

**London Assembly**  
**MQT – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
**26th Mayor's Report to the Assembly**

This is my twenty-sixth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 9<sup>th</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Executive Summary**

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### **Launch of London Health Commission report**

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### **FreeSport grants now available**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, I opened a new round of funding for my hugely popular grassroots sports programme that allows people of all ages and abilities to try out new sports. Sports clubs, youth groups and community organisations from across London can now apply for grants of up to £1,500 to run free sport activities.

## **Policing, Crime and Community Safety**

### **MOPAC Crime Dashboard and MOPAC Challenge**

On 21<sup>st</sup> October, I launched the MOPAC Crime Dashboard. This is an interactive tool, available on the MOPAC website, enabling the public and the MPS to see performance over time at a borough and London-wide level. It was used at the MOPAC Challenge, which I chaired, to scrutinise the MPS' performance on crime reduction. They were challenged on their performance on crime relative to other forces, noting that they lead the country on crime reduction. They were also challenged on performance across the MOPAC 7. The second part of the Challenge focussed on violence with injury – a crime type which is showing an increase. The Deputy Commissioner was challenged on the MPS' response and the actions they are taking to help reduce this crime type.

### **Police Bravery Awards**

On 16<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime attended the 2014 Police Bravery Awards on my behalf. The awards were established 19 years ago to pay tribute to the unsung heroes of the police service. The evening honoured officers who put themselves at risk of death or serious harm performing their duties. It was organised by the Police Federation of England and Wales. This year's outstanding acts of heroism included flood rescues, arson attacks, river rescues, stopping a hit and run driver and confronting armed offenders. The national Police Bravery Award was won by Sergeant Stephen Brown from the MPS for tackling and disarming a man brandishing a Samurai sword.

## **Transport**

### **Silvertown Tunnel plans gather pace**

A consultation has now started on detailed proposals for a new river crossing at Silvertown. The Silvertown tunnel would connect the Greenwich Peninsula with the Royal Docks – two of my key Opportunity Areas for thousands of new homes and jobs.

This consultation represents an important step forward for the Silvertown plans, with an application to Government for approval to build the tunnel planned for December 2015. In recognition of its significance for the future development of London, this project has been designated a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) by Government. If approved, construction could start in 2017 and take four years to complete at an estimated cost of around £750m.

TfL is also planning for new road crossings to the east of Silvertown, which have been the subject of a recent consultation. Initial findings from this consultation suggest strong public support to develop plans for crossings at both Gallions Reach and Belvedere.

### **TfL's Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme wins international road safety award**

Transport for London (TfL)'s Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) has been awarded a Prince Michael International Road Safety Award for its continuing work to improve fleet and freight safety across the UK.

The Royal Awards, which are presented annually, recognise achievements in road safety and are awarded to the most outstanding examples of innovation across the world. The FORS initiative was awarded the annual Fleet Award, sponsored by the Institute of Advanced Motorists, after judges agreed it was an outstanding model of its kind, carefully planned and monitored and well overdue for recognition.

Despite originally being a “London” scheme, around two thirds of FORS accredited operators are now based outside the M25. The FORS standard is widely regarded as 'the' national road safety and efficiency benchmark for commercial fleet operators. Many major developers, including Mace, British Land and Crossrail, now require fleet operators to be part of FORS to provide a demonstration of a commitment to sustainable fleet activities, such as a FORS accreditation.

Building on this, TfL is working with the industry to bring an external partner onboard to help expand FORS more widely, ensuring it continued success both across London and more widely across the UK. The scheme will be officially rolled out across the UK in January 2015 and an announcement on the successful partner will be announced later this year.

### **Designs revealed for the 'New Tube for London'**

Designs for the next generation of Underground trains, which will come in to service from the mid-2020s, have been revealed.

The New Tube will be introduced first on the Piccadilly line, followed by the Bakerloo, Central and Waterloo & City lines. Its innovative design will also allow for air-cooling for the first time on deep-level sections of the Tube.

The new designs form part of a new public exhibition at King's Cross St Pancras Underground station and feature improved accessibility, with step free access from the platform as well as walk-through carriages and wider doors.

The introduction of new trains and a better Tube service will help the Underground keep pace with London's rapidly rising population and support the city's economy. The building of the 250 new trains, which will feature attractive internal styling that echoes the Underground's heritage, will also help to support new jobs and growth elsewhere in the UK.

### **Crossrail 2 vital to support London's growth**

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, I set out the case for Crossrail 2, the high frequency, high capacity rail line linking south west and north east London.

In a keynote speech at the 'City Age' conference, I argued that even with the current Tube modernisation programme and the delivery of Crossrail 1, Crossrail 2 is needed to provide vital new capacity on the transport network to cope with London's forecast population growth, which is expected to reach 10 million by 2030 and 11.3m by 2050. By 2050 the demand for public transport will have increased by 60 per cent on the Underground and 80 per cent on the national rail network compared to current levels.

The arrival of High Speed 2 in the early 2030s will result in particular pressure on the London Underground network, with potential for 30 minutes of queues at Euston to access the Victoria Line in the morning peak without Crossrail 2. Crossrail 2 is unique in its ability to relieve overcrowding on the Tube and national rail networks, as well as providing vital new

connections across the capital to help to support economic growth, providing opportunities for thousands of new jobs and homes.

