gap between the help the welfare system offers these households and the cost of rents in London is huge and will continue to widen while the freeze on LHA rates continues and the Benefit Cap remains at its current level. I urge you to use the Budget to lift the freeze and raise the Benefit Cap in London.

With announcements around future arrangements to cover the housing costs of those in short-term supported accommodation imminent, I urge you to consider allocating the funding intended for London boroughs' provision of refuges to the GLA, to support a pan-London approach to refuge provision that brings together housing and support costs, as well as capital investment in refuges. I am confident that a pan-London approach will help ensure that provision better meets need, including the pressing need for specialist provision for some groups whose needs are not well-served by the generic provision towards which current arrangements tend.

Old Oak

Old Oak has the potential to become a major new centre in west London, with long term capacity for 25,500 new homes and 65,000 jobs built around the new HS2 and Elizabeth Line station. The GLA and Old Oak Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) have submitted a compelling Business Case for £250m of Housing Infrastructure Funding. The GLA and TfL are supporting this with a package of operational funding for OPDC, borrowing, affordable housing grant and transport investment. This complementary package of public investment will unlock and drive forward delivery of the first phases of 13,000 homes and 23,000 jobs and I look forward to your support for our HIF bid.

• **Police Funding**

Keeping Londoners safe is my most important responsibility and I remain deeply concerned about the funding crisis facing the police, both in London and nationally.

We have witnessed an increase in violent crime across the country, and I am determined to do everything possible to tackle this problem here in London. I already commission a wide range of preventative activities through MOPAC, such as the London Crime Prevention Fund, and added to that this year with the launch of the Young Londoners Fund worth £45 million over three years. I welcome the public recognition from the Home Secretary of the scale of the challenge facing the MPS over resources, officer numbers and increased crime. It is good to hear him echo what I have been saying for some time now about the consequences of the cuts to police funding, which have left our officers, in his own words, feeling, "stretched, overburdened, and not sufficiently rewarded". Concerns regarding financial resilience were also raised in the National Audit Office's report on the 'Financial sustainability of police forces in England and Wales' published on 11 September. This pointed to "signs emerging that forces are finding it harder to deliver an effective service", while confirming that "central government funding to commissioners has fallen by 30 per cent in real terms since 2010-11".

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The cuts to central government funding for the MPS has required them to deliver more than £700 million in savings in recent years and officer numbers have now fallen below 30,000 for the first time since 2003, yet the Government's funding settlement still requires the MPS to make a further £325 million saving by 2021. The MPS have risen to this challenge and are in the process of delivering the most significant transformation programme in generations. This has included: a significant rationalisation of the estate and disposal of surplus buildings; moving to a more efficient operating model based on 12 Basic Command Units, rather than 32 Borough Commands, and rolling out new technology such as body worn video and mobile devices which allow frontline officers to use their time more efficiently. Nonetheless, the consequence of real budget reductions since 2010, coupled with the increasing demand faced by the police, is having an impact now, so waiting until the Spending Review next year to tackle this is far too late.

I am doing what I can. In the past two years I have invested £138 million in the police and I have also taken the decision to allocate the MPS funding using money collected from business rates that would usually be spent on other important projects in London. This means we will be able to support an additional 1,000 police officers from 2019-20 than would otherwise be affordable, paid for by the residents and businesses of London through council tax and business rates. As a consequence, the GLA now provides nearly a quarter of all MPS funding compared to less than 20 per cent in 2010.

You could use your Budget to immediately halt the real-term cuts that our police service has undergone since 2010, putting public safety first and help the MPS and police forces across the country get a grip on violent crime. Specifically, I urge you to reconsider the level of the NICC grant which is provided to the MPS and which is currently underfunded by £170 million. London plays a crucial role in the UK economy through business, tourism and its role as our capital city. This wouldn't be possible without the safety and security which the MPS provide. But this additional responsibility for the MPS comes at a cost of £344 million per annum according to the findings of a panel led by Sir Richard Mottram which reported to the Home Office in 2015. In response the Sir Richard's recommendations to the then Home Secretary decided to provide only £174 million per annum. The resulting shortfall is placing considerable strain on the MPS at a time when demands faced by the MPS are increasing in volume and complexity. Reversing this shortfall in the Budget will enable us to properly resource the police and keep our streets safe.

