

# 14th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

## Mayor's Question Time 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

This is my fourteenth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 7 July – 1 September 2022.

Please note that the information in the Mayor's Report is accurate at the time of publishing.

## Executive Summary

### Recovery Update

On 11 July, the Mayor of Chicago, Lori Lightfoot, visited London alongside a delegation of business and political leaders. My Recovery Team presented to the delegation on London's priorities in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the similarities and differences between our two cities.

The London Recovery Taskforce, chaired by my Deputy Chief of Staff, Richard Watts, met on 28 July. The meeting heard more about the Economic Recovery Framework and proposals for a stocktake of progress towards implementation. It discussed the future of the London Recovery Board and Programme, and Members heard from mission teams and the programme team about learnings gained from the first wave of Cross-Cutting Principle review sessions and discussed proposals for the next phase.

Concerns about inflation are now overtaking the pandemic in the minds of many Londoners. My recovery team have been supporting the Cost of Living Working Group, chaired by Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice. It met on 18 August to continue ongoing discussions about how we best support financially vulnerable Londoners through the cost-of-living crisis. Several of the Recovery Programme mission teams are involved in this work, including the Robust Safety Net and Green New Deal missions, who are working to ensure that Londoners are provided with financial advice and information and supported with the rising energy costs.

### Love London Launch

On 25 August, I launched the next chapter of my *Let's Do London* tourism campaign – *Love London*. A recent poll by City Hall showed that 40 per cent of Londoners don't know of free ways to enjoy the city. Through *Love London*, I'll promote some of the exceptional aspects of life in the capital, focusing on the fantastic free and discounted things to enjoy in the city. The campaign, takes the shape of a love letter to London, reminding people why the capital is the best city in the world via posters, cinema, radio and social media adverts and introduces new free film, art and nature trails that will help people discover more about London. The campaign has also partnered with Art Fund to offer discounted access to museums and galleries while TfL has teamed up with Official London Theatre's annual Kids Week initiative, to release thousands more 'kids go free' tickets for a range of top West End shows.

## **New leadership for the Metropolitan Police Service**

Following the recruitment process for the new Commissioner, the Home Secretary and I announced the appointment of Sir Mark Rowley QPM as the new Met Commissioner on 8th July. This appointment has also been formally agreed by the Queen.

Sir Mark Rowley is the best person to lead the Metropolitan Police at this extremely challenging time. A series of appalling scandals have not only exposed deep cultural problems within the Met, but have contributed to a crisis of confidence in London's police service. Sir Mark has made clear to me that he is determined to be a reforming Commissioner, committed to implementing a robust plan to rebuild trust and confidence in the police and to drive through the urgent reforms and step change in culture and performance Londoners deserve. As Mayor, I will hold him to these promises as I continue to hold the Met to account.

Sir Mark has demonstrated that he is the outstanding candidate for this role. He brings a wealth of great experience to the position, including exceptional leadership during the 2017 terror attacks and a track record of increasing engagement with diverse communities across our city. The experience he has gained outside policing over the last four years will also bring a valuable new perspective to the Met. Above all, he is committed to policing by consent and shares my ambition to get to a place where all Londoners feel protected and served, and where we have a police force of which everyone – including the many brave and dedicated officers in our city – can be proud.

On 9 August, I welcomed the appointment of Dame Lynne Owens as interim Deputy Commissioner as she returns to policing. Dame Lynne brings decades of experience, from her senior roles in the Met, Surrey Police and most recently as lead for the National Crime Agency. Her knowledge and insight will be invaluable in the coming months as the Met focuses on change and improvement.

I look forward to working closely with Sir Mark and Dame Lynne to restore trust and confidence in the police and build on the significant success we have made in driving down violence and crime in our city.

## **MyEnds**

On 12 July, I visited Brixton at the beginning of July to announce my Violence Reduction Unit is to invest a further £9 million in its flagship community-led programme to tackle violence and deliver positive opportunities for young people.

The VRU's MyEnds programme provides support and funding for communities to lead and deliver interventions in neighbourhoods affected by high and sustained levels of violence across London.

New VRU data shows that in its first year, the MyEnds programme delivered more than 120 local interventions and benefited 3,100 young people and community members.

The new funding will allow the VRU to learn and build on the promising first year of the programme and invest £9m over the next three years in communities and neighbourhoods.

### **Full Night Tube service restored for the first time since the start of the pandemic**

On 28 July, I welcomed the return of a full Night Tube services following their suspension in March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Services on the Piccadilly line returned on the evening of Friday 29 July, running operating throughout the night on Fridays and Saturdays. This marks a complete restoration of the weekend Night Tube and Night Overground services, providing more options for safe travel around the city.

London's recovery from the pandemic has been driven by a safe and reliable public transport network that serves the city night and day. The complete restoration of Night Tube services will allow Londoners and visitors to make the most of all the capital has to offer on weekend evenings with shorter journey times, whilst also providing late night travellers another safe way to return home.

I'm delighted to see a complete Night Tube service running once again. The full return of the Night Tube is at the heart of my vision to build a better and safer London for everyone. It shows our city is bouncing back.

### **Elizabeth line services into central London from Reading, Heathrow, and Shenfield to begin from 6 November**

On 23 August, TfL announced the next stage of the transformational Elizabeth line will see trains running directly from Reading and Heathrow to Abbey Wood and from Shenfield to Paddington from 6 November. The brand-new Bond Street Elizabeth line station, at the heart of London's West End, is also set to open by November, giving another boost to London's recovery from the pandemic. The opening of the new Elizabeth line has been a landmark moment, not just for London but for the entire country, helping to contribute £42bn to the national economy.

It's great news that from November, Elizabeth line trains will run directly from Reading and Heathrow to Abbey Wood, and from Shenfield to Paddington, seven days a week. Services running on Sundays through central London will also make thousands more journeys quicker, easier and more comfortable.

This enhanced capacity on the Elizabeth line will play a crucial role in encouraging people to make the most of the capital and will help support businesses in the heart of our city.

In addition Network Rail has now completed works on the interior of Romford Station including an improved entrance hall, ticket office and lift access to Elizabeth line platforms.

Network Rail and its contractor, VolkerFitzpatrick, have completed the work within the station working throughout the pandemic, while keeping it open and safe for passengers to travel on Transport for London (TfL) and Greater Anglia services.

## **No Wrong Door launch**

On 15 July, I announced £2.06m of funding to join up London's local skills and employment offer, helping Londoners get the right support at the right time to move into good work, no matter their starting point. No Wrong Door is delivered in partnership with London boroughs, London Councils and Jobcentre Plus, and will strengthen joint working across London to ensure that skills and employment services deliver for Londoners.

This includes the launch of 4 Integration Hubs delivered by London's borough sub-regional partnerships, which will directly support Londoners who need it most including refugees, women, disabled people, over 50s and young Londoners.