A recent consultation to finesse the route showed strong support for the scheme with over 80 per cent expressing support. Based on the consultation responses, TfL and Network Rail have now identified a preferred route for safeguarding, with a north-east alignment via Dalston, but with a safeguarded spur to Hackney Central that could be extended further eastwards at a later date. The plans are to be lodged with Government. This 'regional route' would travel down into Surrey and up into Hertfordshire.

### **Town centres to be transformed and second phase of Quietways launched as first major junction upgrade begins**

TfL and my Cycling Commissioner, Andrew Gilligan, have written to all London boroughs committing to funding the second phase of Quietways, plus 9 major projects to overcome barriers to cycling in the suburbs.

The projects include the redesign of Twickenham, and Ealing town centres; a new bike crossing of the North Circular; a new bike superhub at Abbey Wood station and better links to Thamesmead; a new bike route along the A316 in south-west London; the Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham sections of Cycle Superhighway 9 and a superhighway type scheme in Barking. All these projects were proposed by the boroughs concerned as part of their mini-Holland bids last year.

The announcement comes as work is set to start on improvements to the Oval junction, in south London - the first of 33 major junctions which will be radically reshaped to make them safer for cyclists.

The works will install segregated tracks at Oval, which is on Cycle Superhighway 7, to separate cyclists from traffic and buses. Four junctions in the area will also be radically redesigned to include new low-level signals, built specifically at the height of cyclists to help provide an early start for cyclists. Innovative 'hold left turn' and 'two stage' right turns for cyclists will also be delivered to further reduce conflict with vehicles. The plans were consulted on in July and August. Seventy-nine per cent of those who replied expressed support for the proposals.

### **Tube delays down compared to same period last year**

Latest performance figures from Transport for London (TfL) show delays on the London Underground (LU) have fallen compared to the same period last year.

Figures published by LU for Periods 3 and 4 (25<sup>th</sup> May to 19<sup>th</sup> July) for the current year show that delays on the Tube fell by 8 per cent and 20 per cent respectively, compared to the same periods for last year. This is a continuation of year-on-year decreases in delays on the Tube and demonstrates that LU remains on track to meet a commitment to reduce delays by a further 30 per cent by 2015.

### **London Underground commemorates First World War with poems on the Underground**

In its latest collection, Poems on the Underground is commemorating the centenary of the First World War. These poems concentrate on the themes of brotherhood and reconciliation, in

addition to the ways in which featured poet Guillaume Apollinaire says, 'we said goodbye to a whole epoch'.

Starting from 20<sup>th</sup> October over 3,000 poems will be visible on Tube trains, London Overground trains for the first time, and at special station sites. Travellers can also acquire one of the 90,000 copies of the free booklet, *War Poems on the Underground, 1914-1918*. TfL is producing the booklet and it will be distributed in Tube stations. The poems within it have all been featured on the Tube. They address the different feelings, including anger at the political and military establishment, which arose as a result of the First World War.

### **Bus services in West London boosted by 25 per cent frequency increase on route H25**

Since 18<sup>th</sup> October, users of the Route H25, in West London have enjoyed an increase in frequency as TfL introduced a more frequent service to meet demand.

This service change is part of TfL's management and development of a network that comprises around 700 routes across Greater London operated by 7,600 buses at peak times, carrying more than 2.4 billion passengers every year. TfL keeps the network under regular review, working with the London boroughs and other partners to help ensure that services can respond to London's changing travel needs.

### **Year of the Bus Sculpture Trails unveiled**

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, twenty-eight New Routemaster bus sculptures, painted and adorned by well-known and aspiring artists were unveiled against the iconic backdrop of Trafalgar Square.

The Bus Sculpture Trail project is part of TfL's celebrations to mark the Year of the Bus. The sculptures have been sponsored by various organisations and will remain on public display for a minimum of seven weeks. They will then be brought together in a final display at the end of the project before being auctioned early next year, to raise invaluable funds for three charities: Kids Company, Transaid and London Transport Museum.

### **Huge rise in passengers using the Thames**

The latest figures from TfL showed that over 4.4 million passengers used London's river services between May and September of this year compared to 3.5 million for the same period last year – an increase in passenger numbers of nearly 25 per cent.

News of the figures comes after a successful 12 months for London's river services, with recommendations from my River Action Plan put into action, resulting in more frequent services and an improved customer experience. The popularity of the river gained an additional boost by September's Totally Thames festival, a month-long celebration of 'all things river' that was attended by an estimated 2.9 million people.

## **Regeneration, Business, Enterprise and the Economy**

### **Increase to the London Living Wage**

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Major brands such as ITV, Nationwide and Google have all become accredited as London Living Wage employers over the last year and over 400 companies are now signed up. Many smaller businesses have also committed to the Living Wage including CTS cleaning solutions (the first accredited cleaning company), Stepney City Farm and the East London Liquor Company.

Paying the London Living Wage delivers benefits for individuals and companies. Research published by academics at Queen Mary University on the costs and benefits of paying the London Living Wage found that over half the number of people earning the Living Wage who were interviewed for a study felt more positive about their workplace after it was introduced. A similar proportion felt more loyal towards their employer. The research also estimated that moving London's low paid workers onto the LLW would save the Treasury an estimated £823 million a year in increased taxes and reduced benefit payments.

### **London Infrastructure Delivery Board**

On 5<sup>th</sup> November, I led the first meeting of my new London Infrastructure Delivery Board at City Hall. Senior figures from the public sector and some of the UK's biggest firms – representing transport, telecoms, new media, energy, the environment, the utility providers, and the building industry - have agreed to join forces to help deliver a major programme of investment in London's infrastructure over the next half century.

