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Thank you for the Health Committee's considered response sent on 10 November to the consultation on my draft Health Inequalities Strategy. Your letter will be considered as part of the consultation which closed on 30 November 2017.

I note a few points in the letter which require more urgent attention, which I address below. Under the Greater London Authority Act (GLA), I am required to give due consideration to all consultation responses received, therefore I am unable to respond to your request in full within your stated deadlines as this would pre-empt the consultation findings.

However, further to the opportunities outlined below, I would like to invite you to meet with my statutory advisor for health, Professor Yvonne Doyle, for a briefing on the main findings of the consultation and direction of travel. We propose the week commencing 22 January 2018.

Further, I am pleased to confirm that Dr Tom Coffey is meeting with you today.

Request for details of community engagement by 30 November 2017

We have undertaken a broad approach to public and stakeholder consultation. Details of the consultation were available on a dedicated page on the GLA website. Consultees were invited to respond via a web form, email to a dedicated email address, or provide written responses to a Freepost address. Drop-ins events at City Hall were also advertised.

We also:

- Undertook a comprehensive public engagement programme on TalkLondon, which has actively sought to engage with a diverse range of Londoners; and,
- Undertook a telephone-based survey with a representative sample of Londoners, undertaken to improve our understanding of Londoner's priorities. This was conducted by YouGov; and
- Prepared support resources to improve the accessibility of the strategy and the consultation process, including an executive summary, an easy-read version, a slide pack, and animations.

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Further steps were taken to engage with a wide-range of community-led organisations and community groups. This included:

- Contacting numerous voluntary and community sector organisations and networks via email (who were requested to disseminate to their members) notifying them of the draft strategy and the consultation, and the different methods by which they could respond and participate; and
- Consultation workshops co-produced with community group networks, including with HEAR (human rights and equalities network), JustSpace and the People's Health Trust. These were held in City Hall and in other locations at times and dates to suit attendees. A specific event was also held with charity partners on social prescribing; a key ambition of the strategy.

The consultation closed on 30 November, and we are currently collating information on engagement.

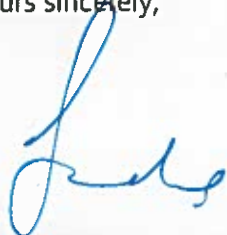
Request for draft delivery plan and indicators by 1 January 2018

The strategy outlines our vision, and progress towards it requires a clear delivery plan and indicators to monitor progress and success. I am committed to providing such a plan, informed by the voices of Londoners, through the responses to the consultation. The delivery plan cannot be developed until we have fully analysed the consultation responses and considered their main messages, and determined how this will impact on the strategy.

I would like to thank the Health Committee for your continuing engagement and support with the Health Inequalities Strategy.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this important strategy.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London