To mark the launch, I visited Ingeus, Central London Forward's Integration Hub, where I joined an employability support session for Afghan refugees who are joining the Work and Health programme. I was joined by my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe.

## **New council housing target**

On 20 July, I announced that I would be doubling my council homebuilding target, supporting councils to start work on 20,000 new council homes by 2024. My previous stretching target of 10,000 new City Hall-funded council homes was surpassed earlier this year, and this ambitious new target enshrines the renaissance in council homebuilding in the city, with more council homes started last year than in any year since the 1970s.

## **Expanded ULEZ Six Month Report**

On 19 July, I published the Expanded Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) Six Month Report. Six months on from the ULEZ expansion, and over a year from the enforcement of tighter Low Emission Zone standards for heavy vehicles, the schemes are significantly reducing the number of older, more polluting vehicles driving in London and levels of harmful pollution. Nearly 94 per cent of vehicles driving in the whole zone now meet the strict ULEZ standards on an average day. Harmful nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) concentrations alongside roads in inner London are estimated to be 20 per cent lower than they would have been without the ULEZ and its expansion. In central London, NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are estimated to be 44 per cent lower than they would have been. You can read the report on the GLA website:

## **Green and Healthy Streets Fund Announcement**

On 5 August, I awarded £4m as part of my Green and Healthy Streets Fund to deliver exemplar greening and climate resilience projects on London's roads. The Fund supports projects that incorporate measures like rain gardens, pocket parks, and SuDS tree pits alongside interventions that support my commitment to promoting active travel, reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality. I awarded £2.85m of funding 19 projects that will be delivered by 11 boroughs on borough roads and the wider public realm. The remaining funding is granted to TfL to support innovative and exemplary projects on the TfL Road Network (£1m) and for improvements to walking routes that connect green spaces (£0.15m).

## **UEFA Women's EURO 2022**

On 26 July, I joined the 5000 fans who attended the semi-final screening of the Women's EURO 2022 in Trafalgar Square. It was fantastic to witness the excitement and support for the teams.

Following the Lionesses' historic victory at the Women's EURO final, I was honoured to address the 7000 strong crowd at the celebration event on Monday 1 August in Trafalgar Square. I was proud to congratulate the team on their win and present them on behalf of London with a bespoke tournament print created especially to commemorate their incredible achievement. I am passionate about supporting the legacy of the Women's EUROs and encourage participation, equality and inclusivity in the game.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Extending GPS tagging of offenders**

On 21 July, I announced that the London GPS tagging pilot, which started in February 2019, is to be extended through to March 2023.

The pilot scheme applies to those who have served custodial sentences for knife crime offences, such as being in possession of a knife, robbery, aggravated burglary and GBH, as well as domestic abuse offenders. This pilot sees tag wearers being fitted with a mandatory GPS tracking device, which is issued under strict license conditions.

Real-time GPS data provides the London Probation Service with accurate location and tracking data and heatmap technology is used to show an overview of a tagged person's movements during the course of a day, week or month as well as their lifestyle habits, ensuring that the probation service can closely monitor tagged offenders across all 32 London boroughs.

The data detects non-compliance from tagged offenders – including increased risk by those who may have entered an exclusion zone set-up to protect a victim once offenders have been released from prison. Previously, this behaviour might have gone untraced but now enforcement action can be taken promptly and where necessary to protect victims and bring perpetrators to account.

Latest figures from the evaluation of the pilot show more than half (567) of the tagged offenders complied with their licence conditions during the period of GPS monitoring. More than 300 of the tagged offenders who breached their tagged licence conditions were successfully recalled to prison for non-compliance or increase in risk – proving that the tagging scheme is also working effectively as an enforcement option. The remaining cases are still live in the GPS tagging pilot.

Data collected from the pilot has also been used to assist in crime mapping – the process with which crime incident patterns are analysed by police – to automatically cross-reference the movements of tagged offenders with reported crimes in London.

### **Urgent Government action needed to tackle the courts backlog**

On 25 July, I wrote to the Justice Secretary to raise my grave concerns about the severe court backlogs that have contributed to support services in London being stretched to the limit. Earlier in July, the London Survivors Gateway temporarily stopped taking new referrals and some London Rape Crisis Centres have been unable to add to their waiting lists for counselling.

In my letter I highlighted that at the end of March 2022 there were nearly 16,000 outstanding cases in London's Crown Courts and nearly 73,000 in Magistrates Courts - with victims and survivors in the capital waiting for up to five years to get a court date.

These delays, combined with an increase in sexual offences of 35 per cent in the last year, are putting stretched support services in an impossible position, as more people are looking for help and existing clients are requiring support for extended periods of time.

I continue to do everything I can to support efforts to improve services for victims and survivors of rape and sexual assault and have overseen more than £100m in investment in tackling violence against women and girls, but the Government needs to act urgently to tackle the court backlog and address the capacity issues in the support services. I welcome the support of Assembly Members in raising this urgent issue affecting many thousands of victims of crime in London with the Government.

### **Rescuing young Londoners from dangerous County Lines gangs**

On 27 July, it was revealed that hundreds of young people have been successfully diverted away from the dangers of County Lines gangs thanks to an intervention scheme set up and funded by my Office for Policing and Crime, according to a new report published by Brent Council.

Brent's report reveals that in the last year, nine out of 10 young Londoners supported by the project have either reduced or completely stopped their involvement in county lines.

Key findings from the report include:

- Newham remains the top borough for referrals of young people to services this year, while Lambeth has seen the largest increase in referrals as it jumped by 75 per cent
- 80 per cent of the top-10 towns for county lines in 2019-20 have remained in the top-10, with Ipswich, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Southampton and Swansea in the top positions
- Young Black people from London aged 10-25 years are 6 times more likely to be referred to Rescue and Response for county lines concerns compared to all other ethnicities of the same age.
- More than half (54 per cent) of all young people referred to the programme in the year 2020-21 were Black.
- 598 referrals were received in 2020/21. 245 of those referred accepted support and 145 of those who accepted support, engaged with the support when it was offered.
- 93 per cent of those completing a period of support achieved positive outcomes at the end of this and 88 per cent of these had reduced or ceased county lines involvement.
- 80 per cent of the 19/20 top-10 towns have remained in the 20/21 top-10, with Ipswich, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Southampton and Swansea taking the highest five positions.

The report also highlights how more than 1,000 social workers and staff from other frontline organisations have now received specialist training from the Rescue and Response programme to spot the hidden signs of exploitation in vulnerable young women and girls involved in county lines activity and provide the support they need to escape exploitation.

### **Partnership work to tackle violence**

Tackling violence is my top priority and I am determined to do everything I can to be tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime. On 11 August, on a visit to the Engine Room youth centre in Tottenham Hale with the Met and my Violence Reduction Unit, I stressed the importance of closer partnership between the Met Police and communities as key to preventing and tackling violence.