• Business Rates

The ability for local authorities in England to retain up to 50 per cent of the additional growth in business rates income in their areas since 2013-14 has been a positive step forward. This has been enhanced through allowing local authorities collectively to pilot 100 per cent retention of business rates growth in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

London Government is committed to further business rates devolution and has shown how well it can work together by developing a successful 100 per cent retention pilot in 2018-19. This is forecast to deliver over £800 million of additional strategic investment in housing, regeneration, skills, transport and digital infrastructure across the capital, including £650 million of private and public sector leverage over and above the growth in business rates revenues applied. The pilot has also supported London boroughs' investment in transformation programmes that will help them address the impact of ongoing reductions in core funding. The success of the 2018/19 pilot is evidence of how City Hall and all of London's boroughs and the Corporation of London are willing and able to take collective decisions in the best interests of our city.

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I have announced the first projects to be supported by my £112 million Strategic Investment Fund, generated from the growth in business rate receipts from the pilot. The first £91 million allocated is expected to leverage in nearly £435 million of other public and private sector match funding. Part of the funding will go directly into my Good Growth Fund, to support a range of community projects across London, as well as new affordable artists' workspaces in parts of London undergoing wider regeneration and a study into the economic opportunities in London's West End. London Councils will also be announcing the initial allocations of the London wide Strategic Investment pot which for a £47 million investment through business rates growth is expected to leverage in a further £216 million of match funding. The additional jobs, housing, economic growth and regeneration benefits – as well as the additional tax revenues generated for central government – will far outweigh the investment from business rates growth.

The success of the pilot provides a strong case for developing the pilot further in 2019-20 and allowing London again to retain 100 per cent of business rates growth on the same basis as those Mayoral Combined Authority areas outside the capital with devolution deals in place. The GLA and London Councils have therefore submitted a joint proposal to the Government for the extension of our pilot which includes a commitment that the GLA's share of any growth will again be applied for strategic investment. This extension would provide London government with the certainty and stability to enable more robust strategic investment decisions to be made.

London, like other cities and regions, needs an adequate, sustainable and long-term funding deal to allow us to manage our own growth. We note that the Government has committed to moving to 75 per cent retention nationally from April 2020. We would encourage it to bring forward primary legislation as soon as possible to allow a full move to 100 per cent retention as it has previously committed to doing. This should be part of a wider medium-term commitment to devolve responsibility for the tax itself to London government as well as to the other cities and regions of England.

Business rates are already successfully devolved in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and I would urge you to give serious consideration to devolving more responsibility for the administration of business rates to the capital, similar to those devolved arrangements already in place. This would include devolving responsibility for the Valuation Office Agency to London government which would allow the capital to be decoupled from the national revaluation arrangements as well as providing greater accountability for the Agency's performance, particularly in relation to dealing with backlogs in business rates appeals and challenges to valuations. This reform would potentially allow us to avoid a repetition in five years' time of the huge increases in bills which have been levied in London as a result of the 2017 revaluation.

The business rates system itself also requires a radical overhaul and merits the sort of detailed scrutiny which has been undertaken by the Scottish Government through the independent Barclay review. After Brexit one of the biggest concerns of businesses in London is the impact of business rates. Your Budget is the opportunity to signal that the Treasury is committed to reforming the system including bringing forward more detailed proposals on your intention to consider the introduction a digital tax on online businesses to level the playing field with high street retailers.

Granting cities revenue-raising powers can promote accountability, fairness and economic efficiency. With the consequences of a 'no-deal' Brexit looming, this extra control has never been more important. I hope you will therefore agree to continuing the 100 per cent retention pilot in London 2019/20 and committing to implementing 100 per cent retention as soon as possible nationally alongside a medium-term objective of fully devolving the tax itself to local government

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ideally prior to the 2021 revaluation. The current one size fits all approach to managing business rates across England simply is not working for business or for local government.

