

24th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time – 13th September 2018

This is my twenty-fourth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 06th July – 30th August 2018.

Executive summary

Location of London's first 20 new public water fountains revealed

On 28 August, I confirmed the locations of the first 20 new public water fountains I am funding. Some of these are already attracting thousands of visitors a day and City Hall are working on plans to secure many more across London.

These fountains are part of my work to cut plastic waste by reducing single-use plastic bottles and instead encouraging people to refill rather than buy bottled water.

Planning powers used to approve over 400 new homes in Brentford

On 22 August, I approved plans for 441 new homes in Brentford, of which 218 will be genuinely affordable, including both shared ownership for first-time buyers and homes based on social rent levels for households on low incomes.

Plans for the development had been refused by Hounslow Council in February this year. After considering the scheme I decided to 'call in' the scheme and make the final decision myself. As a result, the 50 per cent level of affordable housing was secured following my intervention, after the borough rejected the application at a stage when it included 40 per cent affordable housing.

This scheme shows how we can unlock the potential of an underused site to build genuinely affordable homes Londoners so urgently need. To fix the capital's housing crisis Government must play its part, but we can make a difference now by ensuring developments include more genuinely affordable housing.

City Hall step up London's preparations for no-deal Brexit

On 17 August, I stepped up City Hall's preparations for a no-deal Brexit, amidst growing concerns that the chances of the UK 'crashing' out of the European Union are higher than ever.

One of the biggest threats faced by businesses is the uncertainty around their European employees in a no-deal Brexit scenario, as the current offer of 'settled status' is entirely dependent on successful negotiations with the EU. That is why I will be consulting London's business community over the next few months to determine exactly what support they need from the Government and identify where City Hall can step in to fill the gap that has been left.

I have also asked the London Resilience Forum, to establish the impact of a no-deal Brexit on critical areas such as access to medicines, energy and food, as well as the ability to maintain emergency care, law and order.

Night Tube proves to be a bigger success than predicted

On 17 August, new research was published, to mark the second anniversary of the Night Tube starting in the capital. Night Tube is projected to contribute £1.54bn over the next 10 years to the wider London economy - double the initial projections made before the service launched in August 2016. It is also supporting over 3,900 jobs, up 8.5 per cent from last year.

Night Tube in its first two years has been an even bigger success than we predicted - allowing more people to get home quickly and safely after a night shift, or night out with friends, but also providing a huge boost to London's night-time economy.

£1.5 million woodland fund to help improve Green Belt

On 16 August, I launched a £1.5million woodland fund for boroughs, charities and public sector land owners to create new large-scale woodland for all Londoners and visitors to the capital. I want our new woodland funding to help improve our Green Belt and I've written to all London boroughs asking them to nominate suitable sites.

Green spaces boost our environment and enhance our quality of life and I'm committed to planting thousands of new trees. As part of this I am also delivering 40,000 new trees to brighten a range of local parks, buildings and green spaces. As we move towards making London the world's first National Park City, I'd encourage everyone to get involved in helping make our city greener and to take part in the mass tree planting this December.

Call on Government to protect victims of serious crime

On 15 August, I wrote to the Home Secretary to urgently act to protect victims of crime with insecure immigration status. The Government's hostile environment policies are leading to vulnerable people being denied access to much-needed services and facing significant risk of being unlawfully detained.

The work carried out by Claire Waxman, London's first Victims' Commissioner, has highlighted cases of victims who are too frightened to report crimes and forced to remain in abusive relationships due to their immigration status.

In my letter to the Home Secretary I've asked for:

- The reinstatement of legal aid for immigration cases to ensure those with insecure status can access independent advice and support.
- Victims of violence to be entitled to financial support and safe accommodation in order to leave an abusive relationship, irrespective of their immigration status.
- Operational guidelines on how to respond to victims with insecure immigration status, including prioritising safety and support over immigration offences.

Continued effort to keep artists in London

On 9 August, new research was published which revealed that the number of artist workspaces in the capital has shown signs of stabilising. However, a shortage of affordable studios, rising rents and the insecurity of short-term leases threatens the future of the capital's creative workforce. I have funded a series of new workspace sites in the capital, including at Somerset

House, in Westminster, Cobourg Road, in Haringey, and Thamesmead Lakeside Centre, in Bexley, and will continue to do so with my Good Growth Fund helping to provide affordable spaces. These initiatives are more important than ever with studios becoming more expensive over the last three years.

I have also called on developers and boroughs to continue supporting the capital's creatives for the good of the UK economy. Our creative sector is one of the capital's biggest strengths, contributing £47bn to the UK economy, and, now more than ever, we all must do what we can to support artists and help the next generation to thrive.

Put passengers first and contract metro services to Transport for London

On 8 August, I wrote to the the Secretary of State for Transport to urge him to put the needs of thousands of long-suffering passengers first. In my letter I reminded the Government that Transport for London has improved reliability across its network in recent years and have proposed improvements for the suburban South Eastern metro services.

The daily misery endured by passengers using Southeastern railway can be ended if responsibility for contracting their Metro services is transferred to Transport for London.

Tenant Fees Bill 'a missed opportunity'

On 3 August, I declared the Government's proposed Tenant Fees Bill a "missed opportunity". Rising rents, ongoing insecurity, and poor-quality housing make the 2.4 million private renters in London amongst those worst-affected by the housing crisis.

By backtracking on proposals and watering down the strength of this Bill, the Government are in danger of opening the door to an entirely new culture of exploitation, with the legislation left unfit for purpose and simply a missed opportunity to truly help renters. Ministers need to show they mean what they've said by urgently taking action - with increased funding - rather than breaking their promises and hoping no-one notices.

New interactive map available to young Londoners and parents

On 2 August, I published a new interactive map highlighting hundreds of events, projects and programmes available to young Londoners. This has given parents an opportunity to plan their summer holidays around what's going on in their local area.

The map, hosted on the [City Hall website](#), features more than 250 opportunities, including the 10 boroughs most affected by knife and violent crime. These have been promoted widely and more activities and events added throughout the summer period.

I wanted boroughs, youth centres and community groups to get involved and share the fantastic activities they are running for young Londoners across the capital on this one-stop shop of summer activities for young people in the city all year round.

£750,000 invested to deliver programme for most vulnerable primary-school leavers

On 31 July, I visited Gladesmore Community School in Haringey with my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, to see their Stepping Stones summer school in action. I announced there the names of the 15 new schools who have received £750,000 funding to run Stepping Stones through the Young Londoners Fund. Our Stepping Stones Toolkit (found

at London.gov.uk) lists the new schools and contains resources for other schools to use including a toolkit.

Schools started rolling out the 'Stepping Stones' programme in the first week of the school holidays, supporting at least 2,100 young Londoners over the next two years. The programme aims to support vulnerable young people at the transition from primary school (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7). An independent evaluation of the programme's pilot phase shows evidence of its benefits in terms of improved attainment, behaviour and attendance for Year 7 students.

£10 million boiler scrappage scheme for small businesses first of a kind

On 30 July, I launched the Cleaner Heat Cashback scheme, the first of its kind in the UK. The scheme will provide between 30 to 40 per cent cashback to small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) when they replace older, polluting boilers, with new, cleaner heating systems.

The £10m boiler scrappage scheme will help small businesses save money on their energy bills, as well as helping to improve the capital's air quality. This scheme is part of my comprehensive programme of air quality measures and will also help to make London's workplaces more energy efficient and cut the capital's carbon emissions.

Stamp duty devolution

On 27 July, City Hall released new data showing home ownership rates among younger Londoners have fallen dramatically since the 1990s, and a lack of social housing means only one-fifth of London households now live in social homes.

London's housing landscape has worsened dramatically over the past 30 years, and we now risk a whole generation of Londoners being blocked from enjoying the benefits of a good quality, genuinely affordable home. London's rocketing house prices mean we are contributing billions of pounds in stamp duty to the Treasury, when we could be using it to build new social rented and other genuinely affordable homes. Control of stamp duty has been devolved to Scotland and Wales and it's vital that Ministers devolve it to London too, which has a population larger than Scotland and Wales combined.

I'm doing everything I can to ensure new genuinely affordable homes get built, including our programme dedicated to helping councils build more housing. But the housing crisis facing our city, and in particular young Londoners, is immense. The Government must rise to the scale of the challenge and provide significantly more powers and funding, so we can build the homes that Londoners so desperately need.

Bold plan to eliminate deaths on London's roads

On 24 July, I launched some of the most ambitious plans in the world, starting from the basis that no death or serious injury on London's roads should be treated as acceptable or inevitable. At the heart of my plans is reducing the dangers of speeding vehicles across London, which is why we're proposing a new general speed limit of 20mph on TfL roads within the Congestion Charging Zone - protecting cyclists, pedestrians and all road users in the busiest part of the capital.

The design of vehicles on London's road is also crucial. That's why we're using the latest safety technologies to transform London's buses and bringing in a world-leading safety standard for

lorries, alongside investing record amounts in building new infrastructure to make walking and cycling a safe option in every part of the capital.