On the visit I joined a presentation delivered to local young people on the dangers of carrying knives by youth engagement and intervention officers in the Met and heard from youth workers and young Londoners about their concerns over the summer months, including the rising cost of living.

The summer presents fresh challenges for both the police – with more young people outdoors for longer in the warmer weather – and youth-led organisations seeing demand for their services increase. In addition, the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact huge numbers of Londoners – particularly those in insecure work or on low incomes. I am extremely concerned that these factors combined threaten to jeopardise the progress that’s been made in reducing violent crime in the capital. Evidence shows that poverty and deprivation are key causes of violence with City Hall analysis highlighting clear correlations between deprivation, poverty and vulnerability to crime, with six of 10 boroughs with the highest increases in unemployment over the pandemic being represented in the top 10 boroughs for serious violence.

### **Additional funding to help keep young Londoners away from criminal gangs**

Gang-related violence still accounts for a substantial proportion of the most serious violence in London and on 17 August, I announced £2 million of new funding for my London Gang Exit Service, supporting children and young people at risk of being exploited by criminal gangs.

The programme, led by Safer London, provides specialist one-to-one specialist case work support and help for young Londoners aged 15 to 24. It includes specialist support to help young Londoners with employment, education, training, housing resettlement, substance misuse and emotional wellbeing as well as providing direct support to the families of those affected.

Safer London case workers work in every London borough and meet young Londoners in places where they can feel safe, which could be in a fast-food restaurant, in a park or on a bus, where they can build strong relationships and have the confidence to speak freely about their concerns.

Between 2016 and April 2022, 430 young people received long term support through the London Gang Exit programme. Of these, 83 per cent significantly reduced their involvement with criminal gangs or ended their involvement completely. The latest evaluation of the effectiveness of the London Gang Exit Programme by my Office for Policing and Crime also found a significant reduction in the young people enrolled in the programme becoming victims of violence.

This new funding takes my total investment in the programme to over £8.2million and will boost the number of support workers working to rescue the most vulnerable young Londoners from criminal gangs.

### **With the Met following the murder of Thomas O'Halloran**

The murder of 87 year-old Thomas O'Halloran in Greenford on 16 August shocked and disgusted us all. My thoughts remain with his friends and family following this appalling incident, and with local people who I know have been understandably shaken by this unprovoked attack.

On 18 August, I visited Acton Police Station with my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, to meet and speak with some of the team investigating this horrific crime, and to support the Met's appeals for information that could help in their investigation and prosecution of the perpetrator. I pay tribute to the officers and staff involved who worked around the clock to find, arrest and charge a man with Thomas' murder – and also to members of the public who have provided information to the police following their appeals.

### **Investing in Violence reduction**

On 26 July, I visited Edmonton Eagles Amateur Boxing Club to see first-hand how some of our investment is working to support young people and communities. I announced that my Violence Reduction Unit has invested £5 million in councils to deliver prevention and early intervention programmes. This investment will support and benefit up to 15,000 young people and community members throughout the summer and into 2023.

We know the power of sport can bring young people and communities together, and is often a valuable intervention tool in engaging young people during the summer months. The VRU is investing a further £1m in a new sports programme to deliver a range of activities for young Londoners in areas with traditionally low engagement rates and neighbourhoods affected by violence. The VRU's partnership with London Youth will see 3,800 young people take part in sports activities, events and celebration festivals during the summer and for the rest of 2022.

Alongside this, we are also supporting Local Village Network, and app with 2,500 activities and opportunities for young people.

## Transport

### **Customers of all major networks set to have access to high-speed mobile coverage across London Tube network**

On 8 July, I welcomed the announcement that Vodafone and Virgin Media O2 had joined BAI Communications' (BAI) network.

This means that customers of all four mobile network operators - Three, EE, Vodafone and Virgin Media O2 - will be able to access high-speed 4G and 5G-ready mobile connectivity across the Tube, including within the tunnels from the end of 2024.

BAI was awarded a 20-year concession by Transport for London (TfL) in June 2021 to deliver mobile connectivity on the Underground.

I committed to Londoners that I would deliver 4G throughout the Tube network as part of my determination to build a better London for everyone – and I have no doubt that this will transform journeys for millions of passengers.

### **Barking Riverside station opens, helping unlock thousands of new homes in east London**

On 25 July, I was joined by London's Transport Commissioner Andy Byford and Matthew Carpen from Barking Riverside Limited to officially celebrate the opening of the new London Overground station at Barking Riverside which now forms part of the extended Gospel Oak to Barking route.

Opened to customers ahead of schedule on 18 July, the new station sits at the heart of a new public square and is only a five-minute walk from the riverfront.

The extension of the railway complements the existing comprehensive bus network and provides a new direct transport option.

Residents and visitors using the new station are now enjoying quicker and easier journeys, with travel times to Barking dramatically cut by more than two thirds to around seven minutes, while the city is now accessible in just 22 minutes.

### **TfL Book Club launched in novel partnership with Hodder & Stoughton**

In an innovative partnership with publisher Hodder & Stoughton, TfL's new Book Club will enable customers to easily access a new eBook each month to read, including during their journey on TfL's network, as part of a monthly subscription.

The subscription - costing only £4.99 each month - gives customers one credit to redeem against a specially curated library of eBooks each month. Customers can download their selected book each month to their phone or another device using the TfL Book Club app or read it online using the website.

TfL hopes that this partnership will help encourage customers back onto the network as public transport can offer many people the rare opportunity of having time to themselves, with reading a book being a perfect pastime while making a journey.

### **Santander Cycles to launch e-bikes in London from September**

On 12 August, Transport for London and Santander announced that e-bikes will be introduced to London's record-breaking Santander Cycles scheme from 12 September.

In July, the scheme recorded its busiest month in its history, with more than 1.3 million hires. To support the scheme's continued success and financial sustainability, TfL and Santander are introducing 500 e-bikes to its fleet, which use an electric motor to assist riders as they pedal. The new e-bikes will be distributed across key central London locations and will be able to be docked at any of the scheme's 800 docking stations.

TfL will also be making changes to the Santander Cycles fare tariff from 12 September, to support the introduction of e-bikes and to secure continued investment in cycle hire. The changes will make charges for access more flexible and easier to understand for everyone, with a new flat rate of £1.65 per 30-minute ride. There will also be a new monthly membership option, costing £20. Both monthly and annual memberships will offer unlimited 60-minute rides, instead of the unlimited 30-minute rides currently offered.

E-bikes will initially be available to registered users only, for a fare of £3.30 per 30-minute ride or an additional fare of £1 per 60 minutes for monthly and annual members

## **Fire and Resilience**

### **Mayor and Fire Unions Roundtable**

On 13 July, Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, and I met with fire unions to discuss issues of concern to staff.