In advance of the Spending Review next year my team would also welcome meaningful discussions with your officials regarding the further devolution of fiscal powers, that will help safeguard our future prosperity.

- **Air Quality**

I am particularly concerned about the lack of Government support to help small business van owners switch to cleaner vehicles, which is essential if we are to deliver vital improvements in air quality in our cities. With the introduction of Clean Air Zones across the country this is now a national issue.

17 city leaders with a total population of 20 million citizens have recently written to the Prime Minister on implementing Clean Air Zones stating their support for measures to help fleet renewal for small businesses and those on low incomes. In London, I have considered your feedback and developed a much smaller, targeted £90 million proposal. My proposals are now explicitly linked to helping small businesses adopt over 10,000 electric vans, helping to create industrial opportunities, jobs and wider economic benefits as well as ensuring that schemes like the Ultra-Low Emission Zone deliver the air quality improvements we so desperately need without affecting small businesses. Given the strong link to supporting the uptake of electric vans, this could be funded from existing OLEV resources, including the much-underutilised plug-in van grant fund.

You will know that Highways England has a ring-fenced budget of £75 million to improve air quality as part of the Road Investment Strategy (road period 1) but it has so far only spent £3 million. In its annual assessment of Highways England's performance, the Office of Rail and Road stated that there is particular risk to delivering the intended investment through the Air Quality Fund and that options for addressing this should be reviewed with Government. Despite the air quality challenge we face, London is effectively excluded from this fund. The Government's Air Quality Plan shows that, even with the introduction of Clean Air Zones and additional actions, the strategic road network in London will account for 89 per cent of UK roads exceeding legal limits in 2021.

There is currently no budget to effectively address these hotspots; they constitute a major compliance risk and is likely to prevent the Government from achieving its legal commitment to be compliant by 2025. It seems perverse that this funding – which is not being used elsewhere – cannot be used where it is most urgently needed. I would be grateful for your help in ensuring that London can benefit from this funding in the same way as any other part of the country so that we can work together to tackle the remaining pollution hotspots as soon as possible.

- **Skills**

I, along with the cross-party leaders of England's Combined Authorities, agree on the need for further devolution of powers on skills, including the power to spend our proportion of the £1.3 billion of the unspent Apprenticeship Levy money in our own city regions. This is a first step towards what I personally want for London, which is for London's whole contribution to the Apprenticeship Levy to be ringfenced and devolved to spend on meeting the capital's complex skills needs. I would also like to see changes to the Education and Skills Funding Agency's (ESFA) funding rules to allow City Hall to pool and strategically distribute transferred employer levy funds.

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Devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) to London is making significant progress but further funding is required to support the administration of this devolution. The existing implementation budget is significantly less than the cost of implementing devolution and additional resources will ensure I and the leaders of other Mayoral and combined authorities, will not be forced to draw funds from the AEB itself to meet administration costs. I want a tangible strategic influence over planning for 16-19 provision in the capital, to ensure that, alongside the devolved AEB, London is working towards having a more strategic, whole-system approach to post-16 skills.

In addition, I am seeking the devolution of funding for the London area-based delivery of the National Careers Service (NCS), and support from the ESFA to unlock an additional £16 million of London's unspent European Social Fund money to top up NCS provision in the capital.

- **Transport**

Elizabeth line

Myself, the Transport Secretary, GLA and TfL officials are in ongoing discussions with your department to find an urgent funding solution to the financial challenges of the Elizabeth line. Quite simply, TfL alone does not have the resources to cover the cost increases incurred by the delay to the opening of the line and the Treasury will have to take on full financial responsibility for the project if a joint funding solution cannot be found. I appreciate the ongoing dialogue between government and officials in City Hall and TfL and I hope we can find a solution soon that works for all of us.