I don't accept that deaths and serious injuries on London's roads are something we just have to put up with. Every single death or serious injury results in heartache and tragedy for those affected, and their loved ones.

Pledge to improve women's safety at night in London

On 23 July, I launched the Women's Night Safety Charter which is part of my strategy to tackle violence against women and girls. It includes seven key pledges to improve women's safety and perception of safety at night.

The charter is the first of its kind covering the entire capital and sets out guidance for venues, operators, charities, councils and businesses to improve safety at night for women. This includes better training of staff, encouraging the reporting of harassment, and ensuring public spaces are safe.

Live Nation UK, Ministry of Sound, UK Music, Drinkaware, the O2, Portman Group, Lambeth Council, the Met and Transport for London are among those who have already signed up to the charter and pledged to take action to help lower the risk of crime against women when they are working or enjoying a night out.

Ethics Panel delivers recommendations for use of facial recognition

On 20 July, an independent panel that advises City Hall on the ethics of policing issued a series of recommendations in a report examining the Metropolitan Police's use of facial recognition technology.

The report found that images that appear to match those on the watch-list are first checked by officers and if it's believed there is a credible match, a decision is made on operational grounds to speak to the person identified. It found the recording is retained for 30 days whilst a technical assessment is carried out, before being deleted.

The panel has commissioned a public opinion survey on Londoner's views on facial recognition and other technologies, and will be publishing its findings later this year, as part of a fuller report.

City Hall-funded youth project Hackney Wick Football Club

On 20 July, I visited Hackney Wick F.C. one of the first projects funded through my Young Londoners Fund. This is the first stage in a roll out of new or expanded activities for young Londoners in areas worst affected by knife crime and targeted at the most vulnerable in the capital.

I'm doing all I can by funding a range of initiatives over the summer months and beyond, including sports activities. But until the government reverses their cuts to youth services, we won't be able to meet demand. Policing alone will not solve violent crime, we also need a relentless focus on prevention, so we can give young Londoners the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

London set to become the world's most walkable city

On 19 July, we unveiled the capital's first Walking Action Plan. The plan, which is supported by Public Health England (PHE), sets out how London will become a city where walking, for those that can, is the most obvious, enjoyable and attractive means of travel for all short trips.

I want to increase the proportion of people walking, cycling and taking public transport to 80 per cent of journeys by 2041, from 63 per cent now. I'm also investing a record £2.2bn in streets across London to make London the most walkable city in the world, with a million extra walking trips taking place each day by 2024.

Ballot requirement for estate regeneration comes into force

On 18 July, my ground-breaking funding condition on City Hall funding came into force. Where Mayoral funding is sought, this condition will require residents to have voted in favour of plans that involve the demolition of social homes. This is the first time such a condition has been introduced anywhere in the country.

When estate regeneration is done well, it can improve the lives of existing residents as well as building more social housing. But that has not always been the case. Anyone drawing up plans for estate regeneration must involve local people and must consider what impact their plans will have on people who live there now. That is why, from now on, City Hall funding for significant estate regeneration schemes involving any demolition of social homes will, for the first time, only be approved where there has been a positive residents' ballot.

First community projects named to benefit from Culture Seeds

On 10 July, I announced the first nine projects to benefit from the £1 million fund to support community cultural projects across the capital.

The Culture Seeds funded projects include visual arts workshops in Kensington and Chelsea for volunteers who helped the local community in the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower Fire; music and singing in residential care homes in Redbridge; and in Lambeth, a creative industries summer school for local children.

As part of my commitment to support culture in all corners of the capital, Culture Seeds will continue to award funding for community-led arts, culture and heritage activities on a rolling basis, with grants available from £1,000 - £5,000 until May 2020.

£500m energy fund to help cut carbon emissions

On 9 July, I launched a £500 million-pound investment fund to help hospitals, museums, offices, libraries, social housing and universities become more energy efficient.

This is the largest fund of its kind in the UK and it will help deliver the low-carbon, sustainable projects and infrastructure London needs to cut energy costs and reduce carbon emissions across our universities, hospitals, museums and small businesses. It is a great example of how the public and private sectors can come together to create millions of pounds of investment for low-carbon projects and help fast track London towards our goal of becoming a zero-carbon city by 2050.

Report calls for increase in infrastructure investment

On 9 July, I called on the Government to increase national infrastructure spending. A new report prepared by Greenwood Strategic Advisors revealed that investment in some of the biggest schemes in the capital would lead to the creation of nearly 400,000 new jobs and a similar number of new homes.

As a country, we need to move from a system of underinvestment, low growth, reduced tax take and constrained public funding toward a new philosophy of sensible investment in high-growth schemes that deliver economic prosperity, more homes and higher tax revenues.

Good quality, modern infrastructure, including new roads and railways is crucial if this country is to remain a global economic powerhouse – so it is vital that we see increased investment across the country and not just here in London. I'm confident that the National Infrastructure Commission will convey the need for a substantial increase in investment when it publishes its assessment of the country's requirements.

Policing, Crime and Security

Violent Crime Task Force cracking down on London's most dangerous offenders

I remain in regular contact with the Commissioner on the Met's operational response to knife crime and serious violence in our city.

The Met's Violent Crime Task Force, funded by £15m investment from City Hall, continues to bear down on the most serious offenders in London, using all of the tactics and tools at the Met's disposal. Between 1 April and 27 July, the 150-strong Task Force has made 575 arrests and seized 131 knives, 13 firearms and 112 other offensive weapons.

In addition, so far in 2018, the Met's Trident & Area Crime Command has: made 271 arrests; charged 215; taken 119 firearms and more than 9,600 rounds of ammunition off the streets; seized 78kg of Class A drugs; and confiscated more than £980,000 proceeds of crime.

The public health approach to tackling violence

On 30 August, I met with Vicky Foxcroft MP in her capacity as Chair of the Youth Violence Commission, to discuss the work City Hall are already doing with regards to delivering a public health approach to tackling knife crime and serious violence in London. A Public Health Approach in London is not new and there are lots of examples of good practice where a public health approach has been adopted and targeted at a borough level to support responses to knife crime and serious youth violence,

Much has been said about Glasgow and New York, and the work they've done to bring their levels of violence down to similar levels to London. This has been through multi-agency, public health approaches. We have been doing this for some time via my Knife Crime Strategy. This Strategy is evidence-based and brings together young people, organisations, health providers, groups, communities, individuals and their expertise and passion to help solve this problem.

We've got to work together - with families, communities and young people. This cannot, and must not, be left just to the police to tackle – only by all communities and agencies across London working together can we root out the scourge of knife crime.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Youth Violence Commission and to the publication of their final report in the Autumn.

Protecting vulnerable young Londoners from crime and violence

On 20 July, I visited one of the projects boosted by the Young Londoners Fund (YLF). Hackney Wick FC's Street Tekkers programme has received £10,000 from the YLF in support of their work using football to engage young people involved in gang life, at risk of involvement or at risk of victimisation, and to encourage young people from different areas to look beyond their postcodes and enjoy sport together. They are doing great work, and I was delighted to be able to spend some time with the coaches and players.

On 31 July, I visited another City Hall-funded project at Gladesmore School in South Tottenham. Their Stepping Stones programme supports vulnerable pupils from deprived or disadvantaged backgrounds at highest risk of disengaging with education at the transitional point between primary and secondary education, providing summer activities, mentoring, career advice, skills development and engagement with parents. Such has been the effectiveness of this programme, I have pledged £750,000 to enable fifteen schools around London to roll out the same programme in time for the summer holidays and to run it for two years – reaching around 2,100 vulnerable young people.

On 2 August, I published an interactive online map of hundreds of activities for young Londoners this summer across the capital to help provide them with positive opportunities and help them fulfil their potential. The map features more than 200 activities – including a number funded by City Hall - across the capital, and including the 10 boroughs most affected by knife and violent crime.

While the map was launched to coincide with the long school summer holidays, I want this to be a year-round resource for Londoners. I encourage Assembly Members to not only share this map with their communities, but also to encourage groups in your areas who are planning positive activities for young people to list them on the site.

Counter-terrorism

On 31 July I met with Neil Basu, Assistant Commissioner (Specialist Operations). We received operational updates on counter terrorism investigations, and discussed countering violent extremism, and counter terrorism police resourcing.

On 14 August, a car ran into a stationary group of members of the public then at police officers, before crashing into the barriers outside the House of Parliament. The driver, Salih Khater, has been charged with the attempted murder of members of the public and police officers. Due to the methodology, iconic location and the alleged targeting of civilians and police officers, the CPS are treating this case as terrorism.

Londoners will never be cowed, intimidated or divided by any terrorist attack. I want to pay tribute to the courage and professionalism of the police officers who quickly arrested Khater, and to all of those involved in the subsequent response and investigation. They have been simply magnificent. I also want to give my very best wishes to those injured in this dreadful incident.