### **Mayoral Advisory Group - level 4 red weather warning**

On 15 July, I chaired a Mayoral Advisory Group to discuss the extreme weather with partners across London.

### **Visit to Plaistow Fire Station**

On 21 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, and I met with fire fighters at Plaistow Fire Station to thank them for their response to wild fires in London.

### **Visit to LFB Control Centre**

On 22 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, visited LFB's Control Centre to thank staff for their response to the extreme weather and wild fires in London.

### **Visit to 8 Albert Embankment**

On 9 August, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross and Deputy Mayor for Housing and Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, visited 8 Albert Embankment to hear about LFB's plans for the site.

### **Visit to London Fire Brigade's Fire Boat**

On 1 September, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, and I visited London Fire Brigade's new Fire Boat.

## **Growth, Skills and Regeneration**

### **Mayor of London's Adult Learning Awards**

This October I will be hosting the first London Adult Learning Awards at City Hall to celebrate the important role of adult learning in the capital and recognise the achievements and contributions of learners, adult education providers, employers, and community organisations. The Awards are a key part of my commitment to raise awareness of adult learning in the capital, and to champion London's skills sector.

From 22 June to 24 July, Londoners, adult education providers, employers and community organisations were invited to make nominations across nine award categories, sharing inspirational stories of adult learning in London. At the end of the nominations period, 221 nominations were received. A Judging Panel formed of representatives from London's skills and employment sector will be recommending a shortlist of award winners who will be celebrated for their achievements on 5 October.

### **London Careers Educators Conference**

On 1 July, my Deputy Mayor Jules Pipe attended the first London Careers Educators Conference to present awards to Careers educators who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in raising the standards of careers education in secondary schools and colleges across the capital. The conference was attended by 400 practitioners who took part in a series of presentations raising awareness of London's key employment sectors, masterclasses presenting good practice in careers education and a marketplace networking opportunity with business and careers stakeholders. Representatives from a range of sectors provided insights from employers and training providers about the future of the world of work and how to use these insights to inform careers education in London's schools and colleges.

## **Social Care Academies**

On 21 July, the Social Care Hub funding opportunity was launched as part of the Mayor's Academies Programme. I am awarding grants with a total value of £1.25 million to assist with the costs of improving coordination and supporting Londoners who are out of work or in low paid work into sustainable jobs in the social care sector with a focus on adult social care. Up to £250k is available per Integrated Care System (ICS). My opportunity provides revenue funding for coordination and administration activities to deliver hub activity in each ICS across London. Applications will need to build on existing infrastructure and involve relevant care organisations to collaborate and develop a local system of referrals and pathways into employment in the care sector. The application process will close on 9 September 2022.

## **Adult Education Budget (AEB) Funding Rules 2022/23**

On 2 August, new Funding Rules were issued to providers delivering London's AEB for the 2022/23 academic year. The cost-of-living crisis has made it more important than ever that Londoners can get the skills they need to progress into good jobs, earn more in their current roles or secure better paid jobs. I have introduced new flexibilities to the Funding Rules aimed at addressing this, including opening up access to an additional 400,000 Londoners to gain funded training opportunities. £10m is also being invested in London's skills providers, helping address increasing costs faced by the FE workforce and ensuring lower skilled Londoners can continue to get the training they need to progress.

## **Fore Street Living Room Library and Fore Street for All Cultural Programme**

In July my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, opened the Fore Street Living Room Library project in LB Enfield following £1.1m of investment from my Good Growth Fund in a number of high street improvement projects in Angel Edmonton. The project saw the refurbishment of the existing library to include a flexible space for community activities to be hosted.

The event was also used to launch the 'Fore Street for All' Cultural Programme; a new arts and cultural programme curated by a local community interest company who received funding from my High Streets for All Challenge Fund. The programme will provide mentoring and training for local young people and support a community-first approach to creative enterprise by expanding the opening hours of the library, providing a boost to the local night-time economy and help to improve safety at night.

## **Rising Green Youth Hub**

On 1 August, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, attended the launch of the Rising Green Youth Hub in Wood Green, LB Haringey. I invested £410,000 in the youth hub as part of wider high street improvements around Wood Green that have received £1.77m from my Good Growth Fund. Located just off the High Road, the new youth hub offers different spaces for a range of learning and socialising activities, including digital, music, film, cooking and life skills, to help young people meet their potential. The project is a fantastic example of meaningful engagement and collaboration with local partners, having been co-designed and co-produced with a local group collectively known as 'Wood Green Young Voices', who influenced the building layouts, interior design, logo and name.

## Housing

### **Showcasing new data on affordable homes**

On 8 July, I publicised new data showing that the proportion of affordable homes in developments approved by me has almost doubled since 2016. The average proportion of affordable housing per development in referable schemes increased to 43 per cent in 2021, up from just 22 per cent when I took office in 2016. This is testament to the step-change in delivery of affordable housing during my time as Mayor, including changes to the planning system which are requiring developers to increase the number of affordable homes they include on major developments.

### **Call for rent freeze**

On 5 August, I repeated my call for Ministers to grant me the power to implement a two-year rent freeze. This is particularly urgent given the rapidly rising rents that we have seen in London recently. City Hall analysis has previously calculated that the average saving could be almost £3,000 over two years.

### **Right to Buy-back allocations**

On 9 August, I announced that my Right to Buy-back scheme has secured allocations to turn 1,577 market homes into council homes and accommodation for homeless families. Since launching the scheme in July 2021, fourteen boroughs have been allocated £152m through the scheme so far. All homes acquired will meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard.

## The Economy, Business and Enterprise

### **Making London a Living Wage City**

On 12 July, Royal Docks was announced as a Living Wage Place, a major milestone in the Making London a Living Wage City Programme (MLLWC). The Royal Docks Living Wage Action Group will aim to increase the number of accredited employers in the area by 50 per cent.

The MLLWC programme, co-chaired by the Mayor alongside the Bishop of London and Anna Purchas of KPMG, brings together workers, community groups, employers and more to action increased uptake of the London Living Wage.

### **CBI London summer reception and panel discussion**

On 13 July, I spoke at CBI London's summer reception and joined a panel discussion afterwards to talk about London's role in the levelling-up agenda and its ongoing recovery from the pandemic among other things. Approximately 100 businesses, government representatives and media contacts attended the event.

### **Meeting with Merlin Entertainments**

On 28 July, I met with Nick Varney, CEO, Merlin Entertainments Limited and his team to discuss Merlin's ambitions in helping to ensure that London remains a highly attractive destination for tourists.

