

26th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time – 22 November 2018

This is my twenty-sixth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 5th October – 8th November 2018.

Executive summary

London at Night: An Evidence Base for a 24-Hour City

On 8 November, I published the most comprehensive ever database on London at night that has ever been produced. The research was initiated by the Night Time Commission working in partnership with the GLA. The report is an evidence base that will inform the work of my Night Czar and the Night Time Commission.

You can read the full report here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/business-and-economy-publications/london-night-evidence-base-24-hour-city>

Call on Government to reboot devolution agenda after Brexit

On 7 November, I spoke at the annual London Conference and called on the Government to reboot the devolution agenda – by giving the capital and other cities across the UK more powers and the tools they need to protect them from the aftermath of Brexit.

London is unique amongst its global rivals in its reliance on national Government for powers and funding. In London, only six per cent of the tax paid by Londoners and businesses is retained locally: this compares to 50 per cent in New York and 70 per cent in Tokyo.

Cities are leading the way and coming up with the innovative solutions to tackle today's pressing challenges. It is this dynamism that stands in stark contrast to the increasingly dysfunctional character of national governments. That is why London should be given more powers over skills, commuter rail lines and helping more Londoners into great careers.

Budget 2018

The budget was billed by Theresa May as 'the end of austerity' but that couldn't be further from the truth. The Budget confirmed that the Government is pressing ahead with the huge cuts that have caused so much damage to London at the same time as we face a catastrophic threat to jobs and growth from either a bad or no-deal Brexit.

The Government is forcing the Met police to make £1 billion of savings and warnings – from the Home Affairs select committee to senior police officers – that we desperately needed an increase in the police budget have been ignored. Neither is there any investment in youth services to create more opportunities for the next generation.

As a result, with so little in the budget on the scourge of violent crime, it's hard not to conclude that the Government is abdicating its responsibility to keep the public safe.

I will continue to lead from the front on policing, funding the Met's Violent Crime Taskforce and creating a new Violent Reduction Unit to tackle the root causes of crime – but our hands are tied behind our back because of these Government cuts.

I welcome the confirmation that the Government is lifting the restrictions on local authorities investing to build new council homes, but this alone will not be enough to fix London's housing crisis which has been decades in the making. We still need to see a significant increase in funding for affordable homes and new powers to allow City Hall and councils to build.

It's extremely disappointing that the Government is still refusing to give London the funding we need to go further and faster to tackle toxic air pollution and there is still no sign whatsoever of a diesel scrappage fund for older polluting vehicles. With Londoners contributing £600m a year in vehicle excise duty to the new national roads fund, it's only right that Government ensures that London can access our fair share for the upkeep of our roads.

The Budget is yet another missed opportunity to give London the powers and funding we desperately need to tackle the challenges ahead and properly prepare for the damaging reality of the Government's bad Brexit.

London Stadium will offer all staff the London Living Wage

On 5 November, I announced that the London Living Wage will increase from £10.20 to £10.55 per hour. Since January 2017, £94 million in extra wages has gone into Londoners' pockets and in the last 12 months, businesses including King's College, Shelter and the world's oldest international law firm Freshfields and have all become Living Wage accredited.

After taking direct control of the London Stadium late last year, the stadium is now an accredited Living Wage employer. I'd like to thank the Stadium's management team who have overseen the complex contract negotiations needed to make sure that all full time and sub-contracted staff – including cleaners, security and catering workers - at the Stadium will have received their pay rise by December, backdated to August 2018

I am determined to make London a fairer and more equal city, so I'm proud to say that the London Stadium has joined more businesses across the capital in becoming a Living Wage employer. Now I'm calling on all of our city's employers – in the public and private sectors – to do the same and to start paying their workforce the London Living Wage. And I'm calling on our most influential institutions – from our universities, local authorities, and airports, to our football clubs, theatres and galleries – to help lead the way.

More workplaces need to step up and fulfil their obligations to our city and our society. Paying the London Living Wage is not only the action of a responsible organisation, but a successful one too. Many of the accredited employers I speak to tell me of the increased productivity and reduced staff turnover that they've experienced since signing up so I wholeheartedly encourage more businesses across our great city to get involved.

Urgent review of homicide and serious violence cases

On 2 November, I announced that one of the first actions of the new Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) will be to lead an urgent capital-wide review of homicide and the most serious violent incidents in the capital. This will help determine where to focus attention to deliver early, local interventions to help reduce the spread of violence across the city.

The reasons why violent crime is increasing in London and across the country are complex and are years in the making. There is not one simple solution or measure that will reduce levels of violence. Instead, it requires a long-term public health approach working closely across the city with a range of public authorities and charities, coupled to proper policing and enforcement. The Violence Reduction Unit will build on the work we have already started at City Hall on a London-wide public health approach to tackling all forms of violence. We will be drawing on the expertise and knowledge of all partners to get the unit off to the best possible start and that includes valuable insight from those that led the successful Glasgow response to violence as part of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit. But I want to be honest with Londoners - this approach will not deliver results overnight. It is a long-term strategy which in Scotland took a decade to reduce violent crime.

I am pleased that all partners have agreed that the unit's initial focus will centre on the findings of a review of homicide and serious violence cases. This will provide us with the evidence to understand better the areas of high-risk, so we can prioritise efforts and resources to tackle the areas that have the biggest impact on reducing violence.

I am leading London's response to understanding the causes of violent crime and working to stop it spreading by bringing together specialists from right across the city, but we have to be clear that we could go much further and much faster with greater national investment in our public services.

Banging the drum for London in Brussels

I'm determined to continue banging the drum for London – getting the message out loud and clear that, despite Brexit, London remains open to the world: open to business, open to ideas, open to investment, open to trade and open to talent.

On the 26 October, I travelled to Brussels for meetings with senior EU politicians including the EU's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, to discuss the capital's needs from the Brexit negotiations.

This visit was the first of four important trade missions to major EU cities as I bid to protect the capital's economy from the effects of Brexit and reiterate the message that 'London Is Open' to visitors, investment, talent and ideas. I will also be taking this message to Berlin, Paris and Dublin where I will meet with leading European business leaders and senior politicians.

We are lucky to have over a million EU citizens who decided to make London their home. They are Londoners, they belong here, and they will always be welcome. As part of the #LondonIsOpen message, I also released a new film that celebrates London's diversity. It follows in the footsteps of the hugely successful first London is Open film, which promoted the capital's welcoming ethos to the world.

The film is available at: https://youtu.be/M_dmRrVq3y8.

£1 billion plan to build 11,000 new council homes

On 23 October, I agreed plans worth more than £1 billion with 26 London boroughs to build 11,000 new council homes at social rent levels over the next four years.

These plans form the cornerstone of 'Building Council Homes for Londoners' – the first-ever City Hall programme dedicated to council homebuilding. These plans will see councils increase their building rates over the next four years to a total estimated at five times greater than over the previous four years.

We need at least four times the amount of money we currently get from Government for new social and affordable homes, and we need far greater powers to step in and buy land for new council housing. The scale of what I have announced shows the ambition is there in London to build a new generation of council homes – Ministers now urgently need to step up and go the distance too.

New £10m fund boosts councils' homebuilding teams

On 19 October, I launched a new £10 million fund to beef up London council's housing and planning teams – decimated by Government cuts – and help boost their role building new homes in the capital. London's housing crisis has been decades in the making and there is no easy solution – but we will only make progress if councils can take a lead in getting new homes built.

In the 1970s London councils were supported by central government and built more than 20,000 homes a year. However, these councils built only 2,500 homes over the last seven years, including 700 that were completed last year. Despite wanting to do far more, councils have been hamstrung by swingeing cuts from Government for far too long. My new Homebuilding Capacity Fund won't reverse those cuts – but it will help ambitious councils to enhance their capacity to deliver large-scale new-build programmes.

I'm able to do this thanks to the business rates devolution deal between the capital and central Government – giving us more control to spend more money on the things that matter most to Londoners.

Debbie Weekes-Bernard to succeed Matthew Ryder QC as Deputy Mayor for Social Integration

On 19 October, I paid tribute to Matthew Ryder for his work over the last two years as the capital's first-ever Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement. Together we have worked hard to tackle the barriers to social integration and the inequalities that our city faces, and I'm proud that we have changed the way City Hall works with communities across our capital. Matthew played a key role in developing our ground-breaking strategy to address social integration in London. This strategy is the first time City Hall has gone beyond the standard approach to social integration by looking at aspects including age, social class, employment status, sexuality, gender and disability, as well as nationality and ethnicity.