Countering Violent Extremism Engagement Grants

In August, I was pleased to award grants totalling £30,000 to two successful community group applicants to my Countering Violent Extremism Programme's engagement portfolio. The Faith Forum for London and the Anti-Tribalism Movement (ATM) will deliver innovative community engagement throughout autumn 2018. This work will engage with 'at risk' London communities focusing on minority; marginalised and disengaged communities to see what more we can all do to strengthen, integrate and empower communities to speak out and challenge extremist views; better safeguard the vulnerable and help keep London safe.

More information on the Countering Violent Extremism Programme is available at www.london.gov.uk/CVE.

Protecting victims of serious crime with insecure immigration status

Work carried out by Claire Waxman, London's Victims' Commissioner, has highlighted cases of victims of serious offences – such as domestic abuse and sexual violence – who are too frightened to report crimes and forced to remain in abusive relationships due to their immigration status. The Government's hostile environment policies are leading to vulnerable people being denied access to much-needed services and facing significant risk of being unlawfully detained.

In one case told to the Victims' Commissioner, a victim arrived in the UK on a spousal visa and quickly began experiencing domestic violence – her husband reportedly controlled all the money, kept one of their twin babies at home when she was allowed out to ensure she would not flee and inflicted violence on her regularly. Her husband told her that if she called the police she would be arrested and deported because she was an illegal immigrant and could only stay in the UK as long as she was married to him. He also said the court would award the children to him because she had no money and could not speak English. When she eventually summoned the courage to contact the police, they confirmed her fears telling her she had no rights, and she became the offender in an immigration case and not the victim in a domestic abuse case.

That highly vulnerable people in our capital city are being subjected to sustained victimisation because they are too afraid to come forward, and that perpetrators of serious crimes can go unchallenged is gravely concerning. In such cases, the first priority must be safeguarding the victim and getting them the support they need. Immigration status can be dealt with after that, once the victim is safe.

The Metropolitan Police Service has agreed to work with the Victims' Commissioner to improve how cases are handled, for example by introducing a set of guidelines and principles on how to respond to victims with insecure immigration status for all immigration officials.

Furthermore, Claire and I have written to the Home Secretary to call for:

- The reinstatement of legal aid for immigration cases to ensure those with insecure status can access independent advice and support
- Victims of violence to be entitled to financial support and safe accommodation in order to leave an abusive relationship, irrespective of their immigration status
- Operational guidelines on how to respond to victims with insecure immigration status, including prioritising safety and support over immigration offences.

Transport

Night Tube is even bigger success than predicted, new figures show

Friday 17 August marked the second anniversary of the Night Tube starting in the capital, and the latest research shows that the service continues to contribute millions more to the economy of London than initially projected.

Demand for the Night Tube grew in its second year, with 8.7 million customers using the service in 2017/18 compared to 7.8 million in 2016/17. According to a new report by London First and EY, the increase in demand has meant that Night Tube helped to generate an additional £190m for London's economy last year, a contribution that has increased by almost £20m from its first year of operation.

The report states that the service is projected to contribute £1.54bn over the next 10 years to the wider London economy. That is double the initial projections made before the service launched in August 2016. It is also supporting over 3,900 jobs, up 8.5 per cent from last year.

Passenger numbers have been higher than expected with almost 17 million journeys so far, well above the 14 million forecast.

Overwhelming support for Holborn Tube station expansion plans

Proposals aimed at substantially boosting the capacity of Holborn Tube station received strong backing from the public and local community in a recent consultation held by Transport for London (TfL).

It found that 98 per cent of respondents agreed with the need to upgrade the station, while 96 per cent supported TfL's proposals to boost capacity.

The proposals included the construction of a new second station entrance and exit at the southern end of Procter Street along with new lifts to improve access.

Cycle hire scheme celebrates best ever month of hires

On 30 July, Transport for London's Santander Cycles celebrated its eighth birthday with another milestone for the scheme - its best ever month of hires. There were over 1.2m hires in July, beating the previous record of 1.18m in July 2016. The recent hot weather has encouraged even more Londoners to make the most of what the capital has to offer by taking to two wheels. The 2018 Prudential RideLondon event also helped to drive demand for the cycles, with thousands choosing to make the most of car-free streets being open to all in central London on Saturday to enjoy a cycle ride.

Santander Cycles has been able to meet this demand by providing additional focus on the most popular stations in and around parks during weekends and launching a 'pop up 'hubs' trial in Westminster and the City to provide extra cycles at peak commute times.

Since the cycle hire scheme was introduced, cycling in the capital has increased from 540,000 to 730,000 average trips per day. The Santander Cycles scheme has increased the availability of cycles, enabling both Londoners and visitors to explore and commute on two wheels.

Vision Zero plan launched

On 24 July, I published an ambitious new plan aimed at eliminating deaths and serious injuries on London's roads. The plan has been developed in collaboration with Transport for London and the Metropolitan Police Service.

Each year more than 2,000 people are killed or seriously injured on London's streets, taking a devastating toll on the people involved, their families and communities across the capital. Working with the Met Police and London boroughs, TfL's radical 'Vision Zero' approach starts from the premise that no death or serious injury on London's roads is acceptable or inevitable.

It is a bold approach that includes the introduction of lower speed limits on TfL's road network, the transformation of dangerous junctions, tough safety standards for the design of HGVs and a comprehensive bus safety programme, which includes speed-limiting technology, and a new innovative training course for all drivers.

TfL backs customer's campaign to ask passengers to Look Up and offer their seat

Transport for London has joined the Look Up campaign, started by disabled customer Corry Shaw, which asks people travelling on public transport to look up to see if someone is in greater need of their seat. Following the announcement on 18 July, TfL has added Look Up messaging to a range of station and train announcements.

There are also further measures to raise awareness such as promotional posters in station halls, messages on digital advertisements and social media activity. TfL will also include the Look Up messaging in regular communications to its employees, who are the strongest ambassadors for building awareness. This supports TfL's existing Travel Kind campaign, which encourages customers to be considerate of one another when using public transport.

Deal paves way for knowledge sharing between London and West Midlands

On 17 July, I joined Andy Street CBE, the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority, as we welcomed a new knowledge-sharing agreement between London and the West Midlands. From dealing with major incidents to limiting the disruption of large-scale transport projects and reducing congestion, the agreement will enable West Midlands and London to learn from each other to improve not only their individual regions, but also the rest of the UK.

The Memorandum of Understanding is the first time two devolved local authorities have made a commitment to share best practice and work towards common goals.

Changes proposed to Congestion Charge discounts and exemptions to reduce traffic and improve air quality

On 6 July, Transport for London launched a public consultation on measures to reduce traffic and improve air quality in central London. The new measures would see the exemption from the Congestion Charge for private hire vehicles (PHVs) removed and the introduction of a new Cleaner Vehicle Discount to replace the Ultra-Low Emission Discount (ULED).

It is proposed that these changes would take effect from 8 April 2019, and by ensuring that the emission standard for those receiving a full discount are tighter than the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), would help to further drive demand for the greenest vehicles.

Since the Congestion Charge launched fifteen years ago, the number of vehicles entering the zone every day has decreased by around 30 per cent. However, over the same period, the number of different PHVs entering the zone in charging hours has gone from an expected 4,000 a day, to more than 18,000, with knock on impacts on air pollution and congestion in central London.

Jump on board the DLR Discovery to explore east London this summer

Londoners and visitors to the capital are now able to enjoy the East End from a new perspective following the launch of DLR Discovery by TfL and its operator KeolisAmey Docklands. Ticket holders will be taken on a guided tour between two of London's most iconic destinations, Tower Gateway and Cutty Sark, on a special non-stopping service on a route not normally served by the DLR.

Each train includes a professional tour guide on board as it travels along raised tracks through the transformed Docklands area of east London, known for its vibrant neighbourhoods and rich cultural heritage and the ticket includes a 30 min walking tour. During the first weekend more than 300 people enjoyed the new tours.

Grants to encourage more Londoners to take up cycling

Transport for London and Groundwork London are inviting Community and not-for-profit groups across London to apply for grants to get their communities cycling.

Since it began, TfL's Cycling Grants London programme has helped 90 projects encourage over 14,000 people to cycle. Now approaching its fourth year, TfL is making more than £240,000 available to help up to 30 groups offer a range of cycling initiatives aimed at people who may not otherwise ride a bike. Initiatives include cycle training, loan bikes, guided rides and courses to teach basic cycle maintenance. New projects will receive up to £10,000 over three years.

The Cycle Grants London programme is part of TfL's record investment in cycling over the next five years to make it easier and more appealing. By breaking down the barriers to cycling and making it safer, TfL aims to diversify cycling and make it accessible to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. TfL is working closely with boroughs, as well as promoting accessible cycling modes such as the Santander Cycles scheme and electric bikes.

Londoners encouraged to embrace the 'Wonderful World of Off-Peak' this summer

Transport for London has launched a new campaign encouraging Londoners and visitors to explore everything London has to offer during this summer, through the 'Wonderful World of Off-Peak'.

Off-peak fares apply on weekdays before 06:30, between 09:30 and 15:59, and after 19:00, plus all day at weekends and on bank holidays. In addition, the Hopper fare applies all day and night, offering unlimited bus and tram journeys across the capital within an hour for just £1.50, with the total cost capped at £4.50 for the whole day.