## **Environment**

### **London Map of Cool Spaces**

During this summer's heatwaves, I worked with the boroughs, community groups and faith-based organisations to increase the number of cool spaces accessible to Londoners. As of 9 August 2022, there were 354 outdoor and 131 indoor cool spaces, totalling 485 indoor and outdoor cool spaces. The Cool Spaces are open from 1 June to 15 September 2022, when the NHS and UK Health Security Agency heatwave guidance is operational, as set out in the Heatwave Plan for England.

### **Ofgem meeting**

On 12 July, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy Shirley Rodrigues attended a meeting with Jonathan Brearley, the CEO of Ofgem, the energy regulator for Great Britain. DM Rodrigues asked Ofgem to do more to alleviate the cost-of-living crisis (in particular for those in fuel poverty, including writing to energy suppliers asking them to proactively help vulnerable customers this winter) and asked for its support in making the case to central Government for additional local powers and resources to reach net zero by 2030. They also discussed how Ofgem could assist in addressing network capacity issues in West London to enable new connections.

### **Second Meeting of the London Rewilding Taskforce**

On 14 July, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues chaired the second meeting of the London Rewilding Taskforce at City Hall. I have convened this Taskforce to consider opportunities for rewilding in London to restore nature, enhance biodiversity, preserve and improve green spaces, and bring benefits to Londoners. During the meeting, members discussed the principles and parameters for identifying rewilding opportunities in London and heard presentations from the London River Restoration Group and the London Boroughs of Enfield and Kingston who work on implementing rewilding projects on the ground. The meeting discussion and presentations will inform their final recommendations to be issued later this year. For more information:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/london-rewilding-taskforce>

### **International Air Quality & Climate Solutions Summit**

On 19 July, in my twin roles as Mayor of London and Chair of C40 Cities, I convened a global summit at City Hall to accelerate action to address the triple challenges of air pollution, congestion and the climate emergency. This involved representatives from 16 global cities; health experts, youth activists and union leaders. The Summit was held in partnership with

the World Health Organization. I also announced that C40 Cities were supporting twelve Global South cities with their plans to tackle toxic air pollution. You can read the full press release on the C40 Cities website: <https://www.c40.org/news/global-cities-london-tackle-threat-congestion-pollution-climate-emergency/>

I also announced my support to a United Nations resolution to recognise the right to live in a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (which includes breathing clean air) as a human right. The resolution was subsequently adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 July, with the UK Government one of 161 voting in favour.

### **Launch of tree planting funding package and Grow Back Greener 2022**

On 28 July, I launched a new £3.1m tree planting package to protect and future-proof London. This comes after a huge number of devastating fires raged across the capital in July, caused by record high temperatures.. Increasing the number of trees in London will help tackle the Urban Heat Island effect, cooling the city, and providing shade to Londoners as well as making London more resilient to flooding. The package includes a £0.8m top up to my Grow Back Greener grant scheme to support communities and boroughs to plant trees for shade, a £1m street tree planting programme, £320k for community tree packs in collaboration with the Conservation Volunteers and £1m for tree planting and woodland creation projects to create shady groves in areas of high heat risk. The funding will be targeted in areas where there are low numbers of existing trees and where Londoners are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change. The Grow Back Greener Fund is now open for applications until 26 September. The 2022 round will provide a total of £2m to community projects across the capital.

### **Breathe London Community Visit**

On 29 July, I visited Elmhurst Gardens, an urban park and playground, where one of the first 10 free Breathe London air quality sensors awarded to community groups is located. Launched in October 2021, the Breathe London communities programme is empowering communities by allowing them to choose where to monitor their environment and providing hyper-local air quality data. Elmhurst Gardens sits just outside the North circular and is one such site that would benefit from the expansion of ULEZ, which would bring cleaner air to 5 million people if expanded to outer London. Currently all of outer London's monitoring stations are exceeding the new WHO recommended guideline for harmful pollutant NO<sub>2</sub> of 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 80 per cent are not meeting the interim guideline of 20 µg/m<sup>3</sup> which is why we need to take further action in outer London. For more information see:

## **Children and Young Londoners**

### **Visit to Lambeth School Superzone**

On 14 July, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, visited Henry Fawcett Primary School Superzone in Oval, which is part of Lambeth Council's work to tackle inequalities in children's health.

School Superzones are hyperlocal, place-based interventions around a school, or cluster of schools. They aim to protect children's health and enable healthy behaviours by addressing environmental drivers of poor health through the powers of local authorities and local partnership working.

Lambeth was one of 13 boroughs that piloted the School Superzones concept from 2018 to 2019. The area was chosen due to its high levels of deprivation and needs of the schools. Some of the action that's been taken includes the installation of a water fountain and green barriers; a survey conducted with off-licences on alcohol minimum unit pricing; and business rate rebates for local employers signing up to the London Living Wage.

During the visit, Joanne met with local headteachers, as well as the Leader of Lambeth Council and members of Lambeth and Southwark Council's public health teams, and walked around the local area, discussing a range of topics, including their experience of developing Superzones and plans for the current phase.

## **Round 2 of the School Superzones Programme**

This round closed in June and was open to all boroughs. Thirteen applications have been approved for grant funding which brings the total number of grants to 23 for 44 School Superzones. A third round of funding will soon be open for applications. More information about the programme can be found here: [School Superzones | London City Hall](#).

## **Young Londoners Research Event**

On 9 August, Lib Peck, my Director of the Violence Reduction Unit, gave opening remarks at the Young Londoners Research Programme launch event held at City Hall, hosted by our external stakeholders, Partnership for Young London and Rocket Science. The purpose of the event was to establish wider links between young people and youth sector stakeholders, and for young people's research to positively influence future policy-making and funding priorities – in particular the New Deal for Young People mission. Young researchers who are part of the programme did an excellent job presenting their individual projects to decision-makers and youth sector leaders. The Young Londoners Research programme is using peer research approaches to identify barriers preventing young people most in need from accessing youth services. Insights will inform the next phase of my New Deal for Young People mission.

## **Culture**

### **Creative Enterprise Zones Sustainability Capital Grant Fund**

On 1 September, I launched the Creative Enterprise Zone Sustainability Capital Grant Fund. The £1.2m funding is to enable workspaces in London's Creative Enterprise Zones to become greener and more sustainable. Local authorities with accredited zones are invited to apply for grants of up to £200k to invest in practical and achievable measures that will improve energy efficiency, resulting in more environmentally friendly creative workspaces across the capital and helping to reduce their reliability on energy.

## **Greenwich+Docklands International Festival**

On 26 August, My Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, spoke at the launch of Greenwich+Docklands International Festival, London's leading festival of free outdoor theatre and performing arts across the capital. Over 80,000 people are expected to attend events presented in a range of public spaces across the Royal Docks, Greenwich and east London. The 2022 programme welcomes a record number of international artists from countries including Spain, Germany, Belgium, Italy, France, The Netherlands, Ukraine and The United States and includes a total of 25 world premieres. The festival runs until 11 September.