The capital is set to exceed its record level of population within a matter of months and I am already consulting on a plan that outlines the huge amount of new infrastructure required to allow the capital to cope with a population that is forecast to increase by 37 per cent to more than 11 million people by 2050.

The agenda for the inaugural meeting focused on identifying potential barriers to the delivery of new infrastructure and how board members might work together to overcome them.

### **Super Connected Cities**

On 30<sup>th</sup> October, I supported the Government's plans to see over 1000 public buildings in cities across the UK offering free Wi-Fi. London, through the Superconnected Cities Programme, has been awarded £25 million to improve connectivity across the capital.

£1.7m of this funding is being used to grant fund more than 80 public institutions in London to enable them to roll out free public Wi-Fi, and includes such world-class locations as the British Museum and the Tate Modern, who will all launch live services by March 2015.

The funding will be used to subsidise the provision of micro-grant vouchers to eligible SME recipients to pay for capital costs incurred by SMEs that take ultrafast broadband services from commercial broadband service providers. SMEs can apply for vouchers on line <https://www.connectionvouchers.co.uk/>.

### **New Homes Bonus Package**

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) approved a pioneering £70million borough-led programme which will create more than 7,000 apprenticeships and boost economic growth in the capital. The proposals cover all 32 London boroughs and the City of London and plans will see 130,000 square metres of public space regenerated; 180,000 square

metres of workspace developed; more than 6,600 Londoners helped into work and get 720 businesses started.

The projects form part of the LEP New Homes Bonus Programme which will be funded by a grant paid by central government to councils when there is an increase in homes in their local areas. The initiatives, which will start in April 2015, have been developed by boroughs, in partnership with the GLA and London Councils.

### **Camden Collective wins five awards**

The Camden Collective, one of several schemes supported in Camden thanks to £2.2 million investment from my Regeneration Fund, was recognised at the Corporate Engagement Awards on 28<sup>th</sup> October, and took home five awards, including Best Collaborative Approach, Best Execution and Most Innovative Collaboration. The Camden Collective is an initiative to provide incubator space for new business on Camden High Street and bring empty properties into use, stimulating the local economy and diversifying the retail mix. In under 18 months, 72 new jobs and 180 new businesses have been created.

### **Further Education Capital Investment Fund**

As part of my desire for London to maintain its competitive edge as a global city the Further Education (FE) Capital Investment Fund was launched earlier this year, as part of the London Enterprise Panel's (LEP's) Growth Deal settlement. So far 27 expressions of interest have been received from FE colleges and providers. The LEP has endorsed a recommendation to short list 20 proposals to the next stage, with the remainder provided with feedback and invited to apply during the next round which will be launched in November.

### **Great British High Street Awards**

The competition to find Britain's best high streets is highlighting new and innovative ways to boost high streets and ideas that will be shared with others. Applications have now closed for my Award for London category, and the following entrants have been shortlisted:

- Wood Street, Waltham Forest
- Wembley Triangle, Brent
- Ancient Market Place, Kingston

The London winner will be able to access a £10,000 tailored package of support and mentoring from my Specialist Assistance Team. All winners will be announced shortly.

### **Surrey Street Food Hub (StrEatery) launch**

On 5<sup>th</sup> November, Surrey StrEatery was launched by the Mayor of Croydon and GLA representatives. Forming part of the Retail Support Projects in Croydon and funded by my Regeneration Fund, the Surrey StrEatery is a new food hub which will be located in a large vacant shop on Surrey Street, right in the heart of the market. The hub will serve breakfast and lunch on a daily basis, whilst the evening will feature cookery demonstrations, pop-up restaurants and community events. In the demonstration kitchen, chefs and local food sellers will cook dishes using ingredients sourced from the nearby market in Surrey Street. The outcome is to create a minimum of 14 new jobs by supporting 7 new businesses. My Regeneration Fund has agreed £23 million of funding to Croydon, with £822,000 of that dedicated to improvements on the High Street.

## **London Datastore 2**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, I announced that City Hall is to radically upgrade its data-sharing portal, the London Datastore 2, by adding new sets of city data and making it easier to use.

Datastore 2 builds on the success of City Hall's original Datastore, a free and open resource which was released online four years ago in a bid to improve the transparency of the Mayoralty and to give the public access to previously unavailable data on a range of issues, including health, crime figures, employment statistics and carbon emissions indicators. Since it was launched, Datastore has led to the creation of more than 200 apps, such as the Citymapper travel app, which has now been exported to some of the biggest cities in the world, and the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis' Bike Share Map, which shows bike hire usage and docking station availability in London and a range of cities globally. The site attracts 30,000 'unique' visitors a month.

## **Crystal Palace Park**

I have approved entry into a grant agreement with the London Borough of Bromley for £160,000, in order for it to carry out first stage costings work on the Crystal Palace Park Regeneration Project.

## **Funding London**

I have approved the Funding London Business Plan 2014/15.

## **Housing and Land**

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By the end of this year more than 1300 new homes, including 457 for low cost rent and 229 shared ownership for first time buyers, will be under construction on land owned by the GLA at Greenwich Peninsula. The 80 hectare disused gasworks, taken on by the Greater London Authority in 2012, and previously a stalled scheme, has the potential to deliver more than 10,000 homes.

The new neighbourhood is within minutes from The O2 Arena, with excellent transport connections including the Jubilee line and North Greenwich Pier as well as the Emirates Airline linking Greenwich Peninsula to London's Royal Docks, another of my key Opportunity Areas.