Children under 11 travel free on buses, Tube and most rail services in London with a valid Zip card and those over 60 can travel free with a 60 plus or Freedom Pass. There are also a wide range of discounted travel options available for adults.

To help people plan days out across London this summer, TfL has partnered with Time Out to create a new interactive cultural map of London highlighting cultural attractions close to more than 300 stations across London. A simple click on the stations highlighted on the map will reveal museums, art galleries and even street art near each station and plan a journey to the attractions using TfL's Journey Planner. TfL has also expanded its range of printed cultural maps, which suggest everything from museums to parks and farms that you can visit all within a short walk or bus ride from Tube or London Overground stations across London.

Huge programme of Elizabeth line property development

A development agreement has been signed between Transport for London (TfL) and HB Reavis to build a 138,000sq ft (Gross Leasable Area) mixed use scheme above Farringdon's new Elizabeth line platforms on the corner of Cowcross Street and Farringdon Road.

The site in Clerkenwell will be transformed into a mixed-use development with ground floor and basement retail combined with seven storeys of high-quality office space including a terrace, a fitness facility, and generous cycle provision accessed directly from the nearby Cycle Superhighway connecting Elephant and Castle and King's Cross. Construction above Farringdon station is expected to start later this year.

Plans are in place for 12 major developments over and around the new Elizabeth line stations and construction sites. In total, the development plans cover more than three million square feet of office, retail and residential space between Paddington in the west and Woolwich in the east. The developments are expected to raise £500m for reinvestment in improving transport in London.

Fire and Resilience

Memorial Garden in memory of firefighters from Beckenham Fire Station

On Sunday 12 August, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended the opening of a memorial garden at Beckenham Fire Station. The memorial garden has been created by Beckenham Fire Station crews in memory of Watch Manager Danny Haxton and Firefighter Mark Hilder who passed away last year.

Temporary Ban on Barbeques in Public Parks

On Tuesday 7 August, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, held her monthly Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board. The Board meetings allow my Deputy Mayor to scrutinise the work of the London Fire Brigade.

Inaugural meeting of the Community Resilience Steering Group

On Thursday 26 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM supported the London Fire Commissioner's call to place a temporary ban on barbeques in public parks. This summer saw a record number of grassfires, with the London Fire Brigade tackling six times as many large grass fires than the total number attended in 2017. Barbecues are one of the core causes of grass fires along with smouldering cigarettes and glass bottles.

Inaugural meeting of the Community Resilience Steering Group

On Wednesday 18 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM hosted the inaugural meeting of the Community Resilience Steering Group. The Steering Group brings together a range of stakeholders from across the London Resilience Partnership to plan and develop a project to enhance the resilience of communities across London.

Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board

On Tuesday 17 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM held her monthly Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board. The Board meetings allow my Deputy Mayor to scrutinise the work of the London Fire Brigade.

Inaugural meeting of the Counter Terrorism Preparedness and Societal Resilience Project Board

On Tuesday 10 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended and addressed the inaugural meeting of the Counter Terrorism Preparedness and Societal Resilience Project Board. The Project seeks to harness the benefits of collaboration between domestic and international partners to identify lessons, share experience and develop arrangements for preparedness and societal resilience in relation to terrorism.

Growth, Skills and Regeneration

Investing up to £82 million in skills training for Londoners

On the 29 August, I launched my second round of Skills for Londoners Capital Fund and invited skills providers to bid for a share of £82m. Of this, £7.2 million has been earmarked for the Mayor's Construction Academy – a network of high-quality construction skills providers across London working closely with construction employers. Since taking office, I have made clear my commitment to ensuring Londoners of all ages and backgrounds can acquire the skills they need for employment – and to helping businesses of all sizes access the talent they need.

Earlier this year I approved more than £25 million to various skills providers across London through the first Skills for Londoners Capital funding round. The funding is part of the £324 million Growth Deal secured from central Government through the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP), the Local Enterprise Partnership for London.

Supporting improved coordination of infrastructure planning

On 21 August, the Growth and Infrastructure team, with the support of the Mayor's Infrastructure High Level Group, secured £2.9 million from the Lane Rental Fund to establish a new resource at the GLA to support improved coordination of infrastructure planning and delivery across London (LRF is created by payments by utilities undertaking street works).

This new resource will have a specific focus on improving coordination of construction and works activity and will work to facilitate improved planning to ensure infrastructure is delivered more efficiently and in a timely manner.

Applications open to join the Skills for Londoners Business Partnership

On 14 August, I launched the recruitment for my new Skills for Londoners Business Partnership. This Partnership will provide advice on how to improve London's skills system to better meet the needs of our employers, businesses, and economy. Its activities will be aimed at increasing skills investment and workforce development in London's industries and improving information and understanding of sectoral/occupational skills challenges in London.

The Skills for Londoners Business Partnership will be chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, and we are inviting applications for membership of the Board throughout the summer. Applications are encouraged from relevant employers, employer representative bodies and sector representatives in London, the deadline is 17 September.

More information can be found online at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/jobs-and-working-city-hall/current-vacancies/sfl2018-skills-londoners-business-partnership-members-0>

Draft London plan

On 13 August, I published my minor suggested changes to the draft London Plan. These changes have been prepared following a review of the almost 4,000 consultation responses received on the Plan and will inform the next stage of the Plan's progression - the examination in public which is due to begin in January 2019.

Skills for Londoners Framework

On 17 July, I published the draft Skills for Londoners Framework for consultation. Developed alongside the recently-published Skills for Londoners Strategy—the first dedicated Skills and Adult Education Strategy produced by a London Mayor—the Framework sets out how the Strategy's aims will be delivered in the context of the devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) to London from the academic year 2019-2020.

The Framework sets out my key priorities for the AEB to promote diversity, social mobility, and inclusion across the capital, as well as creating a more locally-responsive approach to education and skills in London.

The Framework also sets out my commitment to move towards outcome-based commissioning to deliver a more strategic adult education and skills system, tailored to meeting London's needs. Further information and an application pack can be found online at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/jobs-and-working-city-hall/current-vacancies/sfl2018-skills-londoners-business-partnership-members-0>

Housing

Planning powers used to approve over 400 new homes in Brentford

On 22 August, I approved plans for 441 new homes in Brentford, of which 218 will be genuinely affordable, including both shared ownership for first-time buyers and homes based on social rent levels for households on low incomes

London Development Panel

On 14 August, I launched my new London Development Panel, known as LDP2, a framework of 29 well established developers, house builders, contractors and Registered Providers of Social Housing (RPs) who public bodies can work with to accelerate housing delivery on sites they own. The panel members have been carefully selected through a rigorous competitive procurement process.

The Panel offers comprehensive development and construction services and can be used by public landowners for sites in Greater London, providing a streamlined and efficient method for selecting development partners for their sites.

London Housing Strategy

On 9 August, the Secretary of State's statutory consideration period for the Mayor's draft revised London Housing Strategy came to an end. The Mayor adopted the London Housing Strategy on 10 August 2018. This final version is unchanged from the version that was published in May 2018.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

Meet the Buyer and Mentoring for Growth

The London Growth Hub, LEAP's business support initiative, launched two new business support programmes this August. The first is Meet the Buyer, delivered by Enterprise Nation. The purpose of the programme is to help small companies access buyers from street markets, through to major multinationals, with a view to test trading and securing new sales deals.

The second is Mentoring for Growth delivered in partnership with Be the Business. This programme will match high growth SMEs with business leaders from some of the biggest names in UK business, including Siemens, GSK and John Lewis Partnership, to enable them to receive free mentoring over the course of 12 months and help them reach their growth potential.

Preparing for Brexit

On 17 August, I announced that I will be consulting with London's business community to determine exactly what support they need from the Government to prepare for a possible no-deal Brexit.

I also asked the London Resilience Forum, the partnership responsible for ensuring London's preparedness in the event of emergencies, to establish the impact of a no-deal Brexit on critical areas such as access to medicines, energy and food, as well as the ability to maintain emergency care, law and order.

I am stepping up City Hall's preparations for a no-deal Brexit amidst growing concerns that the chances of the UK 'crashing' out of the European Union are higher than ever.

Creating leading MedTech hub

On 7 August, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, attended a meeting with King's College London, regarding plans to create Europe's leading MedTech hub at St Thomas' Hospital. It was a great opportunity for the Deputy Mayor to see the facilities on offer and meet businesses already located on the site.

European Regional Development Fund

On 26 July, I approved the award of up to £14.1million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to applicants following the sixth call for proposals. The projects will be using ERDF to promote research and innovation, enhance the competitiveness of SMEs; and support the low carbon economy.

Environment

London Drinking Fountain Fund

On 28 August, I announced the location of the 20 fountains being installed across London this year through the London Drinking Fountain Fund, in partnership with the Zoological Society London's #OneLess Campaign and MIW Water Cooler Experts. This initiative will provide people with easier access to free tap water 'on the go', which together with my support for the London Refill campaign, will help reduce the use of single use plastic water bottles and offer a healthier alternative to sugary drinks.