I'm also delighted that Debbie Weekes-Bernard has agreed to be London's new Deputy Mayor for Social Integration. Debbie brings with her a wealth of experience, having spent years working to tackle poverty and inequality. I know she will do a great job in bringing together our diverse communities and ensuring that all Londoners feel a key part of our city.

Olympic Park walkway to be named in memory of Tessa Jowell

The late Baroness Tessa Jowell, the former Culture Secretary was one of the most respected politicians in the country, someone full of kindness and generosity. She is sorely missed by family, friends and everyone who knew her. Tessa did more than anybody to bring the 2012

Games to London and their spectacular success was a testament to her expertise, passion and energy. She also ensured that London would benefit from a strong Olympic legacy – which is why on 18 October I announced we would name the most popular route in the Olympic park in her honour.

New programme launch to tackle health inequalities

On 17 October, I unveiled my Healthy Early Years programme. The programme forms a key part of my new Health Inequalities Strategy, which is designed to make the capital a healthier and fairer city by keeping people well and tackling the conditions that affect health.

Our capital faces huge health inequalities and it's shocking that, even from the youngest of ages, children's health suffers because of the circumstances into which they are born. We know that giving children the best start in life is the most effective way to address health inequalities in the longer term, and we all have a role to play in ensuring that every London child can enjoy the best possible start to life. That's why through our new Healthy Early Years London programme we're looking at every aspect of a child's life so that we can help them grow and develop in the healthiest possible way.

Launch of new Brexit Business Resource Hub

On 17 October, I launched the new Brexit Business Hub to help businesses of all sizes prepare for the potential challenges Brexit will bring. The Hub has been set up in response to a consultation held with businesses last month to determine exactly what support they need from the Government to help them prepare for the impacts of a 'no deal' Brexit and identify where City Hall can step in to fill any gaps. Businesses make a massive contribution - not only to London, but to the whole country. It's why when I stood for office I vowed to be the most pro-business Mayor ever.

I'll continue to bang the drum for our city – getting the message out there - loud and clear - that London remains open. Open to business. Open to investment. And open to talented people from around the world. Be in no doubt, London is – and always will be – the greatest city in the world to do business.

Team London Awards honours volunteers

On 16 October, I was delighted to honour young Londoners who have gone above and beyond to prevent their peers from getting involved in violent crime. Volunteers who dedicate their time to community groups, charities, youth centres and sports teams play a vital role in giving young Londoners something positive and meaningful to do with their time, rather than being lured down the wrong path and into crime.

The awards spanned three broad categories: Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement. Within these, awards were made to individuals or volunteer groups in a further five categories - individual volunteer or team under 25, individual volunteer over 25, a volunteer 'team' award, a business or corporate volunteering group award and an innovative project or charity award.

Volunteering represents so much of what is great about our city and it's vital that we recognise the efforts of those who work so hard to make London a better place for everyone.

Joint £5m fund launched to help deliver hundreds of public water fountains

On 12 October, I launched a new £5 million fund in partnership with Thames Water. Together we are both contributing £2.5million to help create a network of hundreds of free public water fountains across London. This will help reduce single-use plastic waste and encourage people to refill rather than buy bottled water.

There is a real appetite for refilling and I want Londoners to lead the way in topping up on tap water when we're on the move. The fountains we've already delivered this year are attracting thousands of visitors and helping people make small but important changes in reducing plastic consumption.

15k of new Quietway cycle routes opened across London

On 11 October, three new Quietway routes were officially opened by London's Walking and Cycling Commissioner, Will Norman, Transport for London (TfL) and borough leaders from Southwark, Newham and Redbridge.

- Quietway 14 – a 2km route connecting Blackfriars Road and Bermondsey which will eventually connect to Deptford and Thamesmead. Five main roads are now safer to cross by bike or on foot and two streets have been closed to motor traffic.
- Quietway 22 - a 6.5km route connecting Stratford High Street to Cycle Superhighway 3 at Newham Way via West Ham and Plaistow Park.
- Quietway 6 - a new 6.5km route connecting Wanstead Flats and Barkingside via a newly-built bridge in Valentine's Park, and a new two-way cycle track on Forest Drive.

I'm delighted these three new Quietway routes are officially open and they will contribute to our growing network across the capital. Given the damaging impact toxic air has on our city, it is vital that we do all we can to enable more Londoners to cycle and reduce journeys by car.

Funding awarded to support community-led housing initiative

On 4 October, I used my Innovation Fund to award £988,000 to the Rural Urban Synthesis Society (RUSS) to help them build 33 homes on Church Grove in Ladywell. The homes on Church Grove, will be partly self-built by residents, RUSS members, apprentices and volunteers to reduce construction costs, with training in construction skills provided as part of the grant. This approach will give residents a say in how their homes are designed, creating a development that reflects the needs and diverse backgrounds of the people who live there.

I'm delighted we are helping RUSS members in delivering much-needed high-quality social and other genuinely affordable homes.

Policing, Crime and Security

Violence Reduction Unit – Director recruitment now underway

On 2 November, I announced that the recruitment process for the Director of London's new Violence Reduction Unit had now begun, and that the first area of focus for the new Unit will be a capital-wide Review of Homicide and Serious Violence Cases to understand and establish key trends to inform its work and set out priorities. The Review will help to determine where to focus attention in order to deliver early, local interventions to help reduce the spread of violence across the city.

The aim of the VRU is to divert people away from violence by making interventions at an early age and providing young Londoners with better, positive life opportunities. This approach must work alongside enforcement - which is why I have made unprecedented investment in policing, including funding the creation of the Violent Crime Taskforce, which has now made more than 1500 arrests and removed hundreds of knives and dangerous weapons from the streets of London.

Policing Plenary

On 1 November, I was pleased to attend the regular Policing Plenary session with Assembly Members, alongside MPS Commissioner Cressida Dick. These longer sessions are a good opportunity to discuss the complex issues of policing and crime in a global, capital city such as ours with the Assembly and I welcome the constructive discussion with Members.

Fighting for the police funding London needs

The Chancellor's budget on 29 October was an opportunity for him to heed the warnings from the police service, from Police and Crime Commissioners, Members of Parliament and most recently the Home Affairs Committee of the serious impact cuts to police funding are now having. It was an opportunity for the Government to react to the sharp increase in crime – particularly the most serious and complex offences.

Sadly, the warnings were not heeded. The crime statistics were ignored. There was little in the budget on the scourge of violent crime, nor was there any investment in youth services to create more opportunities for the next generation.

It's hard not to conclude that the Government is abdicating its responsibility to keep the public safe.

I want Londoners to be assured that I won't stop fighting for the funding our police and public services desperately need, and that I will continue to do everything in my power as Mayor to tackle crime, whether that's funding the creation of the Met's Violent Crime Taskforce, bringing partners together to build a new Violent Reduction Unit, or through the work of the Young Londoners Fund helping to give our young people the best chances in life.

Supporting positive activities for young Londoners

Giving young Londoners meaningful activities, whether enabling them to be creative or take part in sports, is essential in helping them make the right choices and ensuring they do not end up on the wrong path.

On 19 October, ahead of half-term, I was delighted to announce that over 1,000 positive activities – from theatre workshops and music sessions to football clubs and art groups featured on our interactive online map www.london.gov.uk/our-London

The interactive map makes it easy to find local activities for young people to take part in, especially those from the 10 boroughs most affected by knife and violent crime. It explains how they can spend time during half-term and beyond at these projects, gaining invaluable skills that are designed to help them reach their full potential.

Transport

Mark Wild to join Crossrail Ltd

On 2 November, TfL and Crossrail Ltd announced that Mark Wild will join Crossrail Ltd as Chief Executive from Monday 19 November. With the focus shortly moving to full-time testing, Mark Wild will lead the hugely complex project through its final phases, including trial running, trial operations and the opening of the central section.

Mark Wild joins Crossrail Ltd from London Underground, where he has served as Managing Director since June 2016. He will return to his role at London Underground once the Elizabeth line has opened through central London. He will initially work alongside Simon Wright who will step down as Chief Executive of Crossrail Ltd later this year as planned. While Mark Wild is at Crossrail Ltd, London Underground Director of Network Operations Nigel Holness will step up to the role of Managing Director. He will take up his previously-announced position of Deputy Chief Executive for Metro Trains Sydney at a later date.

The Elizabeth line is the single most significant addition to London's transport infrastructure in a generation. It is absolutely vital that Crossrail Ltd completes the job of delivering it safely and reliably for London. Mark's extensive knowledge and experience of delivering major signalling and systems integration projects will be vital for the final stages of the project.

