

## **19th Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**

This is my nineteenth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 5<sup>th</sup> January – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### **Executive summary**

#### **New Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience**

On 8 February, I announced my intention to appoint Dr Fiona Twycross as London's first ever Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience.

I will be taking direct responsibility for the capital's fire and rescue services this Spring. This new position is being created as at the end of March the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority is being abolished by the Government, and a new office known as The London Fire Commissioner will be created.

The new London Fire Commissioner office will be a Mayoral body and will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the fire and rescue services. I also confirmed my intention to appoint current London Fire Brigade Commissioner Dany Cotton as the first London Fire Commissioner to hold the office under the new arrangements.

#### **Skills for Londoners Capital Funding**

On 7 February, I announced investments of over £25 million to help transform skills provision and deliver more training opportunities in the capital. This is the first tranche of a total of £114 million made available by the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) through the Skills for Londoners Capital Fund, which will help deliver fit-for-purpose education and training facilities at further education colleges and other providers across the city.

Following on my commitment to help build the workforce needed for London's future, these funds will enable providers to respond to the needs of businesses and equip Londoners from all backgrounds for the demands of the economy ranging from technological and digital skills to those needed within the health and creative sectors.

Projects include a new facility in Bromley to provide professional and higher-level qualifications within the aerospace and aviation sectors as well as advanced simulators in Edgware to provide specialist training and develop higher achievement rates in nursing skills. These projects are great examples of how innovative institutions can help address the challenges and opportunities of London's rapidly changing economy.

When combined, these investments will help over 40,000 additional learners, of which more than 5,500 are learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as contribute to the reduction of over 6,500 young people not in education, employment or training (NEET).

## **Marking the centenary of women's suffrage**

On 6 February, as part of our #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign I announced the names of 59 women and men whose names and portraits will be etched on the plinth of the Millicent Fawcett statue – which will be the first statue of a woman in Parliament Square.

Later this spring, the statue of suffragist leader Millicent Fawcett in Parliament Square will be unveiled, the first-ever monument to a woman to stand within the central London location. The plinth will include well-known figures of the suffrage movement as well as those that are less well known. This is an important step in ensuring we highlight the contribution to gender equality made by these 59 women and men

## **Plans for new neighbourhood with 1,500 homes**

On 6 February, I announced plans to transform a key Elizabeth Line tunnelling site into a new neighbourhood with 1,500 homes. Transport for London (TfL) is seeking a partner to develop its largest site of land – the Limmo Peninsula in East London.

The Limmo Peninsula has the capacity to be transformed into a booming new East London neighbourhood. With Elizabeth Line works almost complete, I am pleased that Transport for London is now in a position to bring forward this site for development.

It is part of my strategy to free up public land and to use it to build the homes that our great city so desperately needs. It is no secret that it will take many years to fix London's housing crisis, and we ultimately need Government support – but schemes such as this prove that we can make a real difference now by delivering high-quality neighbourhoods with a large proportion of genuinely affordable homes.

## **Offering Londoners first dibs on new homes**

On 5 February, I announced a landmark step towards offering 'first dibs' on new homes. I am determined we take meaningful steps to help Londoners buy more new homes they can afford, and the offer from across the housing industry will mean we can move quickly to make this a reality for our city.

Through the extensive research I commissioned, I was alarmed to discover that overseas buyers were focusing to such an extent on the lower-cost end of new-build homes – many of which were being sold long before Londoners even knew they were available.

The industry offer is an important breakthrough – I will now work with them to put it into practice, whilst also being clear we need the government to help us go further, for instance by guaranteeing extended mortgage offers to put London's first-time buyers on a level playing field with investors.

## **Estate Regeneration Ballots**

On 2 February, I published the first-ever City Hall guide to estate regeneration in London, setting out how I will protect social housing. I have proposed mandatory ballots of residents for schemes where any demolition is planned as a strict condition of my funding.

My guide sets out how I will use my investment powers in a way they have never been used before, by requiring resident support through a ballot for new plans involving demolition where City Hall funding is involved.

We need more social housing in London, not less, which is why I will use all my powers to make sure that any plans for estate regeneration protect existing social housing and take every opportunity to build more.

I want to make sure people living on social housing estates, who have the greatest interest in their future, are at the heart of any decisions from the outset. By involving residents and putting social housing first, we can make sure plans for estate regeneration help build a city for all Londoners.

### **Launch of unlimited 'Hopper' fare**

On 31 January, I launched the unlimited 'Hopper' fare that allows bus users across London to make unlimited bus and tram journeys within one hour, for the price of one, thanks to the extension of my landmark 'Hopper' fare.

More than 140 million journeys have been made using the 'Hopper' fare since it was launched in September 2016. This new upgrade allows passengers to travel on Tube or rail services in between their bus journeys, which wasn't possible before, helping even more people save money.

Around 350,000 journeys are being made every weekday using the 'Hopper' fare and TfL have estimated that around 13,000 additional passengers will benefit from the unlimited 'Hopper' fare every single day.

The previous Mayor said it couldn't be done, but alongside my TfL fares freeze, the expanded 'Hopper' is a key part of my commitment to make London a more affordable place to live and work.

### **£34m Energy for Londoners scheme**

On 31 January, I announced my Energy for Londoners programme, including a new package of fuel poverty measures.

This includes a £2.5 million scheme to provide insulation, new boilers and heating controls to some of the most vulnerable households, including home owners with disabilities, and older Londoners who live alone and may have problems accessing information on home insulation help. The scheme will help hundreds of home owners who are struggling to pay fuel bills, with measures worth up to £4,000.

Londoners can apply for Warmer Homes grants from today via [www.london.gov.uk/warmer-homes](http://www.london.gov.uk/warmer-homes)

### **Further 13 stations to go step-free**

On 19 January, I announced that a further 13 stations will have step-free access by spring 2022. The move is a key part of his work to make Tube travel more accessible for everyone.

Boston Manor, Burnt Oak, Debden, Hanger Lane, Ickenham, North Ealing, Northolt, Park Royal, Rickmansworth, Ruislip, Snarborough, Sudbury Hill and Wimbledon Park are all set to benefit. Together they see more than 33 million passenger journeys each year.

This is the next allocation of an additional £200 million that I am investing as part of the largest boost to step-free access in the Tube's 155-year history. It will help bring the total number of Underground stations with step-free access to all platforms to more than 100.

Investment across TfL will mean that by 2022, 40 per cent of the network will be step-free – a significant increase on the current level of 27 per cent.

### **£1.1m grants to help transform & create green spaces**

On the 18 January, I awarded £1.1 million to community projects across the capital to help them improve and create new local green spaces.

Due to unprecedented demand, I allocated almost three times my original budget for this first year of the Community Green Space Grants, with 55 projects across 23 boroughs receiving between £5,000 and £50,000 through his Greener City Fund. My funding will be matched by an additional £2.8 million from the projects themselves, as well as other public, private and charitable funders.