Piccadilly, Central, Bakerloo and Waterloo & City lines

Steady and sustained investment in modern digital signalling will soon deliver significant benefits on the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines and has already made the Northern, Jubilee and Victoria lines some of the most frequent and reliable metro services in the world. We must all make sure this level of investment is maintained so that the remaining, deeper Tube lines can also be modernised. The immediate focus has to be on the Piccadilly line, where new trains are needed to replace the existing life-expired stock and the introduction of modern digital signalling would allow significant increases in capacity, including to Heathrow airport. I look forward to continuing to work with you to put in place effective solutions for financing the upgrade of this nationally-significant railway infrastructure.

Crossrail 2

Crossrail 2 remains a crucial project for the 2030s and TfL continues to make good progress in partnership with the DfT to deliver the scheme. The interim report of the Independent Affordability Review in July was a milestone in the development of our plans and acknowledges that the "reference case" best addresses the challenges, while at the same time considering alternative phasing options to meet the affordability challenge.

For Crossrail 2 to be operating in the mid-2030s as planned, by which point demand and crowding on London's network will reach operationally challenging levels, in part due to the opening of HS2 phase 2, we need a decision by December on the route and potential phasing if we are to keep to the current timetable – the timetable my team is working to with DfT – to complete a Hybrid Bill during this parliamentary term. That commitment from government in the Budget would allow us,

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crucially, to safeguard land, consult with the public on revised proposals and prepare for the Bill. The development funding that the project needs in the near term is relatively modest and I can assure you London remains committed to funding its share of the cost.

- **Waste**

Regarding waste management, funding for London local authorities to maintain the current level of service is under severe pressure, making any increase in recycling problematic. London needs an additional minimum of £112 million (one-off) for new collection infrastructure as well as additional annual revenue support, to maximise London's contribution to achieving the Government's own household waste recycling targets. In addition, London has not had any strategically allocated central government resources since the establishment of the London Waste and Recycling Board (LWARB) in 2007. This statutory body, comprising the GLA and London boroughs, has had a significant impact in helping to boost household recycling levels from 25 per cent to 33 per cent through the effective and impactful allocation of strategic funding. However, its current funding of £20.4 million is due to have been fully committed by 2020 and no additional resources have been made available. Directing funding from landfill tax receipts (an estimated £93 million per annum), or other national funds such as the Clean Growth Strategy Fund, or funds from Enhanced Producer Responsibility would help facilitate the service improvements and innovation required to achieve our shared goals.

- **Access to Government funding**

I am concerned that London has been excluded from bidding into some significant pots of government funding to which the capital has contributed. London was excluded from bidding into the Government's Clean Air Fund of £220 million and the Highways England air quality budget of £75 million. In addition, London based organisations were excluded from bidding into the Government's Cultural Development Fund, despite a fifth of London's local authority funding for arts and culture having been cut since 2010 and funding from Arts Council England has been at a standstill since 2015.

I want to see a thriving UK and I have regular discussions with my fellow regional mayors about how we can work together to drive growth in our regions. However, London has a crucial role in driving growth in other parts of the UK and any threat to London's economic resilience is demonstrably a threat to growth in towns and cities across the UK. Excluding London and London based organisations from accessing government funding is therefore both counterproductive and short-sighted.

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Rt Hon Nick Hurd MP

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Date: 21 NOV 2018

Dear Nick,

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister for London. I would like to take this opportunity to state my commitment to working closely with you in the best interest of London and the whole UK.

I thought it would be helpful to briefly set out some of the key issues facing the capital that I hope we have the opportunity to discuss shortly.

Policing

As Policing Minister, you will be well aware that keeping Londoners safe is my top priority. However, if we are to tackle the national rise in violent crime, the Government must prioritise funding now. Waiting until the Spending Review is not a sustainable option. I am doing everything I can in London – as you know, in the past two years I have invested £138 million in the police and I have taken the decision to allocate funding to the Met using money collected from business rates that would usually be spent on other important projects in London. I welcome the Home Secretary's recent admission that the police need greater funding in order to tackle violent crime and sincerely hope that now you are Minister for London, you will champion further funding coming to the capital. I also hope you will support Londoners' calls in urging the Government to make an urgent commitment to restoring funding for youth services to help young people fulfil their potential, particularly those at risk of getting caught up in crime.