London Poppy Day and 100 years since WW1 Armistice

Transport for London (TfL) has teamed up with a number of celebrities to once again support the Royal British Legion's London Poppy Day as the country marks the centenary since Armistice and the end of the First World War.

The voices of Shane Richie, Jo Brand and Leslie Joseph will be heard on the Underground as they encourage Londoners to give generously and support the vital work the Legion does in supporting the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans, and their families.

More than 1200 members of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force (RAF) have volunteered and will be collecting donations at 44 Underground stations and there will be a special collection taking place on the Circle line where TfL staff who are serving or ex serving military will be joined by Britain's Got Talent winner, Lance Corporal Richard Jones.

Poppy Roundels, will decorate ten Underground and four Overground stations and multiple transport modes - including Santander Cycles, eight London buses, DLR, trams and London Overground & Underground trains - will be covered in poppy vinyls.

This year marks 100 years since the end of World War One and we will never forget the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women. We are committed to supporting the armed forces and their families as well as maintaining our relationship with The Royal British Legion. We hope that Londoners give generously to this wonderful cause.

Next steps confirmed for the transformation of streets around Nine Elms

On 12 October, TfL announced the next steps for improving the streets of Nine Elms and making them better for people walking, cycling and using public transport.

The proposals support the wider regeneration in the area and will see the 2.5km stretch of Nine Elms Lane and Battersea Park Road completely redesigned to make more attractive, accessible and people-friendly streets.

The proposals include a connecting cycle route to CS6 (Wandsworth - Westminster) and improvements to signals and junctions designed to better separate cyclists and motor vehicles by time or space.

Other measures include new, wider pavements, improvement to bus lanes and 23 new or improved pedestrian crossings.

Feedback from the consultation will enable us to improve proposals for the western section, bringing further benefits to pedestrians and cyclists. This scheme will enable more people to walk and cycle, reducing car use which is crucial to cleaning up London's toxic air.

National Hate Crime Awareness Week

In support of National Hate Crime Awareness Week, TfL joined with the British Transport Police (BTP), Metropolitan Police (MPS) and City of London Police (COLP) for a series of more than 250 community engagement events across London

The engagement activity saw police officers and TfL staff visiting a number of locations across the capital to raise awareness of hate crime and encourage people to come forward and report so action can be taken against offenders.

In addition, BTP officers were on trains to raise awareness of this issue and the importance of reporting it to police.

London's network remains a safe, low-crime environment, but reports of hate crime offences have increased as more people feel confident to speak out about incidents. Between 2016/17 and 2017/18, reports of hate crime on public transport increased by two per cent.

London's bus network to meet new world-leading Bus Safety Standard

On 16 October, TfL published its plans to make buses in London the safest in the world.

Unveiled at a special Bus Safety Summit, the new Safety Standard will help deliver my target of no-one being killed on or by a London bus by 2030.

The standard, which details the bus safety requirements all bus operators will need to adopt up to 2024, will also reduce road danger in the shorter term with a range of safety features required from next year.

London's buses carry 6.5 million passengers every day and are a particularly important service for younger people, older people, people with disabilities and people on lower incomes.

From next year, all new London buses must include the following safety measures:

- Speed limiters
- An audible alert for pedestrians and other road users of the presence of buses
- Slip reduction measures inside buses such as high-grip flooring
- More blind spot mirrors and reversing cameras
- Special warning pedal indicators for drivers

In the longer term, the standard will require London's bus operators to incorporate new features such as advanced emergency braking, pedal confusion interventions and specially redesigned bus fronts that reduce the impact of any collisions – all being implemented by 2024.

We've set ambitious targets to improve road safety, and Londoners will see noticeable and practical improvements to buses from next year, including better mirrors, audible alerts for pedestrians, and innovative designs to the inside of buses.

Partnership with Pocket Living to build affordable homes for first-time buyers

On 15 October, TfL announced a new partnership with Pocket Living to provide 100% genuinely affordable homes for first-time buyers at a number of its sites.

Pocket Living, will build around 125 one bedroom homes (subject to planning) on TfL sites, which will then be sold outright to buyers at a discount from the open market value. Pocket Homes are prioritised for people who already live or work in the borough and are first time buyers.

TfL's remains committed to delivering social rented and other genuinely affordable housing on sites being releasing for residential development as one part of the work being undertaken to tackle London's housing crisis. Pocket homes are targeted specifically at local singles and couples, who earn too much to qualify for social housing, but are priced out of the open market. Pocket buyers own 100% of their property from day one.

In the future when Pocket homes are sold on, new purchasers must meet the original criteria and have a household income below the affordable housing threshold.

Victoria Tube station becomes 75th to be made step-free

On 22 October, TfL announced that Victoria Tube station has become the 75th station to be declared step-free, improving access to the transport network for millions of people.

Seven new lifts have been installed at the underground station, making journeys step-free between the street and Victoria line trains and the District and Circle line platforms. Customers from the mainline station can now also travel step-free from trains to the Tube station and interchange more easily between the three Tube lines. The station is the fourth busiest station on the Underground, serving more than 79 million customers each year. The new lifts will help ensure the station is accessible to all customers, including disabled or older customers, parents or carers with buggies and people with heavy luggage. The new lifts are part of an upgrade

project that has almost doubled the size of the station, with the very final work on the Tube station to be completed later this year

We are improving step-free access across our network and we are determined to do all we can to ensure our customers experience all London has to offer

Redesigning Stoke Newington gyratory to make it more people-friendly

On 22 October, TfL and Hackney Council issued an invitation to local residents and visitors to have their say on proposals to transform the Stoke Newington gyratory from a dangerous traffic dominated one-way system, into a place that enables more people to choose to walk more, cycle and use local bus services.

TfL has been working closely with Hackney Council on the proposals, which would remove the existing gyratory system and create a new northbound cycle track on the A10 with bus stop bypasses, alongside a new bus and cycle lane enabling people to cycle southbound on Stoke Newington High Street. The changes would remove a significant barrier to cycling in the area and provide new traffic-free public spaces to meet, play, relax and shop, alongside a host of other improvements aimed at creating a more attractive and less traffic-dominated environment for people.

The consultation is open until Friday 30 November. I would encourage everyone to have their say and help us improve air quality and reduce congestion. You can have your say here: <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/stoke-newington-gyratory/#10>

Winners of TfL and Clays Children's Book Competition

Transport for London (TfL) has chosen the winners of its children's book competition which tells the stories of women in transport. The competition, organised in partnership with British book printing institution Clays, is part of the #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, marking the centenary of the first women in the UK winning the right to vote.

Winners Tess Kearney, now aged 8, Ibraheem Saleemi, now aged 9, and Isra Sulevani, now aged 14, have had their stories and images turned into a limited-edition book, *'Keeping London Moving'*, with the winning drawing featured on the front page. They also got to take part in a behind the scenes tour of TfL, discovering the different job roles there are in the transport industry.

It is great to see this fantastic collection of stories and drawings from children across the city, capturing the crucial role women play in keeping London moving. Telling the stories of engineers, drivers and designers, this book will encourage young Londoners to explore the opportunities available to them in our city, and ensure they know that no one should be held back by their gender.

Agreement signed to build above Bond Street station

A Development Agreement has been signed between TfL and the GHS Limited Partnership (GHS) to build a 129,900 sq. ft. mixed use scheme above Bond Street station's eastern entrance at Hanover Square. The site will be transformed into an eight-storey mixed-use development, which will include 129,900 sq. ft. of office space and 2,300 sq. ft. of ground floor retail space.

The agreement will enable GHS to acquire the site through the grant of two new 150-year leases, generating vital revenue that TfL will reinvest back into the transport network. Plans are in place for 12 major developments above 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. As a key part of our huge development pipeline, the Elizabeth line schemes are directly opening up opportunities for new homes and jobs, and will raise vital revenue to reinvest in London's transport network.

Fire and Resilience

Counter Terrorism Preparedness and Societal Resilience Board

On 6 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended the Counter Terrorism Preparedness and Societal Resilience Board Meeting. 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.

European Conference of the Victim Support Associations and Associations of Victims

On 5 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended and took part in a panel discussion at the European Conference of the Victim Support Associations and Associations of Victims, in Paris on London Resilience Forum's work on building Community Resilience. The one-day event, focused on victim support. In France, as in many European countries, victim support associations and associations of victims have become key partners of the State in providing assistance to those impacted by an emergency or attack. The event promoted discussion between these associations, the sharing of knowledge and practice.