### **New fair pay deal for London's 25,000 bus drivers**

On 17 January, I took the next step towards fulfilling my manifesto pledge to provide a new fairer deal for London's 25,000 bus drivers, who are crucial to passengers receiving a good service on London buses.

The introduction of a new 'Licence for London' puts an end to the previous system where bus drivers moving from one bus company to another would be paid the lowest driving wage as if they were starting their careers, even though they might have driven for many years with another company. From now on drivers can start at a new company at a pay grade equivalent to their level of service and experience.

### **Extra £15m to policing to help combat knife crime**

On 17 January, I announced that I am allocating an extra £15 million in my budget for next year to boost police resources and help officers tackle knife crime. This is part of a new additional £49m pot of funding that will be made available to the Metropolitan Police over the next year.

I will also consider if any additional income raised from council tax and provided to City Hall by the capital's local authorities can be invested in youth services across London and in other initiatives that help combat knife crime.

In addition to the £15 million to combat knife crime, £20.1 million will be allocated to cover the cost of a two per cent police pay increase in 2018/19. The remaining £13.9 million will be made available to the Commissioner to invest in officer numbers and to step up the fight against crime this year and next.

### **London air quality within legal limits in Jan for first time in 18 years**

On the 15 January, for the first time since modern records began London entered the third week of January without having breached legal limits for toxic nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) air pollution.

This year saw a significant improvement on previous years, with the limit only exceeded - at the Brixton Road site - on the last day in January. Every year for the last decade, London's toxic air exceeded legal hourly air pollution limits by 6 January and often by 3 January.

The improvement in London's filthy air quality can be partly attributed to the hard-hitting measures I have introduced since becoming elected, including the Toxicity Charge (T-Charge) for older, dirtier cars in central London and targeting the most polluted bus routes by delivering the first two in a series of Low Emission Bus Zones.

### **London joins Fast-Track Cities initiative to reduce new HIV infections**

On 10 January, I signed the Paris Declaration on Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS Epidemic, along with borough leaders, Public Health England and NHS England. Our ambition is to cut rates of new HIV infection in the capital and eliminate discrimination and stigma associated with the condition.

### **Reality of Government's dangerous police funding cuts**

On 9 January, I gave evidence to the Budget and Performance Committee, setting out the stark reality of the Government's continued and dangerous real-terms cuts to police funding.

The Met has faced more than £1 billion in Government cuts in recent years – having to close police stations and cut police posts – and further savings will still be needed. The Government controls more than 70 per cent of Met funding, but has neglected this responsibility once again, passing the buck for the safety of the capital to be funded by London council tax payers.

### **Three new Early Years Hubs in Newham, Wandsworth & Merton and Barnet**

On 8 January, I confirmed the locations of the new hubs for my Early Years Hubs scheme, which aims to help children from disadvantaged backgrounds fulfil their potential. The Hubs will be set up in Newham, Wandsworth & Merton and Barnet later this month.

Every child in London deserves the best start in life and should be able to benefit from all the opportunities our great city has to offer. Too often, in early years education, it is the most disadvantaged children who miss out. Through these Early Years Hubs, and by working with our partners across London, we can ensure that no child is left behind and that all families have the support they need for their children to thrive.

I am committed to improving early years education across the capital and am delivering on my pledge to improve access to high-quality, affordable early years education for the most disadvantaged families in London.

### **£1.4bn scheme to regenerate Croydon town centre**

On 8 January, I approved a major development which will give a major boost to long-term plans to regenerate Croydon town centre. The redevelopment of the Whitgift shopping centre by the Croydon Partnership – a joint venture between Westfield and Hammerson – will create

7,000 jobs, deliver nearly 1,000 new homes, and provide the local community with brand-new leisure facilities and rejuvenated public spaces. It marks a crucial step forward in the regeneration of Croydon town centre.

### **Funding more specialist youth workers in hospital A&Es**

On 5 January, I confirmed our plans to provide more youth workers to more hospital A&E departments, to help steer young Londoners who have been involved in knife crime away from violence in the future.

I am investing a further £1.4 million to increase resources at this crucial point to help these young people realise that carrying a weapon is more likely to endanger their lives than save them, and drive down knife crime in the capital.

The battle against knife crime is one which must be fought from every corner, and our hospitals provide a unique moment to engage with and support young people who have been affected by it, falling victim to a lifestyle they are struggling to see a way out of.

Youth support in Major Trauma Centres has already made a difference to hundreds of young Londoners, helping them choose a different path away from violence. We know many young people carry weapons out of fear, and this programme is doing great work in spreading the message that picking up a knife is more likely to ruin your life than save it. By expanding this work into A&Es, we can reach even more, offering them help when they most desperately need it.

I am doing everything I can to tackle this scourge on our city, but we all have a responsibility to give our young people the best chance in life. The Government must stop shirking theirs, and urgently deliver the funding necessary to tackle the root causes of violent crime and provide vital services if we are to bring an end to the tragic deaths we have seen on our streets this year.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Standing up for Victims**

On 7 February, the High Court granted a hearing for a judicial review of the Parole Board's decision to release John Worboys. The victims of John Worboys, and all Londoners, will be relieved at this ruling. I'm pleased that there will now be an opportunity for thorough scrutiny of this decision by the Parole Board

It was an astonishing and deeply concerning decision that simply could not go unchallenged. For victims, and all Londoners, it must be properly scrutinised in the courts and the Chair of the Parole Board has welcomed this scrutiny.

I have always promised to put the safety of Londoners, and the needs of victims, first – which is why I instructed leading Counsel to begin this process. Londoners need to know that those in authority are doing everything they can to keep them safe, and that means keeping dangerous individuals off our streets.

## **Finsbury Park terror attacker convicted**

On 1 February, Darren Osborne was found guilty of the horrific terror attack against worshippers outside Finsbury Park mosque last June, which killed one person, Makram Ali, and injured nine others. The following day, he was sentenced to life in prison, with a minimum term of 43 years.

This was a truly sickening attack which underlines the importance of our fight against violent extremism, however it manifests itself. I want to pay tribute to the Finsbury Park community for their solidarity and calm in the aftermath of the attack, and to the work of the police and criminal justice service in bringing the perpetrator to justice. As Osborne begins his sentence, my thoughts remain with Makram Ali, his family and friends.

## **Disclosure of evidence – the MPS and CPS Review**

On 30 January, the MPS and CPS published their review of the investigation into disclosure failures in the case R vs Allan, which was dropped in December 2017.

The failings of the Allan case must not be repeated and it was absolutely right that the Met and CPS investigated. These are very serious cases and Londoners must be able to have full confidence in the process. We will work with partners to ensure the necessary steps are taken to implement these recommendations. It is vital that the Met and CPS provide the assurances we need to enable rather than prevent victims from coming forward and that justice will be done.