### **The London Housing Strategy**

Last month I published my statutory London Housing Strategy. The strategy sets out a series of interventions that will increase housing supply to 42,000 new homes each year, a level of house-building unseen since the 1930s. The strategy also aims to better reward those who work hard to make this city a success – by massively increasing opportunities for home ownership, by improving the private rented sector and by ensuring working Londoners have

more priority for affordable homes to rent. At the same time, the strategy reiterates my long-standing commitment to address homelessness, overcrowding and rough sleeping.

### **First Steps Home Show**

In October, I helped sponsor the FIRST STEPS Home Show. This free to attend event, provided an opportunity for first time buyers to meet with experts and providers of low-cost home ownership schemes in one place. At the show people were able to meet the major providers of affordable home ownership in London, register their interest in the properties on show, have a one-to-one discussion with specialist mortgage brokers, including TMP Sherwins, meet the Help to Buy agents for London and discuss the home buying process with solicitor firms specialising in affordable housing.

### **MIPIM UK**

In October, I delivered the keynote opening speech at MIPIM UK which took place at Olympia London. Organised by Reed Midem, the event was pitched as the first tradeshow dedicated exclusively to the UK property market for professionals looking to close deals across all major sectors of the UK property market: investors, developers, local authorities, occupiers, hotel groups, agents and business service providers. MIPIM UK attracted over 4000 visitors in its first year.

### **Hundreds of new homes for long-term private rent in Elephant and Castle**

Developers Mace, Canadian residential and hospitality owner operators Realstar and I have confirmed work is to begin on one of the largest long-term rental developments in the capital at Newington Butts in Elephant and Castle, a site owned by the Greater London Authority.

Over the last decade the number of households privately renting has increased to around two million Londoners, but the capital has few purpose built rented schemes in comparison to North America and Europe. Harnessing the benefits of long term institutional investment, work in Elephant and Castle is set to begin in January with 457 high quality new homes. This includes 278 homes for private rent with a fantastic range of amenities, due to be completed by 2018.

## **Environment**

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#### **Ultra Low Emission Zone**

Improving air quality has been a priority for my administration and since I was elected I have delivered tighter low emission zone standards, cleaned up the bus fleet and retired the oldest, most polluting taxis. This has reduced NOx emission by 20 per cent, PM10 emission by 15 per cent and has halved the number of Londoners living in areas exceeding EU limit values for NO2.

However, clearly more needs to be done before Londoners will consistently have the air they deserve. For this reason I asked TfL to develop proposals for an Ultra Low Emission Zone, consultation on which started on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and will run until 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015. I will then make a final decision on TfL's recommendations in Spring 2015.

The ULEZ would require all vehicles driving in central London to meet new exhaust emissions standards. It would take effect from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and apply 24/7. A daily charge will be paid by vehicles driving in the zone that do not meet the standard.

The zone would include additional requirements for TfL buses, taxis (black cabs) and private hire vehicles (PHVs):

- all 'new' taxis and PHVs to be zero emission capable from 2018
- from 2020, the age limit for all regular diesel taxis would drop from 15 to 10 years
- TfL double decker buses in central London to be hybrid and all single deck buses to be zero emission (at tailpipe) by 2020

The greatest benefit of the ULEZ will be improved health due to better air quality. It is expected that these benefits result in fewer hospital admissions for people with respiratory illnesses and mean that many care homes, hospitals and schools would no longer be in areas where NO<sub>2</sub> levels exceed legal limits.

In central London, air pollutant emissions from vehicle exhausts (PM<sub>10</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>) would be halved. The number of people living with levels of NO<sub>2</sub> which exceed EU legal limits will reduce by 74% in central London, 50% in inner London and 42% in outer London. These positive effects will be especially beneficial to the young, older people and those who have respiratory problems as well as residents of high pollution areas.

I invite all Londoners to comment on these ambitious proposals at [www.tfl.gov.uk/ultra-low-emission-zone](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/ultra-low-emission-zone).

### **Green Roof Map**

In October, I published a new map to show green roofs in central London. We now have around 700 of these vegetated rooftops in the Central Activities Zone - the equivalent of 25 elevated football pitches - mostly on new developments thanks to my London Plan policies. These living rooftops provide recreational space, habitat for wildlife and make the city more resilient to extreme weather. The map is available here <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/environment/greening-london/urban-greening/greening-roofs-and-walls/green-roof-map>.

### **Business Energy Challenge**

This summer I called for businesses to join my Business Energy Challenge (BEC), to share data about their building energy performance and enter my BEC Awards. The Awards celebrate existing progress by London businesses to cut the carbon emissions of their buildings and a call to action for further cuts. Workplaces account for 42% of London's carbon dioxide emissions. 43 of London's large businesses have already joined and shared their data, and many will be sharing best practise through blogs to stimulate further improvements. The data will inform building energy performance benchmarks.

### **Capital Clean-up**

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, my Environment Advisor, Matthew Pencharz, attended an event at City Hall to celebrate the achievements of Capital Clean-up volunteers this summer. He thanked the volunteers for all of their time and hard work which has contributed to brilliant clean-up projects across London. This summer saw 222 Capital Clean-up events, involving 3,533

volunteers. They cleaned-up 740,734m<sup>2</sup> of London, an area equivalent to 104 football pitches. Several previously neglected spaces have been transformed with new gardens and raised beds planted up, murals painted, and footpaths cleared. You can see more about this summer's projects in a new film available on [www.london.gov.uk/cleanup](http://www.london.gov.uk/cleanup).