London Community Energy Fund 2018/19

On 23 August, I launched the second phase of my London Community Energy Fund. It will support more communities to get involved in producing energy locally and helping to reduce energy use.

The London Community Energy Fund 2018/19 offers grants of up to £15,000. This can be used to support the development stages of a wide range of community energy projects, including both clean generation and energy demand reduction. Funding could be used, for example, to carry out preliminary viability studies or develop a financial business case. I want to fund work required to get a community energy projects 'investor ready' - that means ready to be financed. The fund will close to applications on Friday 2 November.

Feed-in Tariff – response to Department for Business, Energy and Industry consultation (BEIS)

On 22 August, I wrote to Claire Perry MP to urge the Energy Minister to rethink the Government's proposal to end the feed-in tariff (FIT) in March 2019. As set out in my Environment Strategy and Solar Action Plan I have reinvigorated efforts to install more small-scale solar photovoltaics (PV) in London. Local, renewable energy is key to achieving my ambition for London to be a zero-carbon city by 2050.

I am deeply concerned that the proposals BEIS have set out in their consultation will undermine these efforts, making the payback on solar PV less attractive for Londoners. Worryingly this will create a cliff edge for the solar market.

I have therefore called on BEIS to retain the export tariff for at least two years whilst a viable alternative is established to support all small-scale generators.

Deputy Mayors visit Ford plant in Dagenham

On 22 August, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues and my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, visited the Ford plant in Dagenham to see production in action and speak to staff about investment and jobs, as well as my air quality plans for London.

40,000 trees for green spaces across London

On 16 August, I announced that over 40,000 trees will be planted across London this winter, funded by my Community Tree Planting Grants, part of the Greener City Fund. 29 projects in 21 boroughs are being supported to plant trees in parks, estates, schools and community spaces. This includes three mass tree planting events led by Trees for Cities in Enfield, Lewisham and Redbridge, that will be part of my tree planting weekend on 1 and 2 December.

£1.5m to create new woodlands in London

On 16 August, I launched a £1.5m fund for boroughs, charities and public-sector land owners to create new large-scale woodland for all Londoners to enjoy. Woodlands can store carbon, help improve air quality, create habitat for wildlife, provide spaces for recreation, and create new business opportunities. I want this funding, part of the Greener City Fund, to help improve our Green Belt, and have written to all London boroughs asking them to nominate suitable sites by 12 October.

Find more information at www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/trees-and-woodlands

Heathrow Airport Third Runway Judicial Review

Following my statement on 21 June 2018, I have now joined with the London Boroughs of Hillingdon, Wandsworth, Richmond-upon-Thames and Hammersmith & Fulham as well as Greenpeace and the Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead in applying for a Judicial Review of the Government's decision to back a third runway at Heathrow. The formal request for a Judicial Review was submitted on 6 August 2018.

Over 300 events for London's first National Park City Week

Between 21 and 29 July, I encouraged Londoners to explore London's amazing outdoors during the first ever London National Park City Week. Over 300 events took place, organised in collaboration with the National Park City Foundation and partners across the capital. My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, joined families for a 'Smell and Touch Sensory Safari' in Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park in Southwark.

During the week I launched a new campaign inviting Londoners to take at least one simple action to make London greener at www.london.gov.uk/grow.

Community Green Space Grants open for applications

On 11 July, applications opened for the second round of Community Green Space Grants, part of my Greener City Fund. Boroughs, charities, community groups and schools can apply for grants between £5,000 and £50,000 for projects to improve or create green space.

This year there is a new type of grant available to support greening projects in schools that help protect students from air pollution. Applications are open until 1 October at www.london.gov.uk/greener-city

'Tree Oscars' – the London Tree and Woodland Awards

On the 10 July, my Deputy Mayor for the Environment & Energy, Shirley Rodrigues hosted the London Tree and Woodland Awards 2018 together with Sir Harry Studholme, Chair of the Forestry Commission and Tony Kirkham, Head of Arboretum at Kew Gardens. The Awards – popularly known as the 'Tree Oscars' – celebrate the work of individuals, communities and professionals to protect, improve and expand London's tree and woodland cover. Over 200 attendees saw nine awards made to individuals, community groups and businesses, with the award categories including a Community Woodland Award, a trees and Learning Award and a Wood Enterprise Award.

Joint Metro Mayors' air quality call to Prime Minister

As part of the outcome of the UK's first National Air Quality Summit held in London in June this year, I have written to the Prime Minister with other leaders representing around 20 million people living in towns and cities across England and Wales to identify key priorities where the Government's support is needed to urgently improve air quality. These include:

- The need for a new Clean Air and Environment act that establishes strong air quality limits linked to World Health Organization recommended guidelines.
- A targeted national vehicle renewal scheme to replace older polluting vehicles, that supports drivers and businesses including taxi drivers and local delivery companies to change to low emission vehicles and other sustainable forms of transport.
- Providing access to funding for cities and towns across England to support the delivery of Clean Air Zones and provide investment for cleaner buses, taxis and walking, cycling and public transport.

Response to the Government's draft Clean Air Strategy

I have submitted a response to the Defra consultation on the draft Clean Air Strategy. It is right that the Government is seeking to improve the quality of the air we breathe through a new Clean Air Strategy and I am particularly pleased to see the government following my lead by recognising the World Health Organization air quality guidelines as the standard which we should be working to meet rather than just simply achieving legal compliance.

However, it is extremely remiss that the draft strategy has so little to say on transport emissions (including those from aviation) and there are clearly missed opportunities for the Government to deliver clean air for London more quickly, including by providing new powers to tackle non-transport emissions.

Response to Government's consultation on new green watchdog

I have submitted a response to the Defra consultation on environmental principles and accountability post-Brexit. I welcome government's ambition to ensure we leave our environment in a better state than we inherited it and an important part of that ambition is the desire to set a gold standard for environmental protection.

Now that the Prime Minister has confirmed that there will be a new Environment Act I look forward to working with the Government to ensure that the UK post-Brexit has an equivalent or better level of environmental protection than whilst in the EU, enshrining key environmental principles such as the polluter pays, environmental rights for citizens and the precautionary principle. As part of this protection it is essential that a new environment watchdog is independent, appropriately resourced and has the necessary powers to hold government to fully account.

Deputy Mayor launches the C40 Air Quality Network

At the end of 2017 I announced that London and Bengaluru would be leading a global partnership of world cities on tackling air pollution in urban centres. In July this year my Deputy Mayor Shirley Rodrigues launched the Network in Bengaluru with a High-Level Forum as well as bilateral meetings. The forum brought together government and philanthropic leaders who are leading efforts to address air pollution to improve the health of urban residents and build strong local economies.

Cleaner Heat Cashback launches

On the 30 July, my £10million Cleaner Heat Cashback was launched to help SMEs save money on their energy bills and improve the capital's air quality. My scheme will help make London's workplaces more energy efficient while cutting fuel bills and improving air quality through the reduction of toxic emissions from older, polluting boilers. This scheme contributes to achieving my ambition to make London a zero-carbon city by 2050.

My scheme, which is the first of its kind in the UK, will provide between 30 to 40 per cent cashback to eligible SMEs when they replace their existing boilers, with new, cleaner heating systems.

Deputy Mayor calls on government to empower local leaders on climate change action

On 10 July, my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment, Shirley Rodrigues, joined an all-female panel at the PRASEG (All-Party Parliamentary Group for Renewable and Sustainable Energy) 2018 Conference. She highlighted the need for the UK to cut the carbon emissions of its heat and transport, and the leadership role that cities such as London are taking. She also called on government to empower cities to increase the scale and pace of their actions.

Deputy Mayor launches Mayor's £500m Energy Efficiency Fund to help cut carbon emissions

On Monday 9 July, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy launched the Mayor's Energy Efficiency Fund (MEEF), a £500m fund designed to cut carbon emissions in London by providing flexible and competitive finance for energy efficiency and energy supply projects. Through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Amber Infrastructure Group, MEEF is working with key commercial lenders: including Lloyds Bank, National Westminster Bank,

Santander UK, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and Triodos Bank; to deliver the UK's largest ever dedicated investment fund for urban energy efficiency and supply projects.

Funding is available for projects across London and these could include battery storage, electric vehicle rapid charging infrastructure, decentralised energy, small-scale renewables, energy efficiency and low-carbon data centres.

Education and Youth

#OurLDNSummer

There are so many amazing things to do in this city over the summer, which is why I asked boroughs and youth, sporting, cultural and community organisations to help City Hall spread the word by using #ourLDNSummer to share the fantastic activities they are running for young Londoners across the capital.

The #ourLDNSummer digital map went live on 2 August with more than 250 opportunities currently listed for young people and families. These have been promoted widely and more activities and events are being added throughout the summer period. The map can be found at: www.london.gov.uk/events/2018-08-02/ourldnsummer.

Early years

On 17 July my team consulted on my early years programme with representatives from London's local authorities, Save the Children, Hemsalls, Family and Childcare Trust and London Councils. The discussion and feedback is now helping us to develop a specification for small grants to communities to encourage more families to access the free early years entitlements.