## **Stepping up the fight against knife crime**

On 16 January, my Draft Consolidated budget was published. This allocated the additional £49m of income in three ways; for the 2% police pay increase in 2018-19 which the Government has refused to fund; to make funds available for the Commissioner to invest in officers to step up the fight against crime; and I have also specifically earmarked £15 million of this funding to tackle knife crime.

Londoners will see tougher action on knife crime throughout 2018 as we look to use all of the tools available to make our streets safer.

On 5 January, I confirmed plans for a £1.4 million project to provide specialist youth workers in London Accident and Emergency Departments receiving high numbers of knife crime victims.

This announcement builds on the MOPAC-funded service currently provided in the city's four Major Trauma Centres for victims of knife crime, serious violence and sexual exploitation with knife, gun and assault-related injuries.

Between 2015 and 2017, 990 young people across London who suffered serious violence were supported by this service, provided by youth charity Redthread. 91 per cent were male and around two thirds had been stabbed, with 30 per cent not in employment, education or training. Where six-month follow-ups have been conducted, 46 per cent of cases saw a reduced involvement in violence. Work will be carried out over the coming months to determine a provider and delivery model for these services, and identify which A&E departments will host them.

On 26 January, I joined MPS officers in Wandsworth to see their work first hand, as they conducted a weapons sweep.

The officers and staff of the Met are doing a huge amount of good work to protect young Londoners from harm, and I'm committed to doing everything in my power to see that they have the resources they desperately need to fight crime and get deadly weapons off our streets.

### **Standing up for Victims**

On 25 January, I lodged with the Court an application for judicial review of the Parole Board's decision to release the convicted rapist John Worboys.

It was an astonishing and deeply concerning decision that simply cannot go unchallenged. For victims, and all Londoners, it must be properly scrutinised in the courts and the Chair of the Parole Board has welcomed this scrutiny.

I have always promised to put the safety of Londoners, and the needs of victims, first – which is why I instructed leading Counsel to begin this process. Londoners need to know that those in authority are doing everything they can to keep them safe, and that means keeping dangerous individuals off our streets. The Court is due to consider the application on 7<sup>th</sup> February. At this hearing, the court will decide whether to grant permission for the claim to proceed to a full hearing. If permission is granted, the court is expected to set a timetable for the full judicial review hearing to take place.

### **Crime Statistics – time for the Government to get serious about public safety**

on 25 January, the national recorded crime statistics were published and serves as a sobering reminder of the crisis facing policing and community safety in this country.

Total crime recorded by police has increased by 15% across England and Wales. The Metropolitan Police recorded an increase of 5% in the same period. The most violent crimes, including knife crime, are rising across England and Wales, yet the Government has abdicated its duty protect its citizens and properly fund policing and other key services, instead pushing the cost onto council tax payers.

Rising crime is clearly a national problem that requires national solutions and I reiterated my call that the Government must urgently increase funding for the police as well as restoring funding for the services that provide alternative paths away from crime, such as youth services, education, probation and mental health services.

### **Motorcycle Manufacturers Meeting**

On 23 January, I convened a meeting of the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), motorcycle manufacturers, the MPS and Secure by Design at City Hall.

At this meeting, I tasked the manufacturers with improving the design of new motorcycles to make them more difficult to steal and to take short term action to improve the security of existing models.

The MCIA agreed to meet with MOPAC in a month's time to provide an update on their next steps.

### **Assistant Commissioner announces retirement**

On 9 January, Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley announced that he is to retire from policing. Over 31 years of service, Mark has risen through the ranks from his beginnings as a beat



Constable in the West Midlands to Assistant Commissioner at the Metropolitan Police and the country's most senior Counter Terrorism officer. That progression is a testament to his skill, tenacity and dedication, qualities I have seen time and again during our time working together.

On behalf of all Londoners, I want to thank Mark for his unwavering leadership, especially last year in the face of four unprecedented terrorist attacks in London - and for the large number of attempts he and his team were able to prevent. I wish him all the very best for his retirement.

## **Transport**

### **New contractor appointed for maintenance work on East London Line**

On 30 January, Transport for London announced its intention to the appointment of Cleshar Contract Services Limited to take over maintenance work on London Overground's East London Line. The new contract is subject to a 10 day standstill period and is due to commence from 1 April 2018.

The new contract has been awarded on the basis that existing Carillion employees will transfer to Cleshar Contract Services Limited with their terms and conditions protected.

Until the new contract gets underway, TfL are working with PwC, appointed to assist the Liquidator of Carillion Construction Limited, to finalise an agreement that enables Carillion to continue to fulfil the East London Line maintenance contract. This agreement will give guarantees to support Carillion employees' continued work and payment until the new contractor takes over.

This agreement will also ensure London Overground services between Highbury & Islington and New Cross Gate continue to operate as normal.

### **More frequent services as TfL expands Northern line peak service**

From 29 January hundreds of thousands of Tube customers start to benefit from quicker and more frequent journeys on the Northern line. TfL has doubled the length of its highest frequency 'evening peak' services in the central London section, with the higher level of service now running between 5pm and 7pm.

Customers will benefit from 24 trains an hour on both central London branches of the Northern line and 30 trains an hour on the Kennington to Morden section during these hours. Previously this level of service had run only between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

The Northern line carries around 225,000 passengers a day between 5pm and 7pm and is the busiest line on the Tube network.

### **Tube station upgrade delivers quicker journeys for customers**

On 25 January, Transport for London opened a new entrance and an enlarged south ticket hall at Victoria Tube Station as part of a project which will double the size of the station when finally completed this summer.

The new entrance at Wilton Road will allow easier access into the south ticket hall and mean that Tube customers no longer have to enter via the busy Victoria mainline station. The ticket hall, which is approximately twice as large as before, will give customers less congested and more pleasant journeys through the station.

As well as doubling the size of the Tube's third busiest station, once complete these major works will also provide step-free access to the three lines which serve it, ease congestion and improve journeys for customers. More than 82 million customers use Victoria Tube station each year.

### **Transport for London is on the lookout for new apprentices**

On 24 January Transport for London started the search for around 180 new apprentices to kick-start their careers by taking up exciting opportunities in a range of areas including engineering, cyber security, finance and many others.

TfL is building on the success of its current apprenticeship programme and has expanded it to include six new schemes. Half of these new opportunities will be level-six apprenticeships, meaning that students will study for a degree qualification in areas such as civil engineering, quantity surveying and commercial property surveying, while earning and gaining real work experience at the same time.

Since 2009, TfL, Crossrail, their suppliers and the London Transport Museum have employed more than 8,200 apprentices. They have worked on vital infrastructure projects including the modernisation of key Tube stations, the construction of the Northern line extension, and the redesign of London's road junctions to make them safer and better for everyone.