### **FoodSave wins the Best Waste Minimisation or Prevention Project award**

I am pleased to announce that my FoodSave programme won the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee Celebration Awards 2014 for 'Best Waste Minimisation or Prevention Project' on 15<sup>th</sup> October. FoodSave was nominated alongside other local authorities and projects across the UK, and has been recognised for the economic and environmental benefits it provides for small to medium food businesses across London.

FoodSave works with London food businesses to reduce their food waste and divert food surplus and unavoidable food waste to useful purposes. To date, 67 businesses have reduced 57 tonnes of food waste and diverted approximately 755 tonnes of food surplus to animal feed, food charities and away from landfill including packaging waste. The total annual cost savings for all businesses that have participated is just over £200,000. FoodSave is also funded by the European Regional Development Fund and the London Waste and Recycling Board, making it free for businesses to participate. More information can be found at [www.foodsave.org](http://www.foodsave.org).

## **Social Inclusion and Health**

### **World Mental Health Day**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, hosted the GLA's first World Mental Health Day event at City Hall. The aim of the event was to give a voice to people experiencing mental illness, raise awareness of the impact of this issue, and what more can be done to address it.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, I also supported the Prime Minister's efforts to find a cure for dementia and help carers and patients living with the disease by calling for the Government and private sector to come together and fund an International Dementia Research Institute.

### **New breast screening unit**

On 14<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick and my breast cancer ambassador, Dame Zandra Rhodes, opened the new breast screening unit at the Sir Ludwig Guttmann Health and Wellbeing Centre in the East Village, Olympic Park as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

### **Launch of London Health Commission report**

On 15<sup>th</sup> October, I spoke at the launch of the London Health Commission's report: *Better Health for London*, at City Hall. The independent report includes over 60 recommendations for improving public health and healthcare in London.

I am currently considering the recommendations and preparing my response. There are a wide variety of people who I want to consult with and involve, including teams inside the GLA, London Councils and the London Health Board. Jeff Jacobs is leading this work and I expect to respond in full in January 2015.

The area where I think we will make the biggest difference in the longer term is public health, getting people active and making healthy choices easier. There is a terrific amount already happening at City Hall and at a local level being led by the boroughs.

### **Health inequalities conference**

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, spoke at a health inequalities conference organised by the London Voluntary Service Council. The event explored ways in which new health and social care organisations might tackle health inequalities and also engaged stakeholders in the refresh of my Health Inequalities Strategy delivery plan.

### **Flu vaccinations**

On 30<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, supported the launch of the NHS England and Public Health England flu campaign by attending the Boots store, Oxford Street, to receive her vaccination.

### **Visit to Thomas Jones Primary School, Kensington and Chelsea**

On 4<sup>th</sup> November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick, visited Thomas Jones Primary School in Kensington which has achieved a Healthy Schools London Silver Award.

## **Education and Youth**

### **Launching the London Curriculum to schools**

On 15<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, hosted a secondary schools event at City Hall to discuss my London Curriculum programme.

The event sought to inspire teachers who have registered with the programme to become London Curriculum ambassadors, driving the initiative within their school and encouraging their colleagues to participate.

Over 70 teachers from across London's secondary schools came to the event, alongside representatives of the cultural and heritage partners, who brought with their enthusiasm for developing deeper school-cultural sector collaboration through the London Curriculum.

A talk from Sarah Butcher, Assistant Headteacher of Little Ilford School, which is one of my London Curriculum pilot showcase schools, highlighted its value to their school. Breakout sessions on each subject then shared ideas on how teachers can best engage their pupils in the English, History, Music, Arts and Geography subject resources. All the published materials are on the GLA website.

### **'Business Backs Education' headteachers roundtable and summit**

I convened a Business Backs Education roundtable for headteachers at City Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> October, hosted by my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza.

This event brought together over 30 businesses and schools to identify ways to make it easier for schools, colleges and businesses to connect and help young people learn more about the business environment while they study.

The following week, on 13<sup>th</sup> October, I hosted the European summit for the global campaign Business Backs Education, part of a series of global summits in 2014-15 in London, New York, Dubai and Davos.

Key themes at the London summit were encouraging business corporate social responsibility for education in the global context and in London to improve structures for business-school engagement. We also planned how business can work with teachers to design curricula for skills development and how teachers can be supported by business to harness new technologies and social media to improve teaching and learning in London schools.

I recognise that businesses across the capital are already doing some amazing things, giving their time to support the next generation. I want to work to galvanise this, shine a light on the great work that exists and encourage all businesses and schools to work together to widen opportunities for young Londoners.

I have launched London Ambitions which sets out a host of ways for business to become involved, such as registering their programmes for schools and colleges and creating work experience opportunities through the GLA website.

### **London childcare workshop**

In conjunction with the Department for Education, the GLA hosted a workshop at City Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> October to encourage schools to develop 8am – 6pm childcare provision and receive a £1,000 grant from the DfE to help them, as well as tailored support from the National Childcare Trust.

The Childcare Minister, Sam Gyimah MP, spoke at the opening session with around 30 schools, followed by talks from three schools already delivering this wrap-around provision. A series of practical workshops followed, whereby schools learned from each other and worked together to discuss the challenges of providing 8am-6pm care, as well as strategies to overcome them.

### **Improving children in care's education**

On 14<sup>th</sup> October, I hosted the launch of 'London Fostering Achievement', a programme to improve the educational achievement for children looked after in London, delivered by The Fostering Network and Achievement for All and funded by my London Schools Excellence Fund.