London Grand Rank Investiture Meeting

On 1 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended the annual London Grand Rank Investiture Meeting of the Metropolitan Grand Lodge. At the meeting, my Deputy Mayor received the second installment of the donation from the Masonic Charitable Foundation, in order to purchase two extended high rise appliances for the London Fire Brigade.

Wembley Fire Station

On 31 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, visited Wembley Fire Station. As part of the visit, my Deputy Mayor was able to discuss topical issues with firefighters from the Blue Watch.

Brexit Contingency Planning

On 23 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, chaired a meeting of the London Resilience Partnership's Brexit Contingency Planning Project Group. The Group will oversee the multi-agency preparedness for Brexit.

Tideway Tunnel Project

On 17 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM visited the Tideway Tunnel Project. The London Fire Brigade have had an officer embedded with the Tideway Tunnel project, who has been able to support the delivery, design and construction of the Tideway Tunnel.

Fire Brigades Union Centenary

On 13 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended the Fire Brigades Union's Centenary Commemoration Service. The service remembered those firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee

On 10 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM appeared before the London Assembly's Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the Committee to put questions to the Deputy Mayor and London Fire Commissioner on a range of issues.

Interdependencies and Resilience

On 9 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM chaired a roundtable with key infrastructure stakeholders from across the capital to consider infrastructure interdependencies and the potential for cascading failures.

Growth, Skills and Regeneration

Investing up to £130 million in adult skills training for Londoners

On the 26 October, I launched the procurement of approximately £130 million of adult education and training services over the next four years to deliver the ambitions set out in my Skills for Londoners strategy. Depending on London's final adult education budget (AEB) allocation, this could increase to up to £200 million. This is an important step in my commitment to making sure Londoners, employers and businesses get the skills they need to succeed in a fair, inclusive society and thriving economy.

This procurement round is part of the overall indicative allocation of £311 million AEB being delegated to London each year from 2019/20, which I will use to deliver a more strategic adult education and skills system. It will enable London to benefit from an additional £71 million of European Social Fund (ESF) to support education and skills projects for Londoners. I expect to launch the procurement for my new ESF programme before the end of the year.

More information can be found online at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/business-and-economy/skills-and-training/adult-education-budget-aeb>

The Good Growth Fund

After successfully launching the second round of my Good Growth Fund earlier this year, the Regeneration Unit received 59 stage two applications on 22 October, which are currently

undergoing internal appraisal and moderation. There is £25m available to be allocated this round for projects that support growth and community development in London. Applications will be appraised in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the Good Growth Fund prospectus, working alongside the London Economic Action Partnership. I will make an announcement later this year about the successful projects.

Crowdfund London: backing 26 community-led projects

On 25 October, I pledged £590,500 to 26 community-led crowdfunding campaigns, across 19 boroughs, in the latest round of my pioneering Crowdfund London programme. The initiative, funded through the London Economic Action Partnership, reflects my commitment to inclusive growth by giving local people new opportunities to contribute to the process of change and development in their area. More than 3,000 people have already pledged their support to these projects and my pledge will boost the campaigns. A crowd of funders bring skills, experience and resources to help get things done and every £1 pledged by City Hall typically leverages £1.80 of investment to support local priorities.

This year's pledges were announced at an event at City Hall which celebrated a range of proposals that demonstrate innovation, creative enterprise and local commitment. Projects were more ambitious than ever, and I pledged the maximum £50,000 for the first time to the Clitterhouse Farm in Barnet; an initiative to create a flexible community space that will also support local small businesses, at the heart of an area undergoing significant regeneration. Other projects help Londoners to gain new skills, improve health and wellbeing, break down cultural barriers and bring people together. They all still need help to reach their funding target, so I'm now encouraging Londoners to support a project in their local area.

Housing

No Nights Sleeping Rough Taskforce

My Deputy Mayor for Housing, James Murray, chaired my 'No Nights Sleeping Rough' taskforce meeting on 6 November. The Taskforce brings together partners key to tackling rough sleeping in London. This meeting discussed plans for provision in London this winter, including implementing the recommendations from the GLA's review of last year's Severe Weather Emergency Provision to further improve services on offer this year.

DLR Housing Infrastructure Funding success

In the Autumn Budget Statement on 29 October, the Chancellor announced an allocation of £291m from the Housing Infrastructure Fund to increase capacity on the Docklands Light Railway (DLR), which will unlock the delivery of up to 18,000 additional homes in the Royal Docks and Isle of Dogs and is hugely welcome. The funding will be used to purchase 14 additional trains and provide associated stabling at Beckton depot. A new DLR station at Thameside West will unlock the full potential of a major brownfield site, and the funding will be used to enable the delivery of a mixed-use scheme at Poplar Depot, including new social rented and other genuinely affordable homes.

Building Council Homes for London

On 23 October, following unprecedented interest from boroughs for my Building Council Homes for Londoners programme, I announced funding allocations worth more than £1 billion to support 11,000 new council homes at social rent levels across 26 boroughs over the next four years. This programme truly marks the beginning of new a generation of council home building in London. Alongside funding, my programme also helps councils to reinvest their Right to Buy receipts in new council homes, and the level of interest in the programme played a key role in making the case to Ministers to lift council's borrowing caps.

My Homes for Londoners team will continue to work closely with councils to help them to deliver their ambitious plans, including through the Homebuilding Capacity Fund and the Council-led Housing Forum, detailed below.

Homebuilding Capacity Fund

On 19 October I launched a new £10 million fund to help London councils' housing and planning teams boost their role in building new homes in the capital. Over the last eight years, central Government cuts have seen council budgets for planning and development fall by 50 per cent in London. This has held back housing growth, and particularly plans to build new council homes. The Homebuilding Capacity Fund is funded through the Business Rates Retention Pilot that I agreed with central government in autumn 2017. Councils can bid for up to £750,000 each to help deliver a new generation of council homes; more homes on small sites; proactive masterplans in areas with significant growth potential; and optimal density across new residential developments.

Council-led housing forum launch

As part of Building Council Homes for Londoners, I am providing funding for a new Council-led Housing Forum to further support councils to develop the skills, capacity, and expertise they need to boost their own council-homebuilding programmes. The forum, launched by my Deputy Mayor for Housing, James Murray, on 16 October, will run for three years and is being delivered by Future of London. It has been designed with input from councils and will provide practical examples and technical advice to boroughs through a series of free, monthly events covering everything from development management to resident engagement.

Rogue Landlord and Agent Checker

My Rogue Landlord and Agent Checker, launched in December 2017, is going from strength to strength. All 33 local authorities in the capital have signed up to participate and 26 have added data, with the rest expected to be added by Christmas. The Checker (as of 31 October) has more than 1,000 records on the system. Individual records have been viewed more than 57,000 times, and over 650 reports have been made through the 'report a rogue' tool.

I was pleased to see that, following public pressure on the back of an ITV/Guardian investigation, the Government agreed that previously-secret records on their national rogue landlord database will be made public in line with mine.

Social housing green paper response

The Government's social housing green paper was a huge missed opportunity to tackle the stigma social tenants face - and its lack of any new funding to build more social housing was a glaring omission. I responded to make my views clear, and to push the Government on points in the

paper that align with my priorities, such as proposals to strengthen the Regulator and to make it easier to access redress through the Ombudsman. My response was informed by meetings with six groups representing social housing residents that my Deputy Mayor for Housing, James Murray, and his team convened to gather feedback on the green paper's proposals.

Letwin review

My Homes for Londoners team has been engaged with Sir Oliver Letwin's team working on his Independent Review of Housing Build Out Rates over the course of the year. I submitted an official response to the draft analysis in July, which included my view that increasing the level of genuinely affordable housing is key to accelerating build out in London. My Deputy Mayor for Housing, James Murray, spoke with Sir Oliver on 23 October about the final report, which was published alongside the Chancellor's Autumn Budget speech on 29 October.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

Brexit Business Resource Hub

Time and again, business leaders have told me that the Government has been failing to provide adequate information and advice on how to prepare for Brexit. Following a survey of London's business community on what support they needed, I have launched a Brexit Business Resource Hub to help business owners and managers find information and advice relevant to their business, and access support.

No-Deal Brexit Preparedness

Several months ago, I asked my officials to step up our preparations for a 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 a number of critical areas. Their initial assessment, published on 25 October, has indicated that the lack of information from Government on what a no-deal Brexit could mean for local planners and individual organisations has made it impossible for local authorities to properly prepare for Brexit.