Housing

Tackling the housing crisis is a key aim that is shared by City Hall and the Government. Delivering more social rent, council rent, and other genuinely affordable homes is a top priority. Last year, City Hall delivered more than 12,500 affordable housing starts, the largest number since responsibility for affordable housing delivery was devolved. This year I expect to exceed this. We currently receive around £700m each year to support new affordable homes – this needs to increase to at least £2.7bn each year to meet London's needs. I will be making the case in our Spending Review submission for a larger and longer-term settlement. The new London Plan is now at the Examination in Public stage and I in regular contact with the Housing Secretary to implement this plan as soon as possible so we can work towards increasing the rate of housing delivery in London. I will keep you updated on progress.

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Air Quality

I am doing everything possible to clean up London's toxic air using my existing powers, but I can't tackle this problem alone. I am extremely concerned that London is excluded from many of the measures to clean up air pollution in the Government's Air Quality Plan. In particular, I would urge you to support my calls for London to be able to access the Clean Air Fund announced in the 2018 Budget, which is currently accessible to every city other than London. The Environment Secretary and I are working constructively together, and he attended my Air Quality summit with city leaders from across the country to address this crucial matter.

Crossrail

I was deeply angered and frustrated at the delay to the opening of the Elizabeth Line announced by Crossrail Ltd on 31 August and I have launched a full investigation for both sponsors into the governance of Crossrail, which will report shortly. I am also in discussion with the Transport Secretary and the Chancellor to find a funding and financing solution that recognises Crossrail is a jointly-sponsored project and that Transport for London (TfL) alone does not have the resources to cover the cost increases incurred by Crossrail Ltd. I have agreed that London will meet these costs over time, but it is urgent that we agree a solution, before our statutory budget submission at the end of November, for how additional funding can be provided to meet the project's immediate requirements. Your predecessor as Minister for London was very supportive in these discussions, and I look forward to working with you to reach a positive agreement as quickly as possible.

Crossrail 2

Crossrail 2 remains a crucial project, as identified by the National Infrastructure Commission, to transform the city's transport network and unlock desperately needed new homes. A decision on the route needs to be reached as soon as possible if we are to safeguard the land, consult with the public on revised proposals, and prepare for a Hybrid Bill to enable Crossrail 2 to be operational in the mid 2030s to support HS2 phase 2's opening. We are working closely with DfT on these issues and I would welcome acknowledgement of your support for this vital scheme.

Improving rail services

The continuing poor service on commuter rail services into central London is a major block to increasing economic growth, improving productivity and building more genuinely affordable homes. The evidence is clear that sticking with the current 'one-size-fits-all' approach to rail franchising means that services will continue to fail to live up to their potential, and commuters will continue to be short changed. I remain committed to ensuring that more and more Londoners can experience the superior benefits of TfL's customer-focused franchise model. I will be responding to the Government's comprehensive rail review in due course, however, I believe there are upcoming opportunities for us to move further and faster on rail devolution that would greatly benefit Londoners and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you.

Heathrow

I continue to oppose Heathrow expansion as the wrong choice for London and the wrong choice for the UK. The Airports National Policy Statement fails to adequately address the unacceptable environmental, health and transport impacts that will arise from a third runway at Heathrow. I have joined with five London boroughs and Greenpeace to legally challenge the Government's decision to designate the NPS, via a Judicial Review. The legal process is well advanced, and the Court has set a hearing date of 11 March 2019.

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Brexit

I am deeply concerned at the direction we are currently headed in and the potential impact this could have on London and the UK as a whole. It's crystal clear that the deal agreed by Cabinet is a bad deal that will worsen life chances and reduce the opportunities available to the next generation. This deal still needs to be approved by Parliament and ratified by the EU, so it is not too late to change course. The British public must be given the final say, with staying in the EU an option on the ballot paper.