The event was attended by over 80 representatives from schools, virtual schools, children's service staff and foster carers from across London. The heard how to become involved in the programme. The range of activities includes direct work with 27 schools and over 100 children in care, and developing 10 foster carer education champions.

On 27<sup>th</sup> October, children in care organisations, educational bodies and young people attended my 'Pathways to Education beyond Care' conference at City Hall held in partnership with Queen Mary University of London.

The day was part of national Leaving Care Week and stimulated discussions on the issues and barriers that children in care face and how to remove the barriers to their educational success. Speakers were from the Office of the Children's Commissioner, the London Representative to the National Network for the Education of Care Leavers, virtual schools, foster carers and young people.

## **Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and Sport**

### **Revised Stadium contract**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the London Legacy Development Corporation agreed to increase the value of the Balfour Beatty contract to undertake roof strengthening work on the Stadium by £35.9m to £189.9m. This work remains on time to enable us to pause transformation work to stage Rugby World Cup matches next year. The programme is also on track for the Stadium to open permanently as the new home of West Ham United Football Club and the new national competition centre for UK Athletics in 2016.

These costs will be met from the project contingencies and additional income the London Legacy Development Corporation will generate from other developments. There will be no additional call on the taxpayer and no impact on the Legacy Corporation's overall work programme.

### **FreeSport grants now available**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, I opened a new round of funding for my hugely popular grassroots sports programme that allows people of all ages and abilities to try out new sports. Sports clubs, youth groups and community organisations from across London can now apply for grants of up to £1,500 to run free sport activities.

FreeSport, in association with Coca Cola Zero ParkLives, will enable approximately 34,000 people to get into the sporting habit and provide grants for around 600 sports clubs and organisations over the next two years.

### **International visits to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park**

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, I met the Governor of Tokyo at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park as his city prepares to host Tokyo 2020. We discussed the planning for legacy post London 2012 and the significant progress made.

On the same day, I also met with the Emir of Qatar at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to discuss investment opportunities around future projects on the Park.

### **Events**

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park became home to one of four walking routes to celebrate the Year of the Bus with seven Routemaster sculptures on the Park.

Lee Valley VeloPark held its second event in the Revolution track cycling series while many more events were staged on the Park for children and families during half-term week. The ArcelorMittal Orbit also unveiled plans for a new abseiling experience from the top of the iconic sculpture to start in spring 2015.

## **Cultural Quarter progress**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, plans to create a new Cultural Quarter on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park took a major step forward with the launch of the process to appoint a creative team to develop the master plan for the Stratford Waterfront site.

The London Legacy Development Corporation issued a pre-qualification questionnaire to start the process to shortlist teams of master planners, designers and architects for the 125,000m<sup>2</sup> development. The winning team will be appointed in spring 2015.

## **Culture and Events**

### **Africa on the Square**

On 11<sup>th</sup> October, Africa on the Square took place on Trafalgar Square as part of Black History Month 2014. This was a new addition to my programme of events that engage with and celebrate the cultures of different communities in the capital. On the day around 20,000 visitors to the Square enjoyed pan-Africa themed live music, dance, fashion, talent show, market, food and family workshops. The event was attended by London Assembly Member Andrew Boff, who addressed the audience from the stage and met sponsors, Labara and Air France, and community representatives. Africa on the Square received a very positive public response.

### **Diwali**

On 12<sup>th</sup> October, I organised the 13th annual Diwali Festival, and was represented on the day by my Deputy Mayor for Business and Enterprise, Kit Malthouse. This festival of lights offered a full programme of activities across Trafalgar Square and a vibrant stage programme of talented community and professional acts. A new feature for 2014 was the Diwali Foot Parade from the Southbank to the square, in which children from various temples and organisations retold the story of Ram's return to Ayodhya through dance and song. The event was delivered with support from the community in the form of the Diwali in London Committee, and was partnered by Lebara Mobile and media partnered by Zee TV. It saw maximum audience figures throughout the day and even the rain did not deter many festival goers from witnessing the lighting finale.

### **Frieze Art Fair**

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Culture, Munira Mirza, attended the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Frieze Art Fair in Regent's Park. Last year Frieze Art Fair generated £140 million of sales and £23 million additional spend on accommodation, shopping and eating out in London. This year Frieze London and Frieze Masters brought over 250 galleries from 25 territories under one roof with around 60,000 visitors over five days. The fairs have become the focal point in a season of major exhibitions and art-related activities that bring huge economic and reputational benefit for London.

### **More films shot in London than ever before**

On 14<sup>th</sup> October, ahead of the Centrepiece Gala at the 58th BFI London Film Festival, I hailed the continuing success of the capital's film sector.

Over 100 features were shot on location in London in 2013, compared to 60 in 2012, and UK film production spend is now worth almost £1.1 billion. 75 per cent of this production is concentrated in and around the capital, with 50 crews shooting on the streets of London each day. There was a total of 18,000 filming days in 2013.

As well as the Centrepiece Gala, I am providing funding for the Festival Industry Office, which gives delegates from the UK and overseas access to a range of services, including panel discussions and speed meetings, career guidance sessions and training initiatives, as well as networking opportunities and other events related to skills and talent development and the business of film sales.

### **NFL in London**

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, City Hall hosted the launch of a new independent report which demonstrates the current and potential economic impact of the NFL on London.

In addition to the three games being staged at Wembley in 2014, the city has also hosted dinners for the ownership of each franchise, bringing them together with key London business leaders to strengthen ties between the sport and the city.