Trip to Brussels

On 26 October, I travelled to Brussels to ensure London's needs are heard in the Brexit negotiations and to spread the message that #LondonIsOpen. I met Michel Barnier the EU's Chief Brexit negotiator, Valdis Dombrovskis European Commission's Vice-President for financial services, Maroš Šefčovič Vice-President for Energy Union, and Sir Julian King, European Commissioner for Security Union. I shared my strong concerns about the Government's ability to negotiate a good deal for London before March 2019 and called for both sides to begin preparations for an extension of the article 50 process. I also emphasised that, despite Brexit, London remains open to business, investment and talent, and that whatever the outcome of the negotiations, London would maintain a close relationship with EU partners.

London Is Open

On 26th October, I launched the next phase of my #LondonIsOpen campaign to help ensure Londoners, and in particular EU citizens living in London, know that despite Brexit, London will always be open to the world and they can always call our city home. Since July 2016 the campaign has reached millions of Londoners and people around the world. Over the course of the next year, I will be continuing to push the message that, post Brexit, London will still be the best place in the world to live, work and visit. On the 26 October, I released a new video that celebrates the diversity of London and unveiled stickers with #LondonIsOpen translated into ten EU languages across ten tube stations. I also promoted my new Business Brexit Resource Hub and my new EU Londoners Hub which I created to ensure businesses and EU Londoners know what Brexit means for them and how they can prepare.

Appearing in front of the Assembly EU Exit Working Group

I appeared in front of the London Assembly's EU Exit Working Group on 25 October 2019, to discuss London's preparations for a no-deal Brexit scenario. I highlighted the findings of the London Resilience Forum's report and called on the Government to provide additional support and guidance both to local authorities and to businesses, to help them prepare.

Business Reception at City Hall

On 16 October, I hosted a business reception at City Hall for over 100 business leaders from various size businesses across multiple sectors – including large corporates, SMEs and entrepreneurs. I conveyed my appreciation for the valuable contribution of London's business community to the capital's continued success and reiterated my commitment to continue to champion their interests in regard to Brexit.

Trade Mission to Frankfurt

On 15 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, took a delegation of fast-growing London fintech and cyber companies on a trade mission to Frankfurt in a bid to forge stronger trade links, win new business opportunities and show that London is open for business. Rajesh also had productive meetings with the Deputy Mayor and City Treasurer of Frankfurt Uwe Becker, Secretary of State Mathias Samson of the Hessen region as well as meetings with Commerzbank and Deutschebank. There were some productive discussions around Brexit and how Frankfurt and London are two of Europe's leading business centres and there are lots of opportunities for collaboration between the two cities, especially in areas such as financial services and fintech.

Environment

Greening in Beckenham Place Park, Lewisham

On 8 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, joined Mayor of Lewisham, Damien Egan, to visit Beckenham Place Park to see the site that will be improved through funding from my Greener City Fund. My funding for the Beckenham Place Park project will see a new lake created in south-east London's largest publicly accessible park. The new lake

will offer open water swimming, a home for wildlife and a venue for kayaking sessions for Wide Horizons, a local adventure learning charity.

Warmer Homes

On 1 November, I opened my Warmer Homes fund to privately rented homes; the first ever Mayoral pan-London pilot to help support the 126,100 fuel poor households in the private rented sector. This means that eligible tenants and their landlords can now apply via the GLA website for energy efficiency improvements to their homes. Eligible households must be on qualifying benefits or meet their local authority's set criteria. Successful applicants will receive energy efficiency improvements worth up to £4,000 including new heating systems, insulation and better ventilation. Warmer Homes is part of my £34m Energy for Londoners programme, which aims to make London's homes warm, healthy and affordable, its workplaces more energy efficient, and to supply the capital with more local clean energy.

New £5 million Drinking Water Fountains fund

On 12 October, I announced a new partnership with Thames Water that will help to create a network of hundreds of drinking water fountains across London. A new £5 million scheme, which I am jointly funding with Thames Water, will see free publicly accessible water fountains installed in busy areas of London from Spring 2019. These will help to reduce the number of single-use plastic bottles in the capital, making it easier for people to refill on-the-go. I'm inviting boroughs and private and public land and site owners to register interest in hosting one of these fountains. Applications will open officially in November.

Thames Water will be responsible for installation, maintenance, cleaning and repairs to ensure the fountains are clean and safe to use for all Londoners and visitors.

The new network of fountains will be in addition to the first 20 I am already delivering this year through the London Drinking Fountain Fund with ZSL's #OneLess campaign.

Fuel Poverty Partnership

On the 9 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues and my outgoing Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder, co-chaired the second meeting of the Fuel Poverty Partnership. The Partnership discussed the challenges around tackling fuel poverty in the private rented sector and how London boroughs could be supported in enforcing Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards. The Partnership also considered how to better engage the health and social care sectors in the fuel poverty agenda.

New electric buses and vans for businesses

On the 11 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, launched a new electric bus as part of the Original Bus Tour Company's vehicle fleet. This is London's first ever 100% electric hop-on hop-off open-top bus and is part of the Original Bus Tour Company's plans to gradually convert its buses to zero-emissions vehicles, with three more electric buses planned throughout 2019.

On 17 October, Deputy Mayor Rodrigues also launched a new fleet of electric vehicles for the delivery company DPD. DPD has purchased 18 electric vehicles with a further 23 on order. The company has also invested over £500,000 refurbishing its Westminster depot including the introduction of a state-of-the-art electric charging system that will enable the deployment of

electric vehicles without major infrastructure upgrades. These vehicles are being introduced as part of businesses' plans to clean up their fleets and prepare for the introduction of the ULEZ in April 2019.

Energy UK annual conference

On 16 October, my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment, Shirley Rodrigues, addressed the annual Energy UK conference. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues highlighted the progress that London has made in cutting its carbon emissions as part of its goals to mitigate climate change, and the important role that cities will play in the UK's future decarbonisation, particularly in the areas of heat and transport. She also called on government to strengthen the long-term policy framework for carbon reduction in the UK and empower cities to take action, including removing the loop holes in the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for buildings, and devolving energy efficiency funding to London.

London Community Energy Fund - solar panels go live

On 18 October, my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment, Shirley Rodrigues, joined the Leader of Ealing Council, Cllr Julian Bell, to visit Horsenden Primary and Mandeville schools, in Ealing to see the solar panels which have been installed with support from my London Community Energy Fund (LCEF). These two schools alone have 100kWp of solar panels on their roofs. Many more solar panels have been, or are, being installed through community groups across London through the first phase of the LCEF. Phase 2 of the LCEF will help more community groups to develop local energy projects from November.

Illegal waste sites enforcement

On 6th November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, joined the Environment Agency, the DVSA and Met Police to see the work they are undertaking to stop illegal waste sites and fly tipping in London. The visit included viewing the impacts of illegal waste management and observing road stops in operation which combine checking waste compliance with the work of the DVSA checking drivers and vehicles.

Education and Youth

Schools for Success Celebration Event

On 5 October, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, recognised the exceptional achievements of my 2018/19 Schools for Success in a celebration event in London's Living Room.

My Schools for Success programme recognises the excellent practice going on in London's schools. The schools I have selected to be Schools for Success have made remarkable progress with children who were behind their peers in terms of attainment. These schools have also agreed to share their journeys and experiences with other London schools. The programme is in its second year and I am delighted that it is connecting a range of schools to share best practice. Over 100 schools were recognised at this most recent celebratory event.

Support for Care Leavers

I have recently signed up to the Department for Education's Care Leavers Covenant and given six clear offers of support to care leavers. Care leavers can apply to take part in many of the programmes which we run at City Hall, including our Peer Outreach Team, Youth Mental Health First Aid Training and the GLA Apprenticeship Scheme.

I am helping care leavers through my Care Leavers into Work programme, co-funded by the European Social Fund, which supports young people aged 16-24 into education, employment and training, and also through my programmes which provide guidance about insecure migration status.

During Care Leavers Week, my Peer Outreach Team held a BAME Care Leavers' Roundtable in order to find out more about the specific issues and challenges that care leavers from BAME backgrounds face. The event was opened by my outgoing Deputy Mayor of Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder, and it will inform my future work to support care leavers.