This consultation has also helped to shape messages for my Early Years Campaign planned for 2019, as will the parents' focus groups I am holding later this month to better understand their perceived barriers to participation. The Campaign will seek to improve awareness of the free early years entitlements amongst London families, particularly the most disadvantaged. I want it to help to ensure that as many families as possible are accessing childcare for the start of the 2019-20 school year.

Capel Manor College 50th Year Anniversary

On Tuesday 10 July, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, gave the keynote address to graduating students of Capel Manor College and presented prizes and certificates to students who have excelled.

Capel Manor College is recognised as the primary provider delivering the majority of London's land-based skills provision, operating out of five centres across London in Enfield (main site), Regent's Park, Crystal Palace Park, Gunnersbury Park and Brook Farm (Leyton).

The College offers a wide range of land-based education and training to pre- and post-19 years of age learners, at all levels from foundation to higher education. They offer courses for 14-year olds onwards to over 60+ in horticulture, animal care and management, groundsmanship, garden design, floristry, balloon artistry, saddlery, arboriculture, countryside management, outdoor pursuits or the environment.

The College is celebrating its 50th year this year and the first cohort of higher education students (in association with the Royal Agricultural University) graduated at this event.

Young Londoners Fund

The prospectus and application form for Round 1 of my Young Londoners Fund for projects in local communities was launched on 15 May. It closed on 9 July 2018 for applications, with a total of £15.5m funding available.

Applications are currently being assessed. Small grant applicants will be notified of the outcomes of their applications by the end of August and will deliver from October 2018 until September 2021. Medium and large grant applicants will be notified of the outcomes of their applications by the end of October 2018 and will deliver from January 2019 until December 2021.

150 young people have been involved in assessing these bids, and my Deputy Mayors, Joanne McCartney AM, Matthew Ryder and Sophie Linden, all dropped in to meet and thank young people for their work in these sessions held in City Hall.

Association of Citizenship Teachers

On 7 July, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, welcomed and spoke briefly about the importance of teachers' citizenship education work at the Association of Citizenship Teachers (ACT) Conference hosted in City Hall.

ACT is the subject association for citizenship and Joanne highlighted to around 100 attending teachers our new London Curriculum citizenship resources, developed in partnership with ACT and Hackney Learning Trust, so that they could prepare to use them in the autumn school term when they are launched.

Communities and Social Policy

European Londoners Microgrants

The Government has stated that Europeans will need to apply for 'settled status' to remain in the UK after it leaves the European Union on 29 March 2019, but I am concerned about the availability of quality advice and support. As such, the Social Integration Team has launched a microgrant scheme. Funding of up to £2,000 is on offer to community groups and civil society organisations to carry out a range of outreach activities aimed at vulnerable European Londoners.

City Hall's first commemoration of UNESCO's International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade

On 22 August, I held City Hall's first commemoration of UNESCO's International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition since 2007. The event remembered the millions who suffered due to the Transatlantic slave trade and marked the passing of the Abolition acts. It also acknowledged its impact on generations of African and Caribbean communities here in London and across the world and the ongoing scourge of modern slavery.

There were inspirational contributions from African and Caribbean artists and speakers including Henry Bonsu, Kwame Kwei-Armah, Patrick Vernon OBE, Professor Patricia Daley, Arthur Torrington CBE, Nairobi Thompson and Siana Bangura.

International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

On 21 August, to commemorate the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism, City Hall hosted the #LondonUnited book of hope on The Map area. This gave staff and visitors an opportunity to share messages in solidarity with those affected by terror attacks.

Africa Centre Summer Festival

On Saturday 18 August, the streets of Southwark came alive with the free annual Africa Centre Summer Festival. As the largest African street festival in London, it brought together the best of African and diaspora culture, fusing music, dance, food and fashion from across the UK and the African continent. I was delighted to be able to support this fantastic event.

Mayor's Citizenship Ceremony pilots

On 25 July, the pilot boroughs that participated in London's first Citizenship Ceremonies Research Project gathered to share learnings and success. My Citizenship and Integration Initiative has commissioned research to test several interventions aimed at increasing awareness of the route to citizenship and promote active citizenship through citizenship ceremonies. The findings of the research are being used to develop guidance for boroughs on hosting improved citizenship ceremonies.

300 events across London for National Park City Week

During the first ever London National Park City Week (July 21 to July 29), more than 300 events exploring, enjoying and celebrating green spaces, parks and rivers took place across the capital. Hundreds of family-friendly events were organised by community and art groups, charities, boroughs and businesses, the range of events demonstrate the wide breadth of support to 'green the grey' and improve and maintain our green spaces to help make London the world's first National Park City.

Conversation on Social Isolation and Loneliness

On 17 July, my Deputy Mayor for Social integration, Social Mobility and Community engagement, Matthew Ryder hosted 'A Conversation on Social Isolation and Loneliness' at City Hall. The event brought together academics, policy thinkers and Londoners to share their ideas and work on this important topic. Over 130 Londoners attended the stimulating panel discussion and audience Q&A on how to make public policy more relationship-centred, and what City Hall can do to address the challenges of social isolation and loneliness.

World Cup semi-final screening for Londoners

On 11 July, Londoners of all ages and backgrounds came together in their thousands to cheer on England in the World Cup semi-final at Hyde Park – the first time England had playing in a World Cup semi-final since 1990. I was proud to be able to organise this event for Londoners and to stand with them to watch our national team play. The event was attended by 30,000 fans.

Syrian Londoners Event

On 11 July, the Social Integration Team hosted a meeting with 100 Syrian Londoners – both those who have recently arrived and those who have made London their home for years. This allowed them to share their experiences on how to thrive in London. It also enabled them to better understand and access support and services, as well as opening doors to potential employment opportunities and new friendships.

7/7 Anniversary Commemoration

To mark the anniversary of the 7/7 London terror attack, I laid a wreath at the 7/7 Memorial in Hyde Park, alongside colleagues from the emergency services, TfL, London Councils and the London Assembly. We will never forget those who lost their lives on 7/7, with the anniversary being a poignant moment to remember the 52 people killed and 784 injured - they will always remain in our hearts.

Pride in London and UK Black Pride

On Saturday 7 July, I joined thousands of Londoners to proudly march in solidarity with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community at London Pride. London is home to people of all backgrounds, faiths, abilities, nationalities, ethnicities and walks of life - and Pride in London is a shining example of what our city represents. To mark Pride I was also glad to be able to support UK Black Pride on Sunday 8 July and host a Pride reception in City Hall for over 200 people from the LGBT+ community for the second year running.

Health

Thrive LDN Culture Festival launch

On 16 August, I was delighted to see the launch of the Thrive LDN Culture Festival, a new partnership initiative between my Culture Team, Thrive LDN and the Mental Health Foundation. This follows recommendations from an independent report conducted earlier this year which identified opportunities for arts and cultural activities to improve the mental health and wellbeing of Londoners.

This year the festival will coincide with World Mental Health Day on 10 October and will particularly seek to engage with young Londoners who are at greater risk of developing poor mental health, such as African-Caribbean, Latin, Portuguese speaking, Black LGBTQ+ and Asian LGBTQ+ Londoners, to amplify traditionally unheard voices and perspectives on mental health and wellbeing in the capital.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

On 13 August, I was pleased to announce with partners the launch of the Youth Mental Health First Aid Schools Programme, which I am supporting through the Young Londoners Fund. In partnership with Mental Health First Aid England and Thrive LDN, this ambitious programme will provide access to a Youth Mental Health First Aider to every state school in London by 2021.

The programme will train 100 new Youth Mental Health First Aid instructors in London to deliver a two-day Youth Mental Health First Aider training to school staff. This will continue to support my drive to help and support children and young people to fulfil their potential, with a particular focus on improving the mental health and wellbeing of all young Londoners.

Meeting with statutory health advisor

On 27 July, I met my statutory health advisor, Professor Yvonne Doyle, also regional director for Public Health England London. She briefed me on the effects of the heatwave and what Public Health England is doing to advise the public. She also updated me on the work that is being undertaken to tackle violence from a public health perspective. We discussed the developing work plan for my Child Obesity Taskforce. Finally we also discussed the increasing rates of syphilis in London and the role that the Syphilis Action Group is playing to increase testing and partner notification rates.

NHS Big7tea Party

On 19 July, I was delighted to speak at an NHS Big7tea Party hosted by Caroline Pidgeon AM at City Hall. This event celebrated the specific and significant contribution to the NHS made by NHS charities and volunteers throughout its 70 year history.

Team London and Volunteering

Major Events Volunteering

On 28 July, 60 Team London volunteers supported Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle. Over 60,000 cyclists took to the streets on an eight-mile circuit passing Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral, the Bank of England and south of the river over Waterloo Bridge. The event gave volunteers the chance to be part of the world's biggest cycling festival and one of the biggest sporting events held in London this year.