On 25<sup>th</sup> October, Trafalgar Square hosted the NFL Fan Rally. The Fan Rally was to support and celebrate the NFL International Series game between Atlanta Falcons and Detroit Lions which took place the next day at Wembley Stadium.

### **Old Crossness Pumping Station**

On 12<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick visited Old Crossness Pumping Station to visit the historic steam driven pumps built to remove sewage from the Thames, which were all part of Bazalgette's plans to improve the quality of life for all Londoners.

### **Trafalgar Day Parade**

On 19<sup>th</sup> October, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick attended the Sea Cadet's Annual Trafalgar Day Parade in Trafalgar Square to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. 500 young people from across the UK aged 13 – 17 from Sea Cadets, Army Cadet Force, Air Training Corps and Combined Cadet Force took part.

### **Regent Street Motor Show**

On 1<sup>st</sup> November, my Deputy Mayor, Victoria Borwick joined visitors at the Regent Street Motor Show. This is a traffic free event to encourage tourism and business in the Regent Street area. This event showcased 125 years of motoring from the earliest 19th Century veterans to the 21st Century cars of the future.

## **Volunteering**

### **Speed-Volunteering Programme**

On 21<sup>st</sup> October, successful applicants for the Speed-Volunteering small grants programme were selected and notified. The scheme offers £10,000 in grants to 20 successful applicants to

offer volunteering opportunities that are 'one-off' in nature, and quick and easy to sign up for and carry out. One of the main aims of Speed-Volunteering is to help engage more people with their first taste of volunteering, and provide existing volunteers with additional ways to get involved with local projects with minimal long term commitment. We hope that this will particularly appeal to students and busy young professionals.

### **Team London Young Ambassadors**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, City Hall hosted the annual Team London Schools' Conference. This provides a fantastic opportunity for teachers and pupils already engaged with my Team London Young Ambassadors programme to share the highlights of their social action projects to inspire new schools to sign up. Teachers also heard from inspirational speakers Paralympian Andy Barrow and Mark Kielburger, Founder and CEO of Free The Children, who spoke about the power of volunteering and the positive impact on communities, young people and the overall school culture. It was also fantastic to hear from our partners Unilever and The Spirit of 2012 Trust as to why they are passionate supporters of youth social action.

### **Volunteering as a route to work**

25<sup>th</sup> September marked the start of London Student Volunteering Fortnight. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, Team London joined forces with the Student Volunteering Network to increase participation and for the first time host cross-University volunteering events. The fortnight kicked off with over 50 students planting poppies at The Tower of London. This also marked the launch of our 'volunteering as a route to work' campaign, in partnership with Lloyds Banking Group and The Telegraph. This will be across student campuses, online and on the tube network and features aspirational individuals who believe volunteering has supported them to succeed in their careers. We hope that they will inspire many more students to get involved in volunteering; supporting the community and increasing their skills, networks and confidence as they do.

## **Planning and Development Control**

### **Guidance to make London most accessible city in the world published**

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, I issued detailed planning advice to ensure that London becomes the most accessible city in the world for disabled people.

Aimed predominantly at planners and developers, the Accessible London Supplementary Planning Guidance builds on the lessons learnt from hosting the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to ensure that all new developments in the capital are built to the very highest levels of accessibility.

London is reaping the rewards from hosting the best Olympic and Paralympic Games ever with billions of pounds of inward investment, supporting economic growth and the creation of tens of thousands of jobs.

London is already one of the most accessible cities in the world and earlier this month, I confirmed plans for a £75m fund to speed up the rate at which the London Underground network is made accessible for disabled Londoners and visitors to the capital.

## **Calls for planning exemption to be preserved to protect London's key business districts**

On 9<sup>th</sup> October, I urged the Government to preserve London's key business districts by reconsidering proposals that could see valuable office space in the capital turned into homes.

Last year I negotiated for four defined areas in central London to be exempt from a Government policy that allowed office space to be converted into homes without developers applying for change of use planning permission.

These areas included the 'Central Activities Zone' which incorporates the City of London, the South Bank and the West End. More than a third of London's jobs are within this area, and a further 280,000 jobs are expected to be created here in the next 25 years. I also successfully gained exemptions for the commercial area north of the Isle of Dogs and London's Enterprise Zones in the Royal Docks, plus the part of the City Fringe in east London which makes up the emerging "Tech City" opportunity area.

### **Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)**

*Digby Stuart Roehampton University, LB Wandsworth*

I have written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Bentley Wood High School, LB Harrow*

I have written to the London Borough of Harrow stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Harlington Quarry, LB Hillingdon*

I have written to the London Borough of Hillingdon stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Former GSK Site, LB Ealing*

I have written to the London Borough of Ealing stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*6-14 Mandeville Place, City of Westminster*

I have written to the City of Westminster stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Packington Estate, LB Islington*

I have written to the London Borough of Islington stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*7 Limeharbour, LB Tower Hamlets*

I have written to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*25-33 Berners Street, City of Westminster*

I have written to the City of Westminster stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Battersea Power Station, LB Wandsworth*

I have written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

The Deputy Mayor for Policy and Planning, under powers I delegated to him, has sent letters in response to the following statutory referrals:

*5-9 Rockingham Street and 2-4 Tiverton Street, LB Southwark*

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Southwark stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