For the sixth year in a row, TfL will be hosting an Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair at City Hall on Wednesday 7 March. Those attending the fair will be able to discover what the transport industry has to offer them, with a range of apprenticeship opportunities at TfL and its suppliers being advertised on the day.

### **Elizabeth line stations take shape as the first iconic purple roundels are installed**

On 22 January, the first new roundels were installed at stations including Tottenham Court Road, Farringdon and Custom House in a significant milestone for Europe's largest infrastructure project.

The Elizabeth line is set to redefine transport in London with quicker, easier and more accessible journeys when it launches in 11 months' time. Construction has now entered its final stages and the line will open to the public in phases from December, when ten new state-of-the-art stations, all step-free, will open.

TfL and London Underground are famous for a rich heritage of design and the Elizabeth line is set to continue that tradition. While at the forefront of modern engineering and technology, the new railway will feature instantly recognisable roundels and signage.

### **London Overground's Gospel Oak to Barking line to re-open**

On 15 January, London Overground's Gospel Oak to Barking line reopened following the installation of new overhead electric lines by Network Rail that will enable new longer electric trains to run from spring 2018.

After further tests, TfL is expecting to run new state-of-the-art electric trains, providing customers with increased capacity and feature walk-through carriages, air conditioning, live network information screens and improved reliability.

The new cleaner electric trains will also improve air quality for people living and working along the route.

Initially services will be run on the existing two car diesel trains until the new four car electric trains have been fully tested and driver training complete.

The electrification work on the Gospel Oak to Barking London Overground line is part of TfL's improvement plans, enabling new longer trains with greater capacity to run from spring 2018, and forms part of Network Rail's London Railway Upgrade plan, creating new connections and increasing capacity in the peak hour by 30 per cent.

### **Work to improve stations and tracks continues ahead of Elizabeth line service**

Transport for London has announced that ongoing work to upgrade stations, track, and other parts of the TfL Rail route between Liverpool Street and Shenfield will continue at weekends in the first few months of 2018.

Over a series of ten weekends from late January to March, essential weekend closures will allow improvement work to be carried out in advance of Elizabeth line services commencing later this year. While these are carried out, buses will replace trains along the route.

Transport for London (TfL) will also continue working on the lifts and footbridges at Seven Kings and on the installation of new lifts at Maryland which are due to come into passenger use later this year. This will bring step-free access to these stations, and all Elizabeth line stations will be step-free, when fully open in 2019 significantly improving the accessibility of the transport network. This complements the Mayor's plan for 40 per cent of the London Underground network to be step-free by 2022.

During these closures, platform canopies at Chadwell Heath, Goodmayes and Ilford will also be repaired and redecorated, which can only be done at times when trains are not running and overhead power lines are switched off.

Network Rail will also continue with their station improvements, installing structures that carry overhead wires and replacing a further eight kilometres of overhead wiring between Ilford and Manor Park during the weekend closures. They will complete the remodelling of the sidings and the signalling upgrade at Gidea Park as well as completing the link between the Elizabeth line central tunnels and the Great Eastern Main Line to Shenfield.

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

### **Meeting with business organisations to discuss Crossrail 2 and Brexit**

On 6 February, I hosted representatives of London First, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Confederation of Business Industry, Federation of Small Businesses and Institute of Directors (who come together as the London Business Board) at City Hall.

London's business community is squarely behind Crossrail 2. With the financial goalposts having been moved by the Government, we are about to enter into an independent review of funding options for the project. While there will need to be a business contribution, the review will explore how best to ensure the costs are fairly shared. I also gave an update on my recent activities around Brexit, on which my own views are closely aligned with those of London's business representatives.

I have also recently held meetings with Jay Carney, Global VP, Amazon, and Richard Gnodde, CEO of Goldman Sachs International, at City Hall, to hear about their perceptions of the current business environment, the challenge of Brexit, and to discuss how their businesses might support key initiatives such as #BehindEveryGreatCity.

### **1.2bn of Deployable Capital Represented at Inaugural TechInvest Event**

On 18 January, the first event in my four-year 'TechInvest' programme took place at City Hall, hosted by my Deputy Mayor for Business Rajesh Agrawal. This event brought together 10 start-ups working with Artificial Intelligence across areas such as health, transport and advertising with over 130 investors - with over £1.2bn of deployable capital for investment represented in the room. The pitching entrepreneurs presented their solutions and products, with guest speeches from Verity Harding of Deepmind and Tabitha Goldstaub of CognitionX.

### **Brexit intervention**

On 11 January, I published an independent economic analysis of the potential impact of different Brexit outcomes on both London and the UK's economy.

I delivered the keynote speech at the Local Government Dinner at Mansion House that evening and spoke about the analysis.

I highlighted that in a no-deal hard Brexit scenario London's economic output could be nearly £11 billion smaller than it would have been otherwise, with over 87 thousand fewer jobs.

I expressed concern that the Government's mismanagement of the negotiations was heightening the risk of a no-deal scenario, and repeated my call for the Prime Minister to change course and negotiate for the U.K. to stay in the Single Market and Customs Union in the long term.

### **Business Advisory Board meets to discuss #BehindEveryGreatCity**

On 10 January, I hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of my Business Advisory Board (BAB). The key topic for this meeting was the #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, for which there is great support among members of the Board, with many taking part in our promotional and other activities.

The BAB has also provided a response to my draft Skills Strategy and are currently engaging in my draft Economic Development Strategy consultation.

### **Devolution of the Adult Education Budget**

I am making good progress preparing for devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) from 2019/20. This is an opportunity for London to shape adult education to better meet the capital's needs. It also paves the way for future devolution which I continue to lobby government for.

The Secretary of State is currently undertaking a formal consultation with London Boroughs, the City of London Corporation and the London Assembly on devolution of the AEB. This closes on 16 February.

## **Housing and Land**

### **Ground-breaking plans for estate regeneration ballots**

On 02 February, I published the first-ever City Hall guide to estate regeneration in London, setting out how I will protect social housing. I have proposed mandatory ballots of residents for schemes where any demolition is planned as a strict condition of my funding.

The 'Better Homes for Local People' good practice guide is the first time any Mayor has set out strong guidelines on estate regeneration for the capital and follows an extensive and comprehensive consultation process. While I have limited sway when it comes to estate regeneration, I am determined to use my funding and planning powers to their fullest extent to protect social housing and give its residents a voice in the capital.

The guide seeks to empower tenants, leaseholders and freeholders in developing regeneration plans with their landlords. It forms a key part of my broader calls for social housing residents to have a bigger say in the future of their estates following last year's horrific fire at Grenfell Tower.

I first highlighted the important role that ballots play in my draft good practice guide published in December 2016 and have, over the last year, developed plans to make positive ballots a condition of and future City Hall funding for new estate regeneration projects.