Team London Ambassadors

From 18 July - 2 September, over 500 Team London Ambassadors volunteered at hotspots across London, making sure that tourists and visitors received a warm welcome. Known as London's 'friendly face', the Ambassadors are volunteers who are keen to share their knowledge and enthusiasm about the capital. This year, over 150 Ambassadors were new to the programme. This is helping Team London achieve their goal of creating more opportunities for Londoners to volunteer.

Culture and Events

Notting Hill Carnival 2018

On Sunday 26 August, I was proud to once again join Londoners from all walks of life at the largest open-air Carnival celebration in Europe, Notting Hill Carnival. Notting Hill is a celebration of London's African Caribbean community and is attended by thousands of Londoners each

year. The event would not have been the success it was without the hard work of Notting Hill Carnival Ltd, the public and the voluntary agencies involved, and I thank them for their dedication.

During my visit I also visited Ladbroke Grove fire-station where I joined firefighters for a 72-second silence to remember and honour the victims of the Grenfell Tower tragedy. This silence across Carnival was a powerful reminder of the 2017 tragedy.

Deputy Mayor visit to Waltham Forest (London Borough of Culture)

On 7 August, my deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, visited Walthamstow Wetlands for a preview of Waltham Forest's London Borough of Culture programme for 2019. Along with members of my Culture team, Justine met Leader of the Council Cllr Clare Coghill and her team to discuss progress on the programme and continue to work together to deliver a successful first ever London Borough of Culture.

London Mela

I was delighted to support the sixteenth London Mela, held over the weekend of 18 and 19 August, at a new location of Southall Park. Assembly Member Dr Onkar Sahota attended and spoke at the event, giving a welcome to festival goers from the main stage. The Mela is a family event which showcases the fantastic diversity of Asian arts and culture in the capital and invites Londoners from all backgrounds to come together and get involved.

Culture Seeds Awards

Culture Seeds, my new £1million micro grants programme has already awarded £112,880 to 26 projects supporting grassroots community-led arts, culture and heritage activities. Twenty small organisations and six individuals have been funded to run projects within their local communities in 18 London Boroughs. Awards include: summer arts activity for young people at risk of exclusion in Bromley; a visual arts project with volunteers from Grenfell; a music festival and winter ceildh on an estate in Hackney; textiles workshops for a community procession in Merton; music in residential care homes in Redbridge; a Panjabi heritage project in Ealing, and song writing workshops for young LGBT+ people in Camden. Culture Seeds is a rolling programme open to applications until March 2020.

Women's Night Safety Charter

On 23 July, my Night Czar, Amy Lamé, and Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, held a Women's Night Safety Summit at City Hall. The event was attended by a range of senior leaders from live music venues and night clubs, to trade unions, charities and borough councils. It included a key note speech from Dr Ellie Cosgrave, UCL City Leadership Laboratory and Purna Sen, UN Women Executive Coordinator and Spokesperson on Addressing Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discrimination.

The event gathered further support for the Women's Night Safety Charter. The Charter forms part of my strategy to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls. It includes seven pledges that 25 key organisations have already signed up to, which include; Live Nation UK, Ministry of Sound, UK Music, Drinkaware, the O2, Imkaan, the Portman Group and a number of local authorities.

International Busking Day

On 22 July, my Culture and Creative Industries Unit led the annual International Busking Day. Wembley Park was the centre of this global celebration, hosting a free one-day festival of music, dance and circus performance for 10,000 people. Cllr Muhammed Butt, leader of Brent Council, joined legendary musician and Chic frontman Nile Rogers to launch the event. It also featured performances by grassroots talent and international artists such as Newton Faulkner and Nina Nesbitt and was supported by Busk in London Ambassadors Billy Bragg and KT Tunstall. International Busking Day, involved hundreds of buskers around the world in cities including Barcelona, Rome, Melbourne and Seattle.

Buenos Aires Delegation

On 11 July, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, hosted a delegation from Buenos Aires led by Mr. Enrique Avogadro, Minister for Culture, City of Buenos Aires, as part of our World Cities Culture Forum Leadership Exchange Programme. Buenos Aires was awarded funding to visit London to learn about London Borough of Culture, to inform their own programme inspired by my new initiative. The visit included a visit to Waltham Forest Garden Party and key arts organisations and strengthened relationships between our two cities. The Leadership Exchange Programme is supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies and Google Arts and Culture.

Announcement of Waltham Forest's London Borough of Culture Logo Competition

On 11 July, I announced the winner of Waltham Forest's London Borough of Culture 2019 logo competition, along with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and Leader of the Council Cllr Clare Coghill. Over 70 entries were received from local artists, residents, businesses and students. The winning logo was designed by Waltham Forest resident and graphic designer Richard Vickers. Along with the new logo, Waltham Forest also announced £500,000 towards a new Fellowship Fund to support ambitious local cultural activity as part of their London Borough of Culture programme.

Museum of London reception to Celebrate the Centenary of the Women's Vote

On 9 July, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, gave a keynote speech at a Museum of London event hosted by the City of London Corporation to mark the centenary of women's suffrage and celebrate the role of women in business, culture and the arts. Justine's speech outlined my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign which champions gender equality. The event was hosted by Sharon Ament, Director of the Museum of London and Catherine McGuinness, Chair of the Policy and Resource Committee, City of London, and attended by a range of politicians and senior figures from across the City.

The Line – Stakeholder Lunch

On 9 July, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, spoke at a lunch that brought together developers and senior business leaders to encourage support for the Line, London's first dedicated contemporary free public art walk. The Line runs between the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and The O2, following the waterways and the line of the Meridian. Since the Line opened in 2015 around 1,000 visitors a month have walked it for free, discovering heritage sites such as Three Mills and Cody Docks.

Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy

Civic Innovation Challenge

I have shortlisted four sports tech companies as part of my Civic Innovation Challenge. This calls on tech start-ups and SMEs to develop innovative solutions to London's biggest challenges. The companies are competing for two challenges: 'Loneliness and Isolation' and 'Physical Activity'. They will receive a month of intense business support to develop their final proposal, and the two winning proposals will go on to test their innovation alongside challenge partners.

Summer Activity Commissioned

I commissioned seven sports organisations to provide summer sporting activities for over 2,000 young people in locations identified by MOPAC as having high levels of serious youth violence. This will reduce the risk of young people becoming involved in anti-social behaviour, crime or gangs during the summer. It will do this by providing opportunities for sports (or related) projects and initiatives.

Sports Impact Partnerships

The delivery of the Sports Impact Partnerships has begun. These partnerships are increasing social integration, community cohesion and improving the lives of over 10,000 young Londoners. The organisations funded are Street Games, Change Foundation, Fight for Peace and Chance to Shine.

Young Londoners Fund Sport Unites Selected

I have funded seven sports projects as part of the Young Londoners Fund – my new £45m fund to help children and young people to fulfil their potential, particularly those at risk of getting caught up in crime. These projects will engage over 2,000 young Londoners over the next three years. The organisations are Badu Sports, Box Up Crime, Hackney Wick FC, Ignite Trust, XLP, London Youth and Key4Life.

Athletics World Cup

I attended the inaugural Athletics World Cup which took place from 14-15 July at the London Stadium. The new event partnered with the #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, and all eight nations competing for the World Cup Trophy were led by female captains. I had the pleasure of presenting medals for the Women's 100m, Women's 4x400m relay and Men's 4x100 relay.

Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup

The Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup took place from 21 July - 5 August at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Over 120,000 people attended the whole event and saw sixteen of the best teams in the world battle it out for the ultimate World Champion title. The event is the biggest non-Olympic hockey event in the world.

London Legacy Development Corporation

EAST Education Summer School

LLDC, alongside Here East and our East Bank partners, V&A, BBC, UCL, Sadler's Wells and UAL's London College of Fashion, delivered the first ever, free, EAST Education Summer School (30 July – 17 August) which gave local 13-16 year olds the chance to try out new skills in fashion, music, dance, printmaking and archaeology.

Active August programme

I'm pleased to report the Park has hosted another successful summer of events. The annual Active August programme was back again this year with over 100 free sessions of sport for local people. In July, the multi-use London Stadium was back in action after changing the seating configuration to host two major weekends of athletics, the inaugural Athletics World Cup (15-16 July) and the Muller Anniversary Games (21-22 July).

Celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage

On 22 July, the Open Doors Vote 100 event which celebrated 100 years of women's suffrage was held at Here East; local visitors enjoyed a day of dance, music, debates and workshops, delivered by our East Bank partners.

At this event, I am delighted that we also announced the new co-chairs of Foundation for FutureLondon, Baroness Young and Sir David Bell, who will lead the independent charity that will raise philanthropic funds to support East Bank, and also to deliver the local arts and engagement programme.

Hockey Women's World Cup

The Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup (21 July – 5 August) was held on the Park, at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, which proved to be the most popular ever with 120,000 visitors, and the Park had a free fan zone for local people to try out the sport. The first West Ham United home-match of the Premier League season took place (18 August) against Bournemouth.

The London Elrow Town music festival

The London Elrow Town music festival returned to the Park for a second year (18 -19 August) with 28,000 people attending over the weekend.