### **Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)**

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

- Blackfen School for Girls, LB Bexley
- Ingrebourne Hill, LB Havering
- Land at Cooks Road, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Harefield Grove, LB Hillingdon
- 18-25 Park Crescent, City of Westminster
- Hackney Marshes, LB Hackney
- Holt Court, RB Greenwich
- 428A and 428B Victoria Road, LB Hillingdon
- Former East Barnet Gas Works, LB Barnet
- Peel Centre, LB Barnet
- 88-94 Long Lane and Dormy House, LB Hillingdon
- Bechtel House 245 Hammersmith Road, LB Hammersmith and Fulham

### **Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning**

- Consultation on Westminster City Plan, Local Development Framework Consultation, City of Westminster
- London Legacy Development Corporation Local Plan, Local Development Framework Consultation, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Greenwich Millennium Village Phases 3, 4 and 5, RB Greenwich
- Leamouth Peninsula North, LB Tower Hamlets
- Savoy Pier Victoria Embankment, City of Westminster
- 57-59 Great Suffolk Street, LB Southwark
- Jetty No 8 and Associated Land, LB Barking and Dagenham
- Consultation on the Publication of the Local Plan Part 2, LB Hillingdon
- Sanofi Aventis, LB Barking and Dagenham

### **Stopping Up Orders**

- Dingwall Avenue, LB Croydon

## Key Engagements

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

- I chaired the Mayor's Advisory Group on 9 October to discuss both the London Ambulance Strike and the Ebola crisis
- I met with Sir Roy McNulty, Chairman, Michael McGhee, Non-executive Director and Transport Partner at lead shareholder, Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP), and Stewart Wingate, Chief Executive Officer, Gatwick Airport Ltd, on 9 October to discuss Gatwick's role in providing aviation connectivity to the capital
- I met with AC Mark Rowley on 9 October to discuss policing and security in London
- I launched the New Tube for London on 9 October
- I addressed the Press Ball on 9 October
- I appeared on the Andrew Marr Show on 12 October
- I attended the Black History Month Reception at City Hall on 13 October
- I addressed the "Business Backs Education" event on 13 October
- I met with Cllr Denise Hyland, Leader of RB Greenwich, on 13 October to discuss borough issues
- I attended the Innotech Conference on 14 October
- I attended the London Film Festival Mayor's Gala Screening on 14 October
- I had lunch with HE Dan Mulhall, Ambassador of Ireland to the UK, on 14 October
- I met with Keith Edelman and Steve Norris on 14 October to discuss the Old Oak Common HS2 Station
- I launched the London Health Commission Report on 15 October
- I met with Lady Wolfson of Marylebone on 15 October to discuss The Lord Leonard & Lady Estelle Wolfson Foundation
- I addressed the MIPIM UK conference on 15 October
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 15 October
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 15 October
- I attended the Evening Standard Influentials Reception on 16 October
- I had my regular meeting with Mayor Jules Pipe, Chair of London Councils, on 16 October to discuss areas of joint working
- I met with Ahmad Al-Sayed, CE of Qatar Investment Authority on 16 October to discuss investing in London
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 16 October
- I visited the Knight Dragon development at Greenwich Peninsula on 17 October
- I met with the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 20 October to discuss transport issues in London
- I held my regular "Ask Boris" Twitter session on 20 October
- I attended the Guido Fawkes 10th birthday party on 21 October
- I chaired the Mayor's Advisory Group on 21 October to discuss the Ebola crisis
- I had lunch with Lord Rothermere, Ted Young, Charlie Cox and Dominic Rowell, The Metro, on 21 October
- I chaired the MOPAC Challenge on 21 October
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 22 October
- I met with representatives of The Passage on 22 October
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 22 October

- I met with representatives of London developers on 24 October to discuss housing and development
- I met with H.E. Mr Keiichi Hayashi, the Japanese Ambassador to the UK, on 24 October to discuss how London could provide structural support to Tokyo 2020
- I met with Philip Anschutz, AEG, on 27 October to discuss regeneration
- I had my regular discussion on policing in London with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 27 October
- I launched London Poppy Day on 27 October by selling poppies to commuters at Liverpool Street Station
- I had my regular meeting with representatives from the taxi trade on 27 October
- I addressed the City Age Conference on 28 October
- I chaired the London Legacy Development Corporation Board meeting on 28 October
- I met with His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, on 28 October at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to discuss investing in London
- I visited the Fight for Peace charity in LB Newham on 28 October to see the work they are doing in the local community
- I met with Mr Yoichi Masuzoe, the Governor of Tokyo, on 28 October at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to discuss how London could provide structural support to Tokyo 2020
- I chaired the London Enterprise Panel meeting on 29 October
- I had an introductory meeting with Aleksandar Vučić, the Prime Minister of Serbia, and Sinisa Mali, the Mayor of Belgrade, on 29 October
- I attended an event to launch Penny for London on 29 October
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 29 October
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 29 October
- I hosted a telephone call with Ron Dobson, the Fire Commissioner, on 29 October to discuss the National Fire Strike
- I announced the annual uplift for the London Living Wage on 3 November
- I chaired the Crystal Palace Advisory Board on 3 November
- I addressed the London Conference on 4 November
- I attended a roundtable discussion hosted by the BBA on 4 November
- I met with David James on 4 November for an update on the work of the IIPAG
- I met with AC Mark Rowley on 4 November to discuss policing and security in London
- I chaired the Transport for London Board meeting on 5 November
- I hosted lunch for the Transport for London Board members on 5 November
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 5 November
- I chaired the first Infrastructure Delivery Board meeting on 5 November
- I hosted drinks for the members of the Infrastructure Delivery Board on 5 November

**Ends**