Further details of my commitments to care leavers are on the website:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/education-and-youth/support-families-and-early-years/more-support-children-care-and-care-leavers>

Early Years in London

On 3 November, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM opened a workshop for early years practitioners in Barnet. This was part of the work of one of my three early years hubs, led by Barnet Early Years Alliance (BEYA). The hubs work to increase the number of 2-year olds taking up free early education and childcare, promote early years as a career choice and improve the quality of early years provision. Good quality, affordable childcare benefits society. It helps parents, especially women to return to work; raising their family income and strengthening the workforce.

Last month, I also launched applications for two new programmes to help improve the quality and take-up of early education in London. My Early Years Leaders Programme will begin in January 2019 and run for two years. It aims to increase the leadership and management skills of early years practitioners and in turn help improve outcomes for children.

I have also opened applications for small grants to fund pilot activities which will engage families who are missing out on vital free early education. This will form part of my London Early Years Campaign, which will run from January to September 2019. The small grants will be supported by a London-wide social media campaign. These two strands of activity will help raise awareness of free early education in London.

Equal Play

On 29 October, my Deputy Mayor for Education, Joanne McCartney AM, opened our Equal Play at City Hall event. As part of my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, the event brought together 150 key stakeholders from across multiple sectors to explore what gender equality looks like in childhood. Keynote speakers included Rosie Rios (43rd Treasurer of the United States), Sam Smethers (CEO of the Fawcett Society), Emma Perkins (Senior Director at LEGO) and Guy Parker (CEO of the Advertising Standards Authority).

At the event, we announced funding for a new Gender Action award, which will support London schools to challenge gender stereotypes and place gender equality at the heart of their policies and practice. The programme is being developed and run by a consortium of experts from the Institute of Physics, King's College London, UCL Institute of Education and the University Council of Modern Languages. I am delighted that London schools will be the first to pilot and benefit from this Award, before the important next step of rolling it out nationally.

We also launched the new Equal Play Explorer Trail in partnership with the V&A Museum of Childhood - an interactive resource created to help families explore how gender stereotyping in toys and play can affect children's careers aspirations and show them there's a whole world of exciting jobs open to both girls and boys.

World Mental Health Day

I was delighted that 200 young people and professionals from across London attended our fantastic World Mental Health Day event at City Hall on 10 October.

The event was opened by my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, and organised by our own Peer Outreach Team and Thrive LDN. The event raised awareness of the work being done by various organisations in London around mental health, and provided an opportunity for networking and collaboration.

The day included a mini film festival of powerful films, created by young people, about their mental health challenges. There was also a showcase celebrating some of the amazing work happening across London.

Communities and Social Policy

Diwali and Hindu temple visits

On 8 November, I visited three Hindu temples: BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden, Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Willesden and Shree Sanatan in Wembley to celebrate Diwali and Hindu New Year.

On 10 October, my outgoing Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder visited four Hindu temples in Brent and Harrow with Navin Shah AM. The visits helped to highlight the significant amount of voluntary and charitable work that the Hindu community contributes to London.

Windrush Review

On 23 October, I submitted evidence to the Government's Windrush Lessons Learned Review highlighting the devastating impact the discriminatory hostile environment has had on the Windrush Generation. I urged the Government to put an immediate stop to the hostile environment and its appalling discriminatory aspects and instead urgently introduce a much fairer approach to immigration which would support integration rather than impede it.

Serious Youth Violence Community Visits

On 11 October, my outgoing Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder visited Grahame Park Neighbourhood in Colindale to hear about their approach to working with young people and to listen to the concerns of the local community. This visit was hosted by Bina Omare, Chief Executive of Colindale Community Trust (CCT) and other local community groups. During 2018, Matthew has been visiting community organisations who are proactive in their efforts to address the root causes of serious youth violence in London.

Black History Month

As part of the Behind Every Great City #BEGC, this year's Black History Month programme at City Hall celebrated the historic and current achievements of Black women in London and explored the role of women in conserving and narrating history.

On 26 October, my outgoing Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder opened an event with Professor Dame Elizabeth Nneka Anionwu, Emeritus Professor of Nursing at the University of West London. This event was jointly organised by the GLA and two BAME staff networks, Essex Partnership NHS Trust and the BAME Staff forum at the Institute of Cancer Research and Royal Marsden NHS Trust. Both groups have joined together to support this event, under the umbrella of Staff BME Networks UK.

On 25 October, I hosted my annual Black History Month reception alongside Deputy Mayor Matthew Ryder and Jennette Arnold AM. Our keynote speaker was Dame Linda Dobbs DBE, the first non-white High Court judge in England and Wales.

On 19 October, I spoke at the launch of Kayd's Somali Festival Week at the British Library. This event was a celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the festival which is London's largest annual Somali cultural event. The weeks' long festival celebrated the arts, culture and contribution of the Somali Horn.

On 16 October, I spoke at an event with 'Slay in your Lane' authors Elizabeth Uviebinené and Yomi Adegoke who spoke about their new book and shared advice with GLA staff.

On 12 October, Deputy Mayor Matthew Ryder hosted the opening of the Black History Month 2018 programme with a talk by BAFTA award winning writer and director Amma Asante. Her talk was followed by an interview and Q&A session hosted by actor, Cherrelle Skeete.

On 6 October, my outgoing Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder attended the Diocese of Southwark's Service of Thanksgiving at Southwark Cathedral. The service recognised and encouraged the work of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concern Committees and the contribution of the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic community.

London Family Fund

I have now awarded London Family Fund grants to nine organisations, these include: Hackney Playbus in Hackney, Little Village in Wandsworth, Time and Talents Association in Southwark, Nature Vibezzz in Barnet, Wheely tots in City of London, Kids Kitchen Collective CIC in Waltham

Forest, Eastside Community Heritage in Redbridge, Citizens UK in Tower Hamlets, and New Economics Foundation in Lewisham.

The fund will encourage families from diverse backgrounds to come together for mutual support and a common purpose. It will help them to build more diverse networks with families from different backgrounds. This will include with local families who may otherwise face loneliness or disadvantage.

Workforce Integration Network (WIN)

As part of my strategy for Social Integration, I am launching WIN, to help to improve pathways for underrepresented groups in the workplace. My Social Integration team has now appointed a WIN Coordinator and the WIN programme will begin with supporting young black men aged 16 to 24 years into living wage employment in London. It will focus initially on the construction and digital sectors and will engage other sectors and groups over time.

EU Londoners Hub

Whatever the outcome of negotiations, EU citizens need access to accurate and up-to-date information about their rights. To make the process as straightforward as possible, I have launched a beta version of my online hub for EU citizens in the capital. The portal will provide information about European citizens' rights post-Brexit and links to advice and support services in London. It will also direct users to expert legal advice, support services and guidance on employment rights.

This hub is part of my campaign to show that #LondonIsOpen and always will be, despite Brexit. You can access it here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/business-and-economy/representing-london-brexit-talks/eu-londoners-hub>

Health

Meeting with Chief Executive and Chair of London Ambulance Service

On 1 November, I met Garrett Emmerson, Chief Executive and Heather Lawrence, Chair of the London Ambulance Service, as part of my regular series of meetings with LAS. I congratulated them on the progress LAS has made over the past few months, including coming out of special measures and significantly improving its CQC rating, meeting response time targets and reducing its paramedic vacancy rate. I sought assurances that LAS was prepared for winter and was closely collaborating with London's other blue light services.

Thrive LDN Culture

October saw a host of events celebrating the arts and mental health. Thrive LDN Culture, a partnership between Thrive LDN, my Culture Team and the Mental Health Foundation, worked alongside other artists and organisations to create new ways of starting conversation and raising awareness about mental health.

As well as the amazing day at City Hall led by the Peer Outreach Team, we saw an evening of film, cabaret, and DJs in Hackney exploring different experiences of black LGBTQ+ wellbeing and empowerment. Too Black Too Queer, in collaboration with Brixton Reel, was attended by over 150 people and was very well received.

Hendon Football Club unveiled a new permanent artwork in partnership with Thrive LDN. The artwork was produced by The Fandangoe Kid who worked with students at Hendon School.

Youth Mental Health First Aid in schools

The Youth Mental Health First Aid programme is now live and the first cohort of Youth MHFA instructors began training in October. This is the start of my ambitious plans to ensure that all state funded schools and further education colleges in London have access to a Youth Mental Health First Aider by 2021.

London Health Board conference

On 25 October, I hosted the 2018 London Health Board conference at City Hall. The event was attended by over 200 of London's health, care and borough leaders who came together to renew their joint commitment to make London the healthiest city in the world. In my speech I set out my Health Inequalities Strategy, my approach to health in all policies and my commitment to championing and challenging the NHS. Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England gave a speech outlining the NHS' commitment to work in partnership with City Hall to tackle health inequalities.