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

Third public consultation on the draft Local plan

The Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation's (OPDC's) third public consultation on its draft Local Plan concluded on 30 July. A series of engagement activities were undertaken during the course of the consultation and over 1,600 comments were received. OPDC officers are currently reviewing and responding to these comments and plan to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State in the autumn for Examination in Public.

Planning

Planning and Development Control 27 June 2018 to 22 August 2018

Planning Decisions (Stage III representation hearings)

Citroen Site, Capital Interchange Way, Brentford, LB Hounslow

Having decided to become the local planning authority for the above case, I decided to grant planning permission, subject to planning conditions and prior written conclusion of a section 106 agreement.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Merrielands Crescent, South Dagenham, 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.

Prospect Ring, Barnet, LB Barnet

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

Olympic Office Centre, 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.

Capitol Way/Stag Lane, 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.

Northfields Industrial Estate, Beresford Avenue, Alperton, 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.

100 Leadenhall Street, 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.

Queens Hotel, 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.

Morello Quarter Phase 2, 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.

Homebase, Western Avenue, East Acton, 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.

Eynsham Drive, RB Greenwich

I have written to the Royal Borough of Greenwich stating that I will act as the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the planning application.

Charlton Riverside VIP Trading Estate, RB Greenwich

I have written to the Royal Borough of Greenwich stating that I will act as the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the planning application.

Development House, LB Hackney

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

Fulham Football Club, LB Hammersmith and Fulham

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

Hornchurch Leisure Centre, Hornchurch Road, LB Havering

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

Land at Rom Valley Way, LB Havering

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

Rectory Farm, Cranford Lane, Heston West, LB Hounslow

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

Dukes Meadows Tennis & Golf Club, Chiswick, LB Hounslow

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

Oval Gasworks, Kennington Oval, LB Lambeth

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

6-10 Ingate Place, Battersea, 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.

Land to the North of Grant Road, 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.

40 Broadway, 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.

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

Thameside West, Silvertown, LB Newham

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

The Statutory Deputy Mayor, under powers I delegated to her, has sent a letter in response to the following statutory referral:

Former Parcel Force depot, Stephenson Street, West Ham, LB Newham

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Newham stating that she 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:

- Cleeve Meadow Free School, Sidcup, LB Bexley
- Morrison's Car Park, Honey Pot Lane, LB Brent
- Churchill Gardens, Ethelbert Close and Churchill Way, LB Bromley
- 96-102 Broadway, West Ealing, LB Ealing
- Acton and West London College, LB Ealing
- Saxon Wharf, RB Greenwich
- 49-51 Paul Street, LB Hackney
- White City Campus North, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- 148 - 192 New Road, Rainham, LB Havering
- Segro Park Heathrow, LB Hounslow
- Clapham Common, LB Lambeth
- Site at 164-196 Trundley's Road and 1-9 Sanford Street, LB Lewisham
- Western Gateway, Sites 2 & 3, Canning Town, LB Newham
- Abbey House, Bakers Row, West Ham, LB Newham
- 226-244 High Road, Ilford, LB Redbridge
- Former Imperial College Private Ground, Udney Park Road, Teddington, LB Richmond upon Thames
- Former Stag Brewery, LB Richmond upon Thames
- 160 Blackfriars Road, Southwark, LB Southwark
- 82 West India Dock Road, Limehouse, LB Tower Hamlets
- Site at 3-11 Goulston Street And 4-6 And 16-22 Middlesex Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Pensbury Place Transfer Station, Battersea, LB Wandsworth
- Dolphin Square, Pimlico, City of Westminster

Planning Decisions (Development Consent Order)

I have sent a letter in response to the following development consent order referrals:

- Riverside Energy Park, The Planning Inspectorate
- Thames Tideway Tunnel – Heathwall Pumping Station, Nine Elms, Thames Water Utilities Limited

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Barking Riverside Area, Renwick Road, LB Barking and Dagenham
- 101 Byng Road, LB Barnet

- Standard Wharf, LB Bexley
- Ogilby Housing Society Site, Wellington Street, RB Greenwich
- Royal Brompton Hospital, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Cannon Wharf Business Centre, LB Lewisham
- Jenkins Lane, Beckton Sewage Treatment Works, LB Newham
- London City Airport, LB Newham
- Heygate Estate, LB Southwark
- Former Managers Office, Lawrence Wharf, LB Southwark
- Beddington Waste Management Facility, LB Sutton
- Maersk House, LB Tower Hamlets
- Development Site of Embassy Gardens, LB Wandsworth
- North Westminster Community School, City of Westminster

Key Engagements

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

- I attended the 7/7 Wreath Laying Ceremony in Hyde Park on 7 July to mark the thirteenth anniversary of the London Bombings
- I attended the LFB Pride Breakfast at Soho Fire Station on 7 July
- I took part in the London Pride March on 7 July
- I had an introductory meeting with Jonathan Taylor, the Vice President of the European Investment Bank, on 9 July
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 9 July
- I had my regular meeting with Claire Waxman, the Victim Commissioner, on 9 July
- I attended the London Councils Congress of Leaders on 10 July
- I had my regular meeting with representatives of the TUC LESE (TUC London East and South East, formerly SERTUC) on 10 July
- I visited the Citroen Site development in Brentford on 11 July
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Peter Hendy, Chair, and Lynn Garner, Chief Executive, of the London Legacy Development Corporation on 11 July
- I attended the live screening of the England World Cup semi-final match against Croatia taking place in Hyde Park on 11 July
- I addressed AEG Connect at the Indigo, O2 on 12 July
- I had an introductory meeting with Damien Egan, the new Mayor of Lewisham, on 12 July
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 12 July
- I had my regular update with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on the work of the Violent Crime Taskforce on 12 July
- I attended the launch of the Richard Stone Centre for Social Change on 12 July
- I attended the Metropolitan Police passing out parade taking place at the Hendon Training School on 13 July
- I visited the Special Operations Room at Lambeth on 13 July
- I attended the Athletics World Cup at the London Stadium on 14 July
- I attended the Wimbledon Men's tennis final on 15 July
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 16 July

- I met with the Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP, on 16 July to discuss violent crime in London
- I visited Palestra on 17 July to open the Trade Union Membership Fair
- I met with Andy Street, the Mayor of the West Midlands, at Palestra on 17 July to officially announce the signing of a Transport MoU between TfL and TfWM
- I attended the meeting of the Serious Violence Taskforce, convened by the Home Secretary, on 17 July
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 17 July at the Special Operations Room at Lambeth
- I chaired the Mayor's Business Advisory Board at Facebook's London Office on 18 July
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 19 July
- I attend an event hosted by Caroline Pidgeon on 19 July marking 70 years of the NHS and specifically celebrating the role that volunteers and charities have played in that time
- I had an introductory meeting with Rokhsana Fiaz, the new Mayor of Newham, on 19 July
- I attended the UpRising 10th Anniversary Celebration on 19 July
- I visited Hackney Wick FC, Mabley Green, one of the first projects funded through the sports element of the Young Londoners Fund (YLF), on 20 July to make people aware of the activities and opportunities for funding in high crime areas in London
- I chaired the Citroen Site Representation Hearing at City Hall on 20 July
- I had my regular meeting with my statutory health advisor, Yvonne Doyle, Director for London, Public Health England, on 26 July
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 26 July
- I had my regular update with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on the work of the Violent Crime Taskforce on 26 July
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 27 July
- I met with Geoff Alltimes, Independent Co-Chair of the London Estates Board, on 27 July to discuss the work of the Board
- I met with Paul Lindley, Chair of the Obesity Taskforce, & Corinna Hawkes, Deputy Chair of the Obesity Taskforce, on 30 July to discuss the work of the Taskforce
- I met with Richard Bowker, Chair, UK Athletics on 30 July to discuss the London Stadium
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 30 July
- I visited the Gladesmore Community School in Haringey on 31 July to see the summer school they are running as part of the Stepping Stones programme
- I had my regular meeting with the Transport Unions on 31 July
- I had an introductory meeting with Cllr Graham Henson, the new Leader of Harrow, on 31 July
- I had my regular meeting with AC Neil Basu on 31 July to discuss policing and security
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 13 August
- I met with Navin Shah AM on 13 July to discuss constituency issues
- I had my regular meeting with Craig Mackey, the Deputy Police Commissioner on 13 August
- I had an introductory meeting with the new Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, on 17 August
- I met with Team London Ambassadors working outside City Hall on 20 August
- I had my regular update with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on the work of the Violent Crime Taskforce on 20 August

- I visited Kew Gardens on 22 August as part of an additional site visit relating to the Citroen Site Representation Hearing
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 22 August
- I attended the International Day for the Remembrance of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Commemoration Service taking place at City Hall on 22 August
- I attended the Notting Hill Carnival on 26 August
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 28 August
- I visited Marklake Court, Southwark on 30 August
- I had my regular meeting with Jasmine Whitbread, Chief Executive of London First, on 30 August
- I met with Vicky Foxcroft MP, in her capacity as Chair of the Youth Violence Commission, on 30 August
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner on 30 August
- I had an introductory meeting with Cllr Liz Green, the new Leader of Kingston on 30 August

Ends