During its formal consultation last year, the draft version of my guide received more than 2,000 responses from Londoners, which showed strong support for my commitment to ensuring no loss of social housing in any estate regeneration programme, and looking to increase the amount of affordable housing whenever possible.

## **Environment**

### **Smart Energy Collaboration series**

On 6 February my Deputy Mayor, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at the Conference on Energy Storage and Connected Systems, supported by the Renewable Energy Association. Shirley highlighted London's leadership on smart energy solutions, including a new Smart Energy Collaboration Series as part of my Energy for Londoners programmes.

The collaboration series will bring London's smart leaders together to identify what London needs to do to progress our smart energy agenda, update on progress, spot gaps in activity, and identify sources of funding which will allow us to develop, trial, pilot and market test innovative technologies, smart energy services and business models. The results of this collaboration series will be important for informing how we deliver our smart energy policies in London.

## **Energy for Londoners – Warmer Homes, Fuel Poverty Support Fund and Licence Lite**

On 31 January, I announced my new £34 million Energy for Londoners programme which aims to make London's homes warmer, healthier and more affordable, to make its workplaces more energy efficient, and to supply London with more local clean energy.

More than 335,000 households in London are affected by fuel poverty, and as part of Energy for Londoners, I announced a new fuel poverty package. This includes a new Warmer Homes fund which will provide £2.5m grant funding for energy efficiency improvements in the homes of fuel poor Londoners, including new boilers, insulation, heating controls and ventilation. Up to £4,000 will be available to eligible applicants, who need to be owner occupiers in receipt of qualifying benefits.

At the same time, I launched my new Fuel Poverty Support Fund, which will provide £250k grant funding to London boroughs to help identify fuel poor households and provide them with support, including referrals to Warmer Homes, fuel debt advice and home visits.

I also announced the start of a 12-month pilot of my Licence Lite project which is buying electricity from clean, local generators and use it to power Transport for London buildings. I am now buying electricity from a Scottish and Southern Energy combined heat and power plant and will be buying PV electricity from Peabody Trust, the social housing provider, from 1 April when their current electricity purchasing arrangement finishes.

Other Energy for Londoners projects I announced included Energy Leap, which is testing innovative ways to reduce energy bills down to near zero through whole-house 'eco-refurbishments'. The pilot scheme will refurbish ten homes installing insulation, solar panels, heat pumps and other measures from this summer.

## **New improvements to air quality alerts**

On 30 January, I announced that I am teaming up with King's College London to further improve the way I inform the public, particularly those who are most vulnerable, about incidents of poor air quality in the capital.

Currently, when high and very high air pollution is forecast, air quality alerts are displayed at many public locations across London including 2,500 bus stop countdown signs and all Tube stations. Alerts and guidance are also available via social media, an app, and a text alert service providing information and guidance on the alert level. I am now extending this service to include direct emails to vulnerable groups such as schoolchildren. From the beginning of February, King's College will continuously monitor air pollution in London using the existing air quality monitoring network and cutting-edge modelling tools, delivering alerts as required. They will also directly notify Londoners who are most vulnerable to the impacts of poor air, including those at schools, and will potentially also notify care homes and GP surgeries in the near future.

On the same day, I also published new guidance to help schools and community organisations on how to run their own local pollution monitoring campaigns, which is available to download from my website at:

[https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/air\\_quality\\_monitoring\\_guidance\\_january\\_2018.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/air_quality_monitoring_guidance_january_2018.pdf)

## **Plastic bottle reduction**

On 23 January, my deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy announced plans to reduce single use plastic bottles in London. I will be working with partners to support a water refill scheme in up to five pilot areas where businesses will make tap water freely available to the public. These refill stations will be located by using an app. If successful, this will be rolled out across the city. Additionally, I am working with #OneLess campaign, led by the Zoological Society London to find locations and install up to 20 water fountains across the capital this summer.

## **£1.1m grants to help transform & create green spaces**

On 18 January, I awarded £1.1 million to community projects across the capital to help them improve and create new local green spaces.

In response to unprecedented demand from local groups, I provided almost three times my original budget for this first year of the Community Green Space Grants, part of the £9m Greener City Fund. I awarded between £5,000 and £50,000 to 55 projects across 23 boroughs, which includes 14 schools. Overall, 60 per cent of the funding falls in areas with poor access to green space. The projects will improve 130,000 square metres of green spaces and waterways across the city and involve participation of 8,000 children and 4,000 adults.

Projects include a community garden next to a school relocated following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower, and an area to test new garden designs that could improve air quality near my next Low Emission Bus Zone. Other projects include a wide range of initiatives to improve parks, green school playgrounds, plant trees and install sustainable drainage across London.

## **London's air quality within legal limits for first time in 10 years**

On 15 January, I revealed that for the first time in 18 years London was entering the third week of January without having breached legal limits for toxic nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) air pollution.

Every year for the last decade, London's toxic air has exceeded legal hourly air pollution limits for the year by 6 January and often by 3 January at some of our monitoring stations. For London to breach legal hourly limits for the year there needs to be a recording of more than 18 hours of very high pollution levels at any individual site. This year saw a significant improvement on previous years, with the limit only exceeded at the Brixton Road site on the last day in January. However, we still have a long way to go. I want to create a city that never exceeds any air quality limits, but this shows that we are heading in the right direction.

The improvement in London's filthy air quality can be partly attributed to the hard-hitting measures I have introduced, including the Toxicity Charge (T-Charge) for older, dirtier cars in central London and targeting the most polluted bus routes by delivering the first two in a series of Low Emission Bus Zones.

## **Education and Youth**

### **Stepping Stones**

On 29 January, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, launched our Stepping Stones Toolkit - an online resource to support vulnerable young people as they move from primary to secondary school.

The Stepping Stones programme was piloted in 2016/17 by three secondary schools - Gladesmore Community School in Tottenham, The Urswick School in Hackney and Heathcote School and Science College in Chingford. They worked with Gangs Unite, as well as their feeder primary schools, to explore the best ways of supporting vulnerable students in their transition to Year 7. There was a strong emphasis on peer mentoring, alongside other activities such as summer schools, confidence building and support for parents.

The Toolkit (available at [www.london.gov/uk/stepping-stones](http://www.london.gov/uk/stepping-stones)) offers free resources for both primary and secondary schools to help them run the Stepping Stones programme.

The launch was held in London's Living Room where we welcomed speakers from all three schools involved in the pilot, including some of the fantastic Year 7 mentees and their Year 10 mentors.

### **STEM careers – addressing the gender balance**

On 15 January, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare joined forces with Prospect to challenge gender stereotypes and encourage more girls into the STEM sector – one of my key mayoral pledges. She helped launch a new [video resource](#) at the UCL Institute of Education.