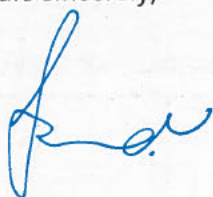
Devolution

We have made welcome progress on devolution in a number of areas over recent years, including on business rates, health and skills. However, I along with London Councils are keen to revisit a number of areas where previous discussions have ground to a halt, but where devolution could bring significant benefits to London.

I very much hope we have the opportunity to discuss these issues shortly and I will ask my office to contact yours to arrange a suitable time for us to meet. As with your predecessor as Minister for London, I will also ensure you are copied in and kept abreast of all my correspondence with Ministers.

Once again, many congratulations on your new role.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

Cc: Rt Hon Gavin Barwell, Chief of Staff, 10 Downing Street

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Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP

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Date: 27 FEB 2019

Sajid,

Today I am announcing investment of £15 million to provide essential support to victims and survivors of all forms of violence against women and girls. This is in response to a report published by my Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) showing that domestic abuse offences continue to rise in the capital – there were a shocking 29 domestic violence homicides in London last year, with a further four victims this year – yet the crucial support services victims need to access have halved under this government.

I am doing everything I can to ensure victims and survivors get the support they need to turn their lives around. My Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy, published last year, sets out clear commitments which will enable us continually to improve the safety of women and girls in the capital, and the investment I am announcing today is in addition to the £10 million I have pledged to invest in the sector each year and to the £6.8 million I have invested in my Violence Reduction Unit.

I welcome the news that the Home Office is due to launch a refreshed VAWG strategy soon, but alongside this, the Government urgently needs to address, through the forthcoming Spending Review, the chronic funding cuts that have left support services for victims at breaking point. I am gravely concerned that the demand for women's services has risen by 83 per cent under this government whilst funding has fallen by 50 per cent. In addition, only six per cent of government funding comes to London despite 15 per cent of all recorded sexual offences occurring in the capital.

I have had no choice but to increase council tax and business rates in order for essential investment to take place for what often are lifesaving services, yet despite the measures I am taking, government cuts in funding mean a significant number of victims are not able to access adequate support. Things are so bad in the capital that services are having to close their doors and turn people away. This is an untenable situation for women, children and the services that support them and I am calling on you to provide proper investment and long-term funding solutions for VAWG support and for the Metropolitan Police, so that the perpetrators of these appalling crimes can be brought to justice.

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It is vital that the Government takes this issue seriously and I hope to see alignment between my VAWG strategy and your upcoming national strategy. It is crucial for us to be working towards the same aims and objectives to ensure the safety of women and girls, both in the capital and right across the country.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

Cc: Rt Hon Nick Hurd MP, Minister for London
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Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP

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Date: 11 MAR 2019

Dear Philip,

Spring Statement

As you prepare to deliver your Spring Statement this week I wanted to express my deep concern at the Government's increasing anti-London approach that is holding back growth and putting the capital's public services under threat.

London has been excluded from the Stronger Towns Fund, the Clean Air Fund and Transforming Cities Fund. These are just three examples.

I strongly support efforts to promote economic development across the country - a stronger economy outside of London benefits London. But I would urge you to not take for granted London's economy, nor ignore the fact that despite on the face of it appearing to be a rich city, it is still home to some of the most deprived communities in the country. It is not in the national interest to impede growth and development in our capital city.

I am focussed on what I can do to promote economic growth in London with the powers and resources available to me to make changes that will have a tangible difference to Londoners' lives, but the Government must also play its part. Recent research by the Centre for Cities showed that London has shouldered almost one third of cuts to local government since 2010. Cuts have consequences, which you have an opportunity to rectify with your Spring Statement and the forthcoming Spending Review and Fair Funding settlement. Otherwise, further damage will be inflicted on London's communities and economy, imperiling the contribution we make to the UK's economic success.