## **London Borough of Culture**

On 16 July, was People's Day, a major highlight of We Are Lewisham, London Borough of Culture 2022. The event attracted 30,000 visitors and featured 57 acts from people aged 8-81; a craft market of over 50 local artisans, designers and makers; and dozens of local community groups and organisations who are being supported to participate in my London Borough of Culture programme. With a focus on climate emergency, artists performances included award-winning grime artist, novelist and singer Hollie Cook.

On 17 July, Sounds Like Hammersmith and Fulham, a Cultural Impact Award recipient, staged their first 'Big Gig' in Westfield White City. This event featured music performances by young people (14-18 years of age) who have been benefitting from the programme of 120 workshops with charity Key4Life, an innovative crime prevention charity which rehabilitates young men in prison or at risk of going to prison. The event was attended by the borough's Mayor Cllr Emma Apthorp.

From 22 to 24 July, Liberty, the flagship festival celebrating of D/deaf, disabled and neurodiverse artists took place across Lewisham and at The Albany. The festival included 30 art works and performances from over 70 artists including eight artists supported my Liberty Open Call fund, which supports emerging London artists. Of those who attended, 92 per cent of respondents rated the festival 4 or 5 stars.

Throughout July and August, Climate Home, We Are Lewisham's new pop-up venue, put the voices of children and young people at the centre of the climate conversation. Designed, built and led by the borough's young people, Climate Home hosted more than 35 events over six weeks, with performances, music, talks and workshops bringing 8-25 year olds together over the summer holidays.

## **RD Studios Tour**

On 11 August, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, toured London's newest film studio in Park Royal, west London. The £20m independent development provides over 45,000 sq ft of space across five sound stages. The studios have been created from a net zero conversion of an existing warehouse. RD Studios aims to be the most sustainable film production facilities in London. The company plans to create 250,000sq ft of independent studio space over the next five years.

## Communities and Social Policy

### East End Citizens Advice Visit

On 8 July, I visited East End Citizens Advice to announce £2.3 million funding for advice services across the capital to help Londoners to cope with the spiralling cost of living. The funding will be distributed across the London Citizens Advice and London Legal Support Trust Centres of Excellence networks to increase their capacity and forge new outreach and referral partnerships with community organisations. Delivery is due to begin at the start of September.

### Launch of resources for new arrivals from Hong Kong

On 29 July, I announced the launch of trauma-informed and culturally aware mental health guidance, training, and further resources for new arrivals from Hong Kong. In collaboration with Thrive LDN and community-led organisations, my team developed resources to support children, young people, and adults in accessing mental health and wellbeing services in the capital. London's Hong Kong Welcome Programme has also partnered with The Nelson Trust to deliver free-to-attend online trauma-informed training to support those in the health and care sector, voluntary and community sector, and education sector in providing culturally competent care to Hong Kong Londoners.

## Civil Society and Sport

### Major Sports Events

London saw the return of Formula-E to the Excel Centre on 30 and 31 July. I gave my support to Formula-E in bringing net-zero carbon sport to London. This event is a great opportunity to showcase the benefits of EVs and raise awareness of the impacts of air pollution and how electric mobility can help curb it and counteract climate change. I look forward to Formula-E returning in 2023 when London will host the Final of the championship.

In August, I formally supported England Hockey's FIH Men's Hockey World Cup England and Wales 2026 bid as one of the faces of their video campaign. London has a proud record of hosting some of the world's most innovative exhilarating and impactful events and we look forward to London hopefully securing this exciting tournament for 2026.

### Sport Collaborative Young People's Fund

On 22 July, to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, I attended an event hosted by Sir Chris Hoy and, alongside founding investors Sport England and the London Marathon Charitable Trust, I announced a £17 million Sport Collaborative Young People's Fund. This fund will be made available for projects that use the power of sport and physical activity for social outcomes

and to support the health, well-being, and development of ideas of underserved children and young people across London.

Building on learnings from my 2020-21 Sport Unites Fund, as well as the London Community Response collaborative fund delivered in crisis response to the pandemic, this programme will award grants along with peer support and learning over a period of up to 3 years, both to enable new projects and to scale tried and tested interventions across the capital. The fund will also benefit from and contribute to learnings related to grant programmes being delivered under my Building Strong Communities and New Deal for Young people missions, as well as from the wider Collaborative Action for Recovery. The founding partners will bring with them priceless knowledge and experience from their organisations and the sector, all of which will greatly benefit the fund.

### **Team London Ambassadors**

My Team London Ambassadors returned to London for 5 weeks of the summer providing a visitor welcome experience to overseas, domestic tourists and Londoners. My ambassadors have been positioned across 6 locations in London from St James's Park to Greenwich, five days a week from Wednesday through to Sunday, up until the 4 September with 376 volunteers taking part in the programme.

## **Health**

### **Health benefits of my policy to restrict junk food advertising on the TFL estate supported by new research**

On the 27 July, a paper led by researchers from the University of Sheffield's School of Health and Related Research (SchARR), in collaboration with London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), was published in [International Journal of Nutrition & Physical Activity](#). This research revealed that my policy to restrict junk food advertising on the TfL estate has prevented almost 100,000 obesity cases and is expected to save the NHS in London £200m. This is not the first publication outlining the benefits this policy has brought to the health of Londoners.

In February, an independent evaluation led by LSHTM found that the policy [contributed to a 1,000 calorie decrease in energy from unhealthy purchases in consumers' weekly shopping](#). This research shows the importance of strong leadership at a London Level, and I hope it will be used to inform policy making across government to tackle obesity and support healthy weight.

### **Public Health Response: COVID-19, Monkeypox, Poliovirus, Heatwave**

I wrote to the Secretary of State for Health, Steve Barclay, on 15 July to express concerns about the rising number of monkeypox cases and calling on him to step up the government's response, at the same time acknowledging the rapid mobilisation of vaccination by the NHS and offering our support by using our communications channels and working closely with public health.

On 18 August I met with senior leaders from London's NHS, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID). I heard at that meeting that, a month on, there were encouraging reductions in the daily number of monkeypox cases. London and the UK have been leading the way on vaccination (with a 96 per cent take up rate from those offered vaccination), though the health system remains vigilant in anticipation of the next deliveries of vaccine later in September.

We also discussed the impact of the discovery of poliovirus circulating in the community and the work underway to offer booster vaccinations to all children in London from 1-9 years old, including the targeting of communities where vaccine coverage is lower. We agreed to use our channels to encourage parents to take up their offer of vaccination for their children.

The heatwave had brought challenges, but early signs suggest the health system coped well, and that Londoners heeded the messages on staying safe and healthy we had all shared. I was also pleased to hear that Covid infection rates and the number of people in hospital with Covid were continuing to decrease, though this still continues to put pressure on the NHS. I will be encouraging Londoners to take up the autumn booster when called.