### **Early Years Hubs launch**

On 8 January, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, launched three London Early Years Hubs at Newham's Early Years Conference. The new Early Years Hubs have been set up in Barnet, Wandsworth and Merton, and Newham. The hubs will bring schools, childminders, and Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) nurseries together to improve access to quality early years education and childcare for London's most disadvantaged families.

## **Communities and Social Policy**

### **Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony**

On 22 January, I was joined by Members of the London Assembly, MPs, The Deputy Israeli Ambassador Sharon Bar-li, Rabbi Joseph Dweck, and Holocaust survivors in a poignant ceremony held for Holocaust Memorial Day.

This year's Holocaust Memorial Day theme, 'The Power of Words', is a reminder of how words can make a difference – both for good and for evil. From propaganda that incites hatred, or slogans written in resistance, through to poignant memoirs of the victims and survivors of genocide.

The speakers included Holocaust Survivor Manfred Goldberg and Genocide Survivor Kemal Pervanic. I also met with students who are Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors and who spoke during the ceremony.

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT) and the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) assisted in planning for this ceremony. Reflecting this year's theme, I read an excerpt from The Diary of Anne Frank. In the passage, Anne describes her dream of becoming a writer, so that she can "go on living even after my death".



Rabbi Mark Goldsmith performed a Memorial Prayer. Jennette Arnold OBE AM, Chair of the London Assembly, opened the event

### **Citizenship Integration Initiative**

My Social Integration team have selected six partners in London Boroughs to work with on pilots for improving citizenship ceremonies, as part of my Citizenship Integration Initiative.

City Hall will be working with Bexley, Brent, Barking and Dagenham, Westminster, Southwark and Newham over the next three months to design pilots which test ways to turn citizenship ceremonies into meaningful opportunities for active citizenship (e.g. registering to vote, signing up to volunteer). Working with academics, we will evaluate these pilots and use the findings to shape best practice guidance.

### **Social Integration Strategy: update**

My Deputy Mayor for Social integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement Matthew Ryder spoke to stakeholders at British Future's Integration Network on 31 January about the development of our Social Integration Strategy which will launch in Spring 2018.

## **Health**

### **Encouraging Londoners to use the NHS111**

We've all seen the pressure our NHS is under at the present time. On 2 February I recorded a message aimed at encouraging Londoners to use the NHS111 helpline if they need health advice.

### **Social prescribing across London**

On 2 February, my health advisor, Dr Tom Coffey, hosted a social prescribing conference on behalf of myself and Healthy London Partnership to look at the growth of social prescribing across London. Social prescribing is a means of enabling GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services.

The conference was attended by 100 representatives from the NHS, London Boroughs, Voluntary and Community sector bodies and social prescribing projects. Main speakers included Bev Taylor, the NHS National lead for Social prescribing and Mathew Smerdon from the Legal Education Foundation who talked about the links between maintaining good health outcomes and accessing legal advice.

### **London's new Child Obesity Taskforce**

On 5 February, I advertised for a Chair and Board members for London's new Child Obesity Taskforce. The advert will be live until Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and I expect to announce the name of the Chair in the week of 19<sup>th</sup> March.

The Taskforce is aiming to combat the epidemic of childhood obesity across the capital where nearly 40 per cent of children aged 10 and 11 in London are overweight or obese and adults in

London have higher rates of obesity than comparable global cities such as New York, Sydney, Paris and Madrid. By 2028 – I want to significantly reduce this unacceptable level of child obesity in London.

Obesity rates in London are highest in the most deprived 10 per cent of the population - approximately twice that of the least deprived 10%. The rate of children who are overweight or obese in year six living in Barking and Dagenham is nearly 44 per cent whereas in Richmond it is 25 per cent. Reducing this inequality gap is a key public health priority for me, and will be a major focus of the new taskforce.

## **Team London and Volunteering**

### **Team London Ambassadors**

From 18 to the 21 of January, my Team London Ambassadors supported Lumiere London, the UK's largest light festival. Over 180 Team London Ambassadors braved the wintery conditions each night, welcoming visitors to five different sites across the capital and encouraging spectators to see all that the festival had to offer.

### **Team London Young Ambassadors**

I am delighted to have launched a second phase of Team London Young Ambassadors, my school volunteering programme, which connects young Londoners with their communities through social action.

The second phase of the programme has been made possible due to generous funding from the #iwill fund, a joint initiative from the Government and The Big Lottery Fund. Working once more with WE Charity, the second phase of the programme will enable us to engage even more young people, as well as focus on areas of social deprivation and those at risk of becoming socially excluded. The programme will also develop resources on social integration, the environment, homelessness, gender inequality, gangs and knife crime, mental health and wellbeing.

### **Forces for London**

In January, I appointed RFEA, The Forces Employment Charity, to deliver Forces for London on behalf of Team London. This new initiative is co-funded by the European Social Fund and the GLA to increase the employment rate of veterans in London.

Many veterans struggle to find a job after their military service. The programme will work with veteran support charities, social enterprises and local businesses to give veterans access to a broad range of volunteering opportunities, mentoring and employability training. This will help them to gain experience, develop new skills and translate their existing skills into ones that are valued by the civilian workplace. By 2020, Forces for London will have supported 200 veterans, with 190 completing volunteering, and 120 securing meaningful sustained employment, training or education.

## **Team London and Thrive LDN Grants**

In January, Team London in partnership with Thrive LDN and the #iwill Fund, awarded 15 grants of various sizes to community groups, small charities and voluntary sector organisations to run projects which encourage young Londoners to volunteer and/or take part in social action.

The projects will also encourage good mental health and wellbeing amongst participants, many of whom are new to volunteering and come from groups that are disproportionately affected by mental health, such as those within the criminal justice system or young refugees or asylum seekers.

## **Culture and Events**

### **London Fashion Week Men's**

On 6 January, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the launch of London Fashion Week Men's with Dylan Jones, Chair of London Fashion Week Men's and Caroline Rush, Chief Executive British Fashion Council.

London Fashion Week Men's is a celebration of the capital as an international hub for menswear. I am a key funder for this event, which is now in its fifth year and attracts designers, media, retailers and business leaders from 45 countries. Menswear now accounts for 27 per cent of the UK market, is worth almost £15 billion and is growing fast as a market.

### **Lumiere London light festival**

On 17 January, I attended a preview of Lumiere London, the UK's largest light festival, which I commissioned, and on 18 January, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, gave a keynote speech to launch Lumiere London at Canada House.

This year, Lumiere was bigger, brighter and bolder than its first edition in 2016. Even more areas presented work as part of the programme, including King's Cross, the Southbank, Carnaby Street, Regent Street, Oxford Circus, Leicester Square, Mayfair, Piccadilly, St James', Fitzrovia and Westminster. More than 50 artworks from artists from 14 countries transformed the city offering new perspectives on the capital's iconic architecture and helping Londoners and traders to beat the January blues. Lumiere London is a strong example of successful city-wide collaboration; GLA internal teams worked closely with external agencies including TfL, London & Partners and Westminster City Council, business improvement districts and commercial partners. led by Lumiere London producers Artichoke. As well as installations by world-renowned artists, Lumiere involved community groups from outer London boroughs including Redbridge, Greenwich, Lambeth, Croydon and Waltham Forest, who created artworks which were then presented in the Lumiere London festival in central London.