As I have said repeatedly, my main priority is keeping people safe. The Government has already forced the Metropolitan Police to make £850 million of cuts and it still has to make cuts of £263 million by 2022/23, leading to officer numbers falling from 33,367 to 29,869 - the lowest number of officers per 1,000 Londoners since 2001. Cuts to officer numbers make fighting crime all the harder. As the Home Office's own research confirms, there is a link between police numbers and levels of crime across the country. I have, in my recent Budget, allocated extra resources from council tax and business rates for policing and tackling crime, including support for initiatives against serious violence that will also provide help for services and support to women and girls who have been victims of violence. Yet despite this investment, it is still not compensating for the scale of the cuts the police in London have faced, including the continued under-funding of the

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additional costs – as confirmed by the Home Office – of policing our capital city. You have an opportunity in this week's Spring Statement to properly resource the police, so they can tackle the scourge of violent crime in London and across the country, and to address the wider cuts to local services that are undoubtedly a factor in the rise in violent crime in the last five years.

I am passionate about tackling London's air pollution, which is contributing to thousands of premature deaths each year. I have taken tough decisions and made new spending available in my Budget to fight air pollution in London, including plans to help motorists on low incomes, as well as micro-businesses and charities, to scrap their older, more polluting vehicles. Next month I will launch the world's first 24-hour, seven-day-a-week, Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in central London. So far, the Government has not matched my commitment to tackle the health crisis and social injustice caused by air pollution, but the Spring Statement is a chance to do so. A move that would be welcomed by many, would be a national vehicle scrappage scheme funded and supported by the Government to help those who bought diesel cars in good faith following advice from previous governments. At the very least, given the importance of a successful ULEZ for both the Government and London, I am asking that you match the £48 million I am making available for a scrappage scheme.

Housing continues to be a major issue for London. In my recent Budget I set out the resources I am making available for new homes and infrastructure to help address the housing crisis. However, City Hall research shows that the true cost of meeting affordable housing targets requires a £2.7bn a year affordable housing investment – more than five times current spending. The development by the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation offers a major opportunity to deliver new housing, yet the Housing Infrastructure Fund bid of £250 million we discussed back in October, is still sat in government awaiting approval. Your Spring Statement is an opportunity to give this the green light and avoid imperilling progress at this key HS2 site. I am also deeply concerned that despite your announcement of £291 million for the Docklands Light Railway bid last year, no funding has been released. These two bids would unlock an estimated combined total of 31,000 homes. In December, we submitted further bids totalling £234 million for 19,000 homes, and in March we expect to submit a final round of bids for £346 million for 22,000 homes. It is vital that the backlog for this funding is addressed and not allowed to grow. This is all the more important if a strong vote of confidence is to be made in London's housing market at this difficult time and following a worrying number of recent reports which point to Brexit leading to a slowdown in the building of new homes in London.

I am also investing in transport infrastructure, yet I am concerned at the gap between the National Infrastructure Commission's assessment of London's investment needs, including the need to upgrade existing infrastructure to meet current and future demand, and what the Government is currently funding. It is crucial that the Government works with me to address this given the serious impacts on transport in London and the national economy.

My teams in City Hall and across the Greater London Authority group are preparing a submission to the Spending Review, and I am also working closely with my fellow Metro Mayors and City Leaders in addressing the challenges our cities and regions are facing. Cuts on the scale of those we have seen over the last decade are simply not sustainable and will continue to do real damage to local communities, generating economic as well as social costs. Unless we are given greater powers and resources, we are unable to tackle the huge challenges we face and ensure that economic growth and new opportunities are more equally shared across society.

MAYOR OF LONDON

My Budget is built around a vision of a London where nobody is left behind and where everyone has the opportunities they need to fulfill their potential. I urge you to use the Spring Statement and the Spending Review to reverse the cuts of the past decade, and instead work with London government to support the capital's growth and economic success, to the benefit of the UK as a whole.

Yours sincerely,



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