### **Visit to the LAS Brentside Training Centre**

On 11 July I had the pleasure of officially opening the London Ambulance Service Brentside Education Centre. This £7 million facility will train frontline medics and control room staff. The opening of this new facility by the LAS is part of a drive to significantly boost recruitment and training of the workforce, to meet increased levels of demand in London. The Service is aiming to recruit more than 1,650 new staff by 2023, including 477 additional paramedics and I was particularly pleased to meet a group of newly qualified paramedics during my visit. In July the LAS was named top NHS employer for apprenticeships in the country and is one of only three NHS trusts in the country to make the rankings in the Department for Education's Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers 2022.

## **International Relations**

### **Meeting with Mayor of Chicago**

On 11 July, I met with Chicago Mayor, Lori Lightfoot, her Deputy Mayor for Neighbourhood and Economic Growth, Samir Mayekar, and Michael Fassnacht, President and CEO of World Business Chicago and Chief Marketing Officer for the City of Chicago. I welcomed the Chicago delegation to London, exchanged on our cities COVID recovery strategies and explored ways to deepen business ties.

### **Meeting with US Ambassador**

On 26 July, I hosted the new US Ambassador Jane Hartley for an introductory meeting at City Hall. We discussed opportunities to promote the cultural and business ties that connect

London and the US as well as strengthening our efforts to tackle the climate emergency and secure our economic recovery.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pakistan Independence Day**

On 14 August, I joined the Pakistan High Commissioner Moazzam Ahmad Khan on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pakistan Independence Day. I was hugely honoured to receive the Sitara-i-Pakistan award on this special day. I also held a productive meeting with the High Commissioner where we discussed strengthening community relations in London, and the links between the UK and Pakistan.

## **Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation**

### **Old Oak West public engagement programme**

On 30 August, OPDC launched a public engagement programme for its priority development project, Old Oak West. An urban district of 9,000 new and affordable homes, jobs, and local facilities, with High Speed 2's Old Oak Common station at its heart.

Building on the vision in its recently adopted Local Plan, OPDC has been working closely with central government to develop an emerging strategic business case, now approved, to consolidate key sites for this significant regeneration opportunity. As these plans progress, OPDC is holding an inclusive engagement programme of exhibitions, workshops, and site tours throughout the autumn, to update and seek input from the local community and wider public.

## **London Legacy Development Corporation**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of London 2012**

On the 22 of July, I was delighted to attend the 10th anniversary of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The event was hosted by Olympic cycling champion Sir Chris Hoy and welcomed an audience of Olympians, Paralympians, community groups, schoolchildren and others involved in the Games and legacy work.

The event was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the success of 2012, reflect on its legacy and look forward to plans for Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

I was proud to announce a £17 million funding programme with The London Marathon Charitable Trust and Sport England. The fund will support underserved young Londoners through the power of sport and physical activity so that we can continue building a fairer, safer and more prosperous city for all.

## **Awards**

London Stadium picked up the Living Wage Week Award in July, recognising the hard work to drive-up activity during Living Wage Awareness Week.

Elsewhere, London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) and Arup's Safety of Women and Girls project was 'Highly Commended for Best Project' as part of the RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2022.

At the end of July, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park was awarded the coveted Green Flag Award for the ninth consecutive year. These accolades are a testament to all those who work to ensure the Park and its venues support and deliver for local people and all Londoners.

## **Housing Delivery**

A number of announcements have been made during this period regarding the acceleration of housing delivery on LLDC-owned land. On 22 July, LLDC launched procurement for a Development Partner to deliver at least 450 new homes at Rick Roberts Way.

On Tuesday 26 July, LLDC's independent Planning Decisions Committee approved the outline planning application for Bridgewater Triangle, which is set to offer c575 new homes, as well as granting approval for Notting Hill Genesis' reserved matters application for 190 homes (50 per cent affordable) and 4,000sqm of commercial space (25 per cent at low-cost) on LLDC-owned land in Hackney Wick.

In July it was also announced that a 50/50 joint venture had been set up between LLDC and Ballymore to deliver c1,200 new homes across two sites – 600 at Stratford Waterfront and c575 at Bridgewater Triangle.

Alongside Pudding Mill Lane and Rick Roberts Way, the development of Stratford Waterfront and Bridgewater Triangle will see LLDC fulfil its commitment, in line with Mayoral policy, to deliver 50 per cent affordable homes on remaining LLDC schemes, using a portfolio approach. With 50 per cent affordable housing also to be delivered on the Hackney Wick sites, these announcements mark great progress in boosting affordable housing delivery across the Park and wider area.

## **London Stadium**

On 4 August it was announced that Major League Baseball (MLB) will return to London Stadium, building on the great success of the MLB London Series 2019 which generated £39 million for the London economy. In June 2023, St. Louis Cardinals will take on Chicago Cubs in an exhilarating two-game series.

The return of the UK Athletics (UKA) Diamond League has also been confirmed, with world-class athletes set to descend on the Stadium on 23 July 2023 for a one-day athletics spectacular. As part of the event programming, UKA will host a festival of athletics to engage the local community, schools and clubs with the sport.

The Premier League season commenced in early August, with West Ham facing Manchester City (7 August), Brighton (21 August) and Tottenham Hotspur (31 August) in home games to date. The Europa Conference League has also kicked off, with West Ham enjoying success against Viborg in the play-offs.

## Planning

### Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & Skills, under powers delegated to him by the Mayor, sent a letter in response to the following statutory stage 2 referrals. The Deputy Mayor informed the relevant Local Planning Authorities that he was content for them to determine the case itself.

GLA Reference number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision
2021/1191	Former Ford Stamping Plant	Barking and Dagenham	18/07/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/1155	Ravensfield House	Barnet	11/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/1257	Citicape House	City of London	05/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/1064	Stirling Gardens (3-15 Stirling Road)	Ealing	22/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0050	Former Catholic Club	Greenwich	11/07/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/1190	White City Living	Hammersmith and Fulham	11/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0077	181 Talgarth Road	Hammersmith and Fulham	11/07/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0120	High Road West	Haringey	22/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0362	Ashley Road Depot	Haringey	30/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0211	Avondale Drive Estate	Hillingdon	11/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0507	WEST LONDON COMPOSTING LTD,	Hillingdon	11/07/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0359	Hayes Town Centre Estate	Hillingdon	11/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0490	Brentford Football Club Temporary Training Centre	Hounslow	01/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0233	2 LARCH DRIVE	Hounslow	01/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0212	Charlton House	Hounslow	18/07/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0949	The London Television Centre	Lambeth	22/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/1260	Jubilee House	London Legacy	11/07/2022	Allow LPA to approve

