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I am writing in response to your predecessor's letter of 15 February about the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 8 February, which my office received on 31 May after it was brought to our attention that it had not originally been received. My reply to each motion is set out below:

Motion 1 – Flexible Working

On 3 July 2017, I published a call for evidence on my vision for a new compact creating a Good Work Standard with London employers. It recognises and promotes good practice in employment, and goals that I and other employers can share that will help to make London the best city in the world in which to work.

One of the proposed goals of the Good Work Standard is for employers to promote a flexible working culture and other policies that will support their workforce in achieving a balance between their work and personal life. I welcome your comments that confirm the importance of this goal and look forward to receiving other comments from the London Assembly that respond to the questions in this publication.

Motion 2 – Garden Bridge

As the Assembly has acknowledged, I have always been clear that no more of London taxpayers' money that I am responsible for should go into the Garden Bridge project.

It is on that basis, and having assessed all the information available to me including the findings of Dame Margaret Hodge's independent review, that I reached the view that providing Mayoral guarantees will expose the London taxpayer to too much additional financial risk.

I wrote to the Chair of the Garden Bridge Trust in April to explain this and inform him that the GLA will not be providing Mayoral guarantees for the Garden Bridge project.

Motion 3 – Policing Football Matches

I agree that ordinary Londoners should not be asked to subsidise the policing provided to football clubs operating their commercial activities.

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As you set out in your letter, the Metropolitan Police Service currently charge for policing of football matches in line with current guidance following the Leeds/ACPO judgement of 2012.

I can assure you that my Office for Policing And Crime continues to make representations to the Home Office regarding how the MPS can recoup more money for policing from football clubs and have met with the Home Office lead on this issue to discuss possible ways forward.

My Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime raised this in a letter to the then Policing Minister, the Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP, in February 2017 who responded in April and this will be discussed further at any future meeting.

Motion 4 – National HIV / AIDS Memorial in London

A member of my Culture Team met with Ash Kotak and Sian Berry on 9 January 2017 to discuss this memorial. This was a very positive first discussion and my team are continuing to remain in contact as the project develops. As you will be aware, permissions for any memorial will rest with the Local Authority where it will be sited, so the first step will be to agree an appropriate location.

I wish GMFA (Gay Men Fighting AIDS) every success in building an HIV/AIDS Memorial in London.

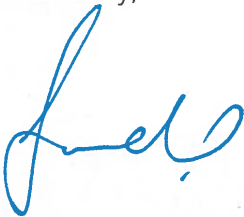
Motion 5 – Future Trade Agreements

As I laid out in my response to the Government's White Paper: The United Kingdom's exit from and new partnership with the European Union, I believe that any future trade agreements with the US, or other partners, must contain necessary protection for public services, including the NHS.

In regards to the potential lowering of standards for imported goods and services, I agree that all future trade negotiations should ensure a fair deal for London and the UK.

I will continue to raise these issues in my meetings with the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for International Trade.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London