I also chaired a Q&A panel with members of the London Health Board which gave attendees the opportunity to reflect on the progress they have made to improve Londoners' health and wellbeing as well as the challenges ahead and the importance of collaboration between health services, local authorities, voluntary partners and local communities.

The event was webcast and can be viewed on the website here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/make-london-worlds-healthiest-city-2018-10-25>

Launch of Healthy Early Years London (HEYL)

On 17 October, I launched my Healthy Early Years London programme at the Acacia Pre-School Children's Centre, in Mitcham. This is a new scheme to support London's youngest children and tackle health inequalities across the capital. The programme forms a key part of my new Health Inequalities Strategy, which is designed to make the capital a healthier and fairer city by keeping people well and tackling the conditions that affect health.

Londoners currently face stark disparities in health depending on their incomes and where they live, and this can begin at the youngest of ages. In Tower Hamlets, babies are more than two-and-a-half times more likely to be born at a low birth weight than those in Richmond upon Thames, while across London the development of five-year olds on free school meals is almost three months behind their peers.

I'm committed to reducing these inequalities and, through my new awards programme, over 13,000 nurseries, children's centres, playgroups and childminders will be given support to help parents and carers, infants and pre-school children learn about the importance of healthy eating and exercise, as well as broader social and emotional development.

It will be evaluated with support by Bloomberg Philanthropies Partnership for Healthy Cities and has been highlighted by the World Health Organisation and Partnership for Healthy Cities as an example of good work across the globe.

Child Obesity Taskforce launch

On 17 October, I was pleased to attend the inaugural meeting of London's Child Obesity Taskforce, chaired by Paul Lindley with Professor Corinna Hawkes as vice chair. All members appointed to the Taskforce will serve in a voluntary capacity and I am extremely grateful to them for their time. I am also grateful for the generous support from Guy's and St Thomas's Charity and that of PHE London, the Association of Directors of Public Health London and the Association of Directors of Children's Services London.

I was pleased to see that future meetings of this Taskforce will be held in community venues in parts of London where child obesity rates are highest. Because this isn't something that should be done to people, and the taskforce is committed to working with the consent, support and buy-in of communities. It is in the interests of all of us to treat this issue as a priority because nothing could be more important than the health, wellbeing and life chances of the next generation of Londoners.

Launch of King's Fund report on London's Sustainability and Transformation partnerships

On 16 October, the King's Fund published the second report I commissioned on the progress of London's Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships. The report showed that STPs have made progress in developing local partnerships whilst encouraging them to go further in preventing ill health, tackling health inequalities, engaging with local authorities and building on local examples of good practice to transform services at an STP level.

Restart a Heart Day

On 16 October, I recorded and shared a short film in support of Restart a Heart day, encouraging Londoners to learn life-saving CPR and defibrillation skills.

Launch of Daily Mile

On 15 October, I visited Cubitt Town Junior School in LB Tower Hamlets, with Sir Mo Farah, to support The Daily Mile's introduction into London's primary schools. Cubitt Town Junior School signed up to The Daily Mile more than a year ago and has also attained the Healthy Schools London Gold Award. I want all of London's primary schools to sign up to the Daily Mile, which I ran on the day with some pupils and Sir Mo.

Team London, Sports and Volunteering

London Enterprise Adviser Network (LEAN)

In October, I appointed Reed in Partnership to deliver the LEAN across south, central and west London. This new appointment will ensure that each London state secondary school, PRU and

FE college will have access to an Enterprise Adviser by August 2020. The delivery partner for east London will be confirmed in the new year.

Team London Small Grants

In October, I awarded Team London Small Grants of £5,000 - £10,000 to twelve small third sector organisations. The grants are for volunteering projects that bring Londoners together and lead to improvements in social integration. The projects will begin in November and will last for a year.

NFL at Wembley Stadium

I attended the Jacksonville Jaguars v Philadelphia Eagles NFL International Series Game at Wembley Stadium on 28 October. This was the final game taking place in London this season. Wembley Stadium hosted three games this year and the atmosphere both inside and outside of the stadium was electric. Whilst at the game, I met with the Mayor of Philadelphia, Jim Kenney, the owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars, Shahid Khan, and the NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell.

Team London Awards

On 15 October, my outgoing Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder hosted my annual Team London Awards. The awards recognise exceptional commitment to volunteering by individuals and groups. Awards were presented across the categories of social mobility, social integration and community engagement. This year, new Young Londoner Awards were given to young volunteers who are giving their time to address youth violence and crime. During the evening, 23 awards were presented to a cross-section of volunteers ranging from school children to Londoners who have been volunteering for 60 years.

Culture and Events

London at Night: An Evidence Base for a 24-Hour City

On 8 November, I published the most comprehensive data on London at night that has ever been produced. The research was initiated by the Night Time Commission working in partnership with the GLA. The report is an evidence base that will inform the work of my Night Czar and the Night Time Commission.

You can read the full report here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/business-and-economy-publications/london-night-evidence-base-24-hour-city>

London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – V&A

On 1 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, announced the new designs for the new V&A East project as part of East Bank, the £1.1bn new culture and education district in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. V&A East will have two interconnected sites– a brand-new museum at Stratford Waterfront including a collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution, and a new Collection and Research Centre at Here East.

Details of the Collection and Research Centre were unveiled by award winning architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro, who designed New York's High Line. Visitors will be invited on "behind-the-scenes" journeys to discover 250,000 objects from the collection including some small curiosities and the largest and most significant rooms and objects.

Governor of Tokyo visit

On 31 October, I met with Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo to discuss London and Tokyo's close economic ties and how our great global cities can cooperate. We discussed Tokyo's plans for the 2020 Olympic Games and how London could help share some of our experience of 2012 Games. The Governor also visited Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Thursday 1 November to learn more about the legacy of the London Games.

Launch of Waltham Forest London Borough of Culture 2019 programme

On 30 October, I launched Waltham Forest's ambitious London Borough of Culture 2019 programme at Walthamstow Wetlands with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE and Councillor Clare Coghill, Leader of Waltham Forest Council. The programme has already engaged 700 volunteers under the banner 'Legends of the Forest' and has established a Fellowship Fund of £500k for community groups.

Programme highlights will include: 'Welcome to the Forest', a spectacular three-day celebration of art, music and local culture featuring Talvin Singh, Greenaway and Greenaway, Marshmallow Laser Feast and Erland Cooper; Damon Albarn's Africa Express event called TOGETHER, celebrating cross cultural collaboration through music in Leytonstone; Chingford's traditional May Day Fayre and visual artist Zarah Hussain's Molecules on the Marshes - a vast light installation which will see the marshes illuminated by 50,000 solar powered lights in the shape of water molecules - one for every child in the borough.

Capital West London Growth Summit

On 30 October, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, gave a speech to local authority representatives, local businesses, developers, investors and built environment consultants at the inaugural Capital West London Growth Summit in Wembley Park. She outlined plans for Brent's London Borough of Culture and proposals for Creative Enterprise Zones in Hounslow and Harrow as well as opportunities for culture-led regeneration in West London.

Diwali on the Square

On 28 October, I joined thousands of Londoners at my annual Diwali Festival on Trafalgar Square, which was delivered with the support of the Diwali in London committee. I was honoured to participate in a special Remembrance Moment commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War and the service of South Asian soldiers, which included wearing the kadhi poppy.

For the first time the event kicked off with 120 dancers doing a Ghoomar dance, which then led into a spectacular public mass-participation Garba dance. The square hosted a kaleidoscope of Indian vegetarian food stalls and activities including talks, workshops, dance classes, sari dressing, yoga, comedy, and a Glimpse of the Goddesses interactive experience. There was also an underwater scene to demonstrate the environmental damage caused by waste plastic and the latest in hybrid cars on display. The stage programme was a spectacle of song and dance

with spiritual moments, and a crescendo of dancing lights across the square, marking the Festival of Lights.

CitiLab Conference

On 28 October, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE gave a keynote speech at CitiLab conference to more than 50 Mayors from across the world. City Lab is the preeminent meeting of city leaders and the top minds in urbanism and city planning, a partnership between Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Aspen Institute and The Atlantic. Justine highlighted innovations within City Hall's policy currently being developed including Creative Enterprise Zones, the Cultural Infrastructure Plan and Creative Land Trusts.