### **14-18 NOW Season Launch**

On 22 January, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the launch of this year's season of 14-18 NOW, the cultural programme marking the First World War centenary. In collaboration with City Hall, the London programme for 14-18 NOW will include my commission of the statue of Millicent Fawcett in Parliament Square by Gillian Wearing OBE.

## **Regent Street Association annual lunch**

On 26 January, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, gave the keynote speech at the Regent Street Association annual lunch. The event focussed on London and the West End as a key international destination, with Regent Street at its heart. In her speech, Justine outlined the important role of culture in the success of world class destinations, citing the recent Lumiere London light festival, which saw Londoners and visitors enjoying the streets and architecture of the capital and generating millions in retail and hospitality during the post-Christmas period. She also outlined the key role of culture in the plans for the pedestrianisation of Oxford Street.

## **#BehindEveryGreatCity - Making a Stand exhibition**

On 6 February, I marked the centenary of the passing of the Representation of the People Act 1918 with a public exhibition in Trafalgar Square – the location for many of the key moments in the suffrage movement. The exhibition featured key figures, both men and women, who made major contributions to the suffrage campaign that resulted in the passing of the Act, which enabled the first women to vote. Portraits of these same figures will appear as etchings around the plinth of the statue of Millicent Fawcett by Gillian Wearing OBE which I have commissioned for Parliament Square and which I will unveil in Spring 2018. This exhibition was the first public event in my year-long campaign - #BehindEveryGreatCity - to raise awareness of gender inequality in London, celebrate the achievements of women in London over the last 100 years and to drive progress in gender equality across the city. The exhibition will be seen by audiences across London after 6 February in partnership with a range of culture and heritage organisations including Museum of London.

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

### **Table Tennis Legacy programme**

I have launched a £24,000 legacy programme, linked to the Table Tennis Team World Cup which is due to begin later this month. The programme will provide Londoners with more opportunities to play table tennis in their local communities.

As part of the legacy, I have offered over 2,000 free tickets to the Table Tennis Team World Cup to schools across London. By coming along and enjoying the event, I hope that our young Londoners will be inspired to live healthier and more active lives.

### **Paris 2024's senior security team**

On the 6 February LLDC hosted Paris 2024's senior security team alongside the Home Office, to learn lessons for both Games-time and legacy.

### **2012 days since the start of the London 2012 Games**

29 January marked 2012 days since the start of the London 2012 Games and to celebrate, LLDC ran a social media campaign, using the experiences and memories of athletes and spectators,

including videos from Greg Rutherford, Ellie Simmonds, and Hannah Cockcroft. You can find more information on the #2012days link [here](#).

### **Hosting representatives from the Smithsonian Institution**

On 21 January, LLDC recently hosted senior representatives from the Smithsonian Institution and updated the delegation on plans for the forthcoming cultural and education district.

The Smithsonian are entering into a unique collaboration with the V&A bringing together, and uniting their expertise in arts, sciences, and humanities through dynamic displays and programming which will sit alongside a new building for Sadler's Wells theatre and UAL's London College of Fashion.

### **Delegations from the Paris 2024 team**

On 26 & 30 January, LLDC hosted delegations from the Paris 2024 team as they begin to form their delivery teams ahead of their Olympic Games.

### **Continuing to host Premier League games**

The Stadium continued to host Premier League games with West Ham United playing Bournemouth (20 January) and Crystal Palace (30 January) and an FA Cup game against Shrewsbury (16 January).

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

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

On 16 January, I approved a recommendation by Liz Peace CBE, Chair of Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) to appoint Victoria Quinlan and William Hill as new Board members of the corporation tasked with spearheading the delivery of tens of thousands of new homes and jobs at the West London site.

### **OPDC Chief Executive stands down**

On 8 January, OPDC announced that Victoria Hills is standing down from her position as Chief Executive Officer. Victoria has been Chief Executive of OPDC since June 2015 and is leaving the organisation to become Chief Executive of the Royal Town Planning Institute. I would like to thank Victoria for her leadership, commitment and dedication as Chief Executive of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation. This is one of the most important regeneration sites in London with capacity for thousands of genuinely affordable homes.

## Budget and Finance

There are a series of separate plenary meetings that have taken place to discuss the budget.

On 1 February I sent a written response to Gareth Bacon AM, the Chairman of the Assembly's Budget and Performance committee, in response to their request for further information about the budget.

On 9 January I attended the Budget Performance committee.

On 25 January I attended the first Assembly Budget plenary.

On 22 February 2018 I will be attending the final Budget plenary.

## Planning and Development

### Planning and Development Control 19 December 2017 to 29 January 2018

#### Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

*Steel Wharf, 24-28 River Road, Barking, LB Barking and Dagenham*

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

*Parkwood House, Wembley, LB Brent*

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

*VDC/Careys Site, Wembley, LB Brent*

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

*Cannon Industrial Estate, Wembley, LB Brent*

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

*Morley House and City Temple, 26-30 Holborn Viaduct, City of London*

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

*Whitgift Centre, Croydon, LB Croydon*

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

*Plot N0201, Greenwich Peninsula, RB Greenwich*

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

*Land at Felixstowe Road, Abbey Wood, RB Greenwich*

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

*Norman House, 110-114 Norman Road, Greenwich, RB Greenwich*

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

*Cannon Factory and Ashley Gardens, Tottenham Hale, LB Haringey*

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

*Ashley Gardens, Tottenham Hale, LB Haringey*

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

*Berol Yard, Tottenham Hale, LB Haringey*

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

*SW Plot, Hale Village, Tottenham Hale, LB Haringey*

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

*Harrow School, LB Harrow*

I have written to the London Borough of Harrow directing the Council to refuse planning permission.

*Andover Estate, Holloway, 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.

*Regent's Wharf, King's Cross, 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.

*Ropemaker Street, Moorgate, 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.

*Glengall Quay, Isle of Dogs, 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.