		Development Corporation		
2022/0066	Marshgate Phase II	London Legacy Development Corporation	11/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0252	Durning Hall Community Centre	Newham	30/08/2022	Complies with the London Plan
2022/0064	Frogmore Industrial Estate	Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation	11/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2020/6271	597-601 High Road	Redbridge	30/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0175	Mapother House, Maudsley Hospital,	Southwark	01/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0168	30 Marsh Wall, London, E14 9TP	Tower Hamlets	11/07/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2021/0734	Innovation Centre, 225 Marsh Wall, London, E14 9FW	Tower Hamlets	11/08/2022	Allow LPA to refuse
2021/1041	Lea Bridge Station Sites	Waltham Forest	11/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve

### Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

I have asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

GLA reference	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Comments/decision
2022/0506	Beam Park, Barking and Dagenham	Barking and Dagenham	22/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0525	Former Electrobase/Wheatsheaf Works Site	Bexley	11/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0483	390 to 406 High Road	Brent	22/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0424	JVC Business Park	Brent	18/07/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0544	Agar Grove	Camden	01/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0556	Abbey Co-Op Phase 3	Camden	30/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0502	Cripplegate House, 1 Golden Lane	City of London	13/07/2022	No Strategic Issues

2022/0509	Royal Russell School	Croydon	12/07/2022	No Strategic Issues
2022/0422	Crystal Palace FC - New Main stand	Croydon	30/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0460	Twyford Abbey Nursing Home	Ealing	25/07/2022	Does not comply with the London Plan
2022/0527	Smiths Farm	Ealing	22/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0558	Anglo Aquarium Plant	Enfield	30/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2020/6125	227 Wood Lane And Browning House	Hammersmith and Fulham	18/07/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0557	St Ann's New Neighbourhood	Haringey	30/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0416	Moor Hall	Havering	08/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0487	Hillingdon Hospital	Hillingdon	11/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0430	The Harefield Academy	Hillingdon	11/07/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0522	4 Bedfont Lane Feltham	Hounslow	11/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0463	Hanworth Park House	Hounslow	08/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0447	45 Hornsey Road	Islington	18/07/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0438	Barnsbury Estate	Islington	18/07/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0459	Proposed development at Leegate Centre, bounded by Burnt Ash Road, Eltham Road, Leyland Road and Carston Close,	Lewisham	01/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0503	Former Piano Factory	London Legacy Development Corporation	08/08/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0439	Land Adjacent to Meridian Steps	London Legacy Development Corporation	18/07/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan

2022/0499	High Path Estate	Merton	08/08/2022	No Strategic Issues
2022/0533	Victoria Cross, Jack Cornwell Street, Manor Park	Newham	30/08/2022	Allow LPA to approve
2022/0591	John Street	Newham	26/08/2022	No Strategic Issues
2022/0536	Development Site At 573 To 585, High Road, Seven Kings, Ilford	Redbridge	18/07/2022	No Strategic Issues
2022/0454	Ham Close regeneration	Richmond upon Thames	25/07/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan
2022/0387	Aylesbury Site 1B/1C - First Development Site	Southwark	18/07/2022	Does not fully comply with the London Plan

## Key Engagements

Among my additional engagements since my last report were the following:

- I officially announced the GLA Funding Partnerships with Citizens Advice and London Legal Support Trust on a visit to Hackney Citizens Advice on 8 July
- I met with US Congresswoman, Ilhan Omar, on 8 July
- I visited London Ambulance Service Education Centre at Brentford on 11 July
- I met with the Mayor of Buenos Aires, Horacio Larreta, on 11 July
- I met with the Mayor of Chicago, Lori Lightfoot, on 11 July
- I visited the MyEnds project, speaking with young people and community groups and announcing additional funding on 12 July
- I attended the Grenfell Tower Inquiry to listen to evidence on 12 July
- I held my regular meeting with the Acting Police Commissioner on 12 July
- I held my regular meeting with TfL on 13 July
- I met with Fire Trade Union representatives on 13 July
- I attended the screening of 'The Real Mo Farah' on 13 July
- I spoke at the CBI's Summer Reception on 13 July
- I visited an employment support and training provider in Hackney, to launch the "No Wrong Door" programme on 15 July
- I called a meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Group on 15 July to review London's preparedness for a Met Office "extreme heat" warning
- I held my regular planning decisions meeting on 18 July
- I hosted the International Solutions Summit on Air Quality and Climate at City Hall on 19 July
- I visited Plaistow Fire Station on 21 July
- I met with the Grenfell Trust on 21 July
- I attended the official opening of the Overground Barking Riverside extension on 25 July
- I visited Edmonton Eagles Boxing Club to announce support for young people during the summer holidays on 26 July
- I held my regular meeting with TfL on 26 July
- I met with US Ambassador to the UK, Jane Hartley, on 26 July
- I attended the Trafalgar Square screening of the Women's Euros England V Sweden match on 26 July
- I chaired the TfL Board on 27 July
- I held my regular meeting with Assistant Commissioner Jukes on 27 July
- I attended a meeting of the M10 Mayors meeting on 28 July
- I met with the CEO Merlin Entertainments, Nick Varney, on 28 July
- I held my regular meeting with the Acting Police Commissioner on 28 July
- I marked 6 months of the Ultra Low Emission Zone extension on 29 July
- I attended a City of London reception at the Guildhall on 30 July
- I welcomed participants in the Jo Cox Way Bike Ride on 31 July
- I attended the Women's Euros Final England v Germany on 31 July
- I joined a Trafalgar Square celebratory event for the England Lionesses on 1 August
- I joined a Violent Crime Taskforce (VCTF) ride-along on 1 August
- I held an update meeting with the London Fire Brigade on 9 August

- I held a meeting with TfL on 9 August
- I chaired a meeting of the TfL Board on 9 August
- I joined a local neighbourhood police patrol in Tottenham Hale on 10 August
- I visited a warehouse hub collecting for and supplying foodbanks in Newham on 12 August
- I accepted an invitation from the Pakistan High Commissioner (HC) to the Pakistan Independence Day reception where I was presented with the Pakistan Civil Award on 15 August
- I visited the scene of a largescale grass fire in Leytonstone to highlight the dangers and amplify advice for Londoners on 15 August
- I met with Sir Mark Rowley on 15 August
- I met with Sir Tom Winsor on 17 August
- I visited Acton Police Station and spoke with officers conducting active investigations on 18 August
- I met with the Chair of the National Lottery Community Fund, John Mothersole, on 18 August
- I held my regular call with the NHS & OHID on 18 August
- I held my regular call with the Acting Police Commissioner on 18 August
- I chaired a meeting of the TfL Board on 30 August
- I joined the London Fire Commissioner at a showcase of London Fire Brigade's new Fire Boat, Turntable ladders and new equipment on 1 September