Africa on the Square - Trafalgar Square

On 27 October, I was excited to once again present Africa on the Square to celebrate the incredible culture of African communities in London. It was great to see the involvement of cultural and educational groups on the day including The Africa Centre, AMREF, Royal African Society, The Unremembered Project and Youth in Excellence. The programme included live music highlighting new expressions of African music. Other activities included a fashion show, dance battle, family arts, crafts workshops and an African Market with a diverse mix of traders and caterers of African heritage.

People's Question Time -Islington Assembly Hall

On 23 October, I was pleased to hold and participate in People's Question Time (PQT) at Islington Assembly Hall, where I heard about a range of issues impacting Londoners, both locally and London wide. It was great to see over 450 engaged members of the public attend to question me and Assembly Members on issues including housing, transport, air quality, economic development and policing.

London Film Festival

On 20 October, I attended this year's Mayor of London Gala at the 62nd London Film Festival. London is the third largest city for filmmaking in the world, and the gala is a high profile annual opportunity to promote London's talent. This year's Mayor Gala was part of my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign and the film was *A Private War* about the life of war correspondent for The Sunday Times, the late Marie Colvin.

On 18 October I also joined forces with film industry heavyweights including Working Title, Studiocanal and Film4 to fund and scale up Film London's Equal Access Network - a programme that will increase diversity in the film industry. The funding will help more Londoners from under-represented backgrounds secure paid jobs in film and TV and encourages employers to increase workforce diversity.

Launch of LDNWMN – a #BehindEveryGreatCity Outdoor Art Exhibition

On 18 October, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE and Tate Director, Maria Balshaw CBE launched LDN WMN, a citywide art project as part of my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign. LDNWMN, a collaboration between the Mayor of London and the Tate Collective, is a series of 20 public artworks across London. The artworks were created by women and non-binary women artists and are feature unsung women heroes from the city's history.

London Legacy Development Corporation

East Bank

The Victoria and Albert Museum revealed details of its plans for the new Collection and Research Centre to be housed within Here East. Details of the design led by New York-based practice Diller, Scofidio + Renfro (and supported by Austin-Smith:Lord) will allow the Collection and Research Centre to bring treasures out of storage and into public view for the first time in generations. A central public collection hall will turn the store inside out. A rich array of objects will be on display for visitors to explore – from some of the smallest curiosities in the collection to the largest and most significant rooms and building fragments, including work by Frank Lloyd Wright and a 15-metre-wide theatrical backcloth designed by Natalia Goncharova for the 1926 Ballets Russes London production of Stravinsky's *Firebird*.

East Works Awards

I was delighted to support and recognise the drive, passion and achievements of young people, employers and businesses at the East Works Awards held at Here East on 1 November. East Works is a collaboration between businesses, boroughs and communities to deliver internships, apprenticeships, career insights, skills and business support. To date more than 300 apprentices and 50 interns have worked for businesses related to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and a further 2,000 people have received training, with more than 200 start-ups receiving support.

Events

Making use of the Park's meanwhile sites is an important way to attract visitors and raise income on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Oktoberfest made use of the site that will shortly become home to the V&A, Sadler's Wells, BBC and London College of Fashion. Also, this month the Six Day London cycling tournament at the Lee Valley VeloPark featured the world's best riders competing in the first round of the 2018/19 Six Day Series

Planning

Planning and Development Control 26 September 2018 to 29 October 2018

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

6-10 Sherman Road, Bromley North, LB Bromley

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

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Shoreditch Island Site, Tabernacle Street, 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.

3 Viveash Close, Hayes, LB Hillingdon

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

St John's School, Northwood, LB Hillingdon

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

Albany Riverside and former Brentford Police Station, Brentford, 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.

Segro Park Heathrow, 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.

17 Newport Street, Kennington, 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.

Abbey House, Bakers Row, West Ham, LB Newham

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

Barratt Industrial Estate, Gillender Street, Bromley by Bow, LB Tower Hamlets

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

268-282 Vauxhall Bridge Road, Victoria, 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.

191 Old Marylebone Road, Paddington, City of Westminster

I have written to the City of Westminster directing the Council to refuse planning permission.

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

2 Geron Way, LB Barnet

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

68-72 Hammersmith Road, LB Hammersmith and Fulham

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

Deanston Wharf, 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.

St George's Quarter, LB Southwark

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

24-34 Sutton Court Road, Sutton, LB Sutton

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

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

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

- 10-11 Watkin Road, Wembley, LB Brent
- Block B, Phase 2, Woodberry Down, Manor House, LB Hackney
- 337-359 Kingsland Road, Haggerston, LB Hackney
- Cargo Service Centre, Bedfont Road, Stanwell, LB Hounslow
- 22-23 Tileyard Road & 196-228 York Way, Kings Cross, LB Islington
- Heythrop College, Kensington Square, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- 90 Monier Road, Fish Island, Hackney Wick, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Brampton Manor Academy, Roman Road, North Beckton, LB Newham
- Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, LB Richmond upon Thames
- Former LEB Building Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, LB Tower Hamlets
- Central House, 59 – 63 Whitechapel High Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- 9,11 & 19 Osiers Road, Wandsworth Town, LB Wandsworth
- 1 & 6 Merchant Square, Paddington, City of Westminster

Delegated Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

The Deputy Mayor Planning, Regeneration and Skills has asked officers to send a letter giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- Chelsea Creek, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Former Master Brewer Site, Freezeland Way, Hillingdon, LB Hillingdon
- Morrisons Supermarket, Yiewsley, LB Hillingdon
- Douglas Webb House, Sipson Road, LB Hillingdon
- Graphite Square, Vauxhall, LB Lambeth
- Leegate Shopping Centre, Lee Green, LB Lewisham
- Canada Water Masterplan, Rotherhithe, LB Southwark
- 26 Commercial Street, 101-105 Whitechapel High St and Canon Barnett School, LB Tower Hamlets
- Land at Fieldgate Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Blackhorse Road Car Park, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Draft Suburban Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), LB Croydon
- Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 19), St Albans District Council
- Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 18), Watford Borough Council

Key Engagements

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

- I visited the new DNA profiling laboratory at the Metropolitan Police Lambeth HQ on 5 October
- I visited Cubitt Town Junior School in Tower Hamlets, with Sir Mo Farah, on 15 October to support The Daily Mile's introduction into London's primary schools
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 15 October
- I met with Cllr Nickie Aiken, the Leader of Westminster Council on 16 October to discuss Westminster's new proposals for Oxford Street
- I had my regular meeting with the Fire Brigade Unions on 16 October
- I attended the Slay In Your Lane event hosted at City Hall on 16 October
- I met with the winners of the QPR Talent Hunt from the South Mumbai Junior Soccer Challenge on 16 October
- I had my regular meeting with Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu on 16 October to discuss policing and security
- I hosted a Business Reception at City Hall on 16 October
- I visited the Acacia Pre-School and the Acacia Children's Centre in Merton on 17 October to launch the Mayor's Healthy Early Years London (HEYL) programme
- I had my regular meeting with Liz Peace, Chair of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation, on 17 October
- I attended the inaugural meeting of the London Child Obesity Taskforce on 17 October
- I met with the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, Secretary of State for Education, on 17 October to discuss the provision of education and skills in London and to discuss tackling serious youth violence
- I attended the Service of Thanksgiving for Tessa Jowell at Southwark Cathedral on 18 October
- I had an introductory meeting with Kirsty McHugh, the new CEO of the Mayor's Fund, on 18 October
- I had an introductory meeting with Andrew Lustgarten, the President of the Madison Square Garden Group, on 18 October
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 19 October
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 19 October
- I attended the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Kayd Somali Arts & Culture's Somali Week Festival on 19 October
- I joined the People's Vote March on 20 October
- I attended the Mayor's Gala at the London Film Festival on 20 October
- I attended the Serious Violence Taskforce hosted by the Home Secretary on 22 October
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 22 October
- I met with the Rt Hon Phillip Hammond MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on 23 October ahead of the budget
- I attended People's Question Time in Islington on 23 October
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 24 October
- I chaired the Special Transport for London Board meeting on 24 October
- I had my regular meeting with representatives of the TUC LESE (TUC London East and South East, formerly SERTUC) on 24 October
- I appeared before the GLA EU Exit Working Group on 25 October
- I chaired the London Health Board Public Meeting at City Hall on 25 October

- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 25 October
- I addressed the City Hall Black History Month reception on 25 October
- I travelled to Brussels on 26 October for meetings with senior EU politicians to discuss the capital's needs from the Brexit negotiations. I met with the following:
 - Michel Barnier, Chief Negotiator