*4-10 Forest Road, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest*

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

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

*Vauxhall Bus Station, LB Lambeth*

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

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

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

- Flamingo Park, Chislehurst, LB Bromley
- 2 Portal Way, North Acton, LB Ealing
- Ordnance Wharf Pier, Greenwich Peninsula, RB Greenwich
- Eltham Town Football Club, Eltham, RB Greenwich
- Ark Swift Primary Academy, White City, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Land off Brook Road and Mayes Road, Wood Green, LB Haringey
- Land at Haringey Heartlands (Clarendon Gasworks), Hornsey, LB Haringey
- Land at Frog Lane, Rainham, LB Havering
- Albany Riverside and former Brentford Police Station, Brentford, LB Hounslow
- Citroen Site, Capital Interchange Way, Brentford, LB Hounslow
- Canbury Business Park, Kingston, RB Kingston upon Thames
- Keybridge House (phase 2), Vauxhall, LB Lambeth
- Eastfields Estate, Mitcham, LB Merton
- Ravensbury Estate, Mitcham, LB Merton
- High Path Estate, South Wimbledon, LB Merton
- Woolwich Reach, 2 Pier Road, North Woolwich, LB Newham
- Aylesbury Estate, Walworth, LB Southwark
- Sainsbury's Site, Whitechapel, LB Tower Hamlets
- Former London Chest Hospital, Bethnal Green, LB Tower Hamlets
- Former Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, LB Tower Hamlets
- 58-70 York Road, Wandsworth Town, LB Wandsworth
- Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, Barnes, LB Wandsworth
- Royal College of Art, Battersea, LB Wandsworth
- Peabody Estate, St John's Hill, Clapham Junction, LB Wandsworth
- 31-43 Putney High Street, Putney, LB Wandsworth
- Site at Luton Street, Capland Street and Bledlow Close, Lisson Grove, City of Westminster

### **Delegated Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)**

The Deputy Mayor has asked officers to send a letter giving comments about the following stage one referral:

- Thameside West, Silvertown, LB Newham

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

- Former Crystal Palace Site, LB Bromley
- Tenter House, City of London
- 150 Bishopsgate, City of London
- Former Contractor's Compound, LB Hillingdon



- Land at Cessna Road, LB Hillingdon
- Land Comprising the Former Imperial House, LB Hillingdon
- White Lion Court, LB Hounslow
- 179 Popes Lane, LB Hounslow
- Gate Gourmet, LB Hounslow
- 77 Weir Road, LB Merton
- Baitul Futuh Mosque, LB Merton
- Wedge House, LB Southwark
- South Point, LB Sutton
- Hercules Wharf Castle Wharf and Union Wharf, LB Tower Hamlets
- Former News International Site, LB Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest New Local Plan Direction of Travel consultation, LB Waltham Forest
- Dacorum Local Plan - Issues and Options consultation, Dacorum Borough Council
- Broxbourne Local Plan - Pre-submission consultation, Broxbourne Borough Council
- Newham Local Plan Review - Proposed Submission Draft (Regulation 19) consultation, LB Newham
- Issues and Options Consultations for New Garden Communities at Colchester Braintree Borders, Tendring Colchester Borders and West of Braintree, Colchester Borough Council

## Key Engagements

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

- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 8 January
- I attended the Budget and Performance Committee on 9 January to answer questions on my draft GLA group budget for 2018/19
- I met with Jane Farrell on 9 January ahead of the Unconscious Bias training she is facilitating for the GLA
- I met with Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley on 9 January to discuss policing and security
- I chaired the Mayor's Business Advisory Board taking place at the White Collar Factory on 10 January
- I attended a signing ceremony on 10 January formally committing London to the United Nations HIV Fast Track City Initiative
- I met with Claire Murdoch, National Mental Health Director, NHS England & Dr Matthew Patrick, CEO South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, on 10 January to discuss the current state of Mental Health provision in schools
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 10 January
- I visited Tottenham Hotspur's new stadium on 11 January to view progress of the stadium's construction and to announce the NFL's 2018 London games alongside NFL Executive Vice President Mark Waller and Tottenham Hotspur Chairman Daniel Levy
- I had my regular meeting with Cllr Claire Kober, Leader of London Councils, on 11 January
- I addressed the London Government Dinner at Mansion House on 11 January

- I had an introductory meeting with Sir Simon Rattle, Music Director, London Symphony Orchestra and Kathryn McDowell, Managing Director, London Symphony Orchestra on 12 January
- I addressed the Fabians Conference on 13 January
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 15 January
- I met with the new GLA apprentices on 16 January
- I had my regular meeting with the Transport Unions on 16 January
- I had my regular meeting with Fiona Twycross, Chair of LFEPA, and Dany Cotton, the Fire Commissioner, on 16 January
- I visited the Merton Bus Garage on 17 January to launch the Licence for London for bus drivers
- I attended a Lumiere press event at the South Bank Centre on 17 January
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 18 January
- I had my regular meeting with Craig Mackey, the Deputy Police Commissioner, on 18 January
- I attended the annual GLA Holocaust Memorial Day Remembrance Service at City Hall on 22 January
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 22 January
- I attended a meeting of motorcycle manufacturers taking place at City Hall on 23 January
- I had my regular meeting with representatives from the South-East Region TUC on 23 January
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London and Crossrail on 23 January
- I attended an Unconscious Bias training session at City Hall on 24 January
- I met with Matt Wrack, General Secretary of the Fire Brigade Union, on 24 January to discuss issues affecting the fire brigade in London, including funding, resources and safety
- I addressed the Patchwork Foundation Gala Dinner on 24 January
- I attended the Draft Budget Assembly Plenary on 25 January
- I attended the National Holocaust Memorial Day Remembrance Service at the QEII Conference Centre on 25 January
- I visited the Hazlehurst Estate, Tooting, on 26 January to take part in a weapon sweep
- I had my regular meeting with my statutory health advisor, Yvonne Doyle, Director for London, Public Health England, on 26 January
- I addressed the Wider South East Annual Summit taking place at City Hall on 26 January
- I met with Mike Brown, the Transport Commissioner, on 29 January ahead of the Transport for London Board meeting
- I had an introductory meeting with Jay Carney, Senior Global VP, Amazon, on 29 January
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 29 January
- I chaired the Transport for London Board meeting on 30 January
- I hosted an informal lunch for the Board Members of Transport for London on 30 January
- I had an introductory meeting with Richard Gnodde, Goldman Sachs, on 30 January
- I attended the launch of the National Sikh War Memorial Trust on 30 January
- I visited Elephant & Castle on 31 January to launch the Unlimited Bus Hopper
- I met with the Rt Hon David Lammy MP on 31 January to discuss both the Lammy Review and the London Skills Strategy

- I addressed the Young Women's Trust reception at City Hall on 31 January
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 1 February
- I had lunch with Dawn Butler MP on 1 February
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 1 February
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 5 February
- I attended the launch of the 'Make a Stand' education exhibition at Trafalgar Square on 6 February
- I met with the London Business Board on 6 February
- I addressed the Gender Network Breakfast meeting at City Hall on 7 February
- I met with Sharon White, CEO of OFCOM, on 7 February to discuss measures to widen access for BAME to TV/media industries
- I attended the Unison Regional Council on 7 February
- I met with Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley on 8 February to discuss policing and security
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 8 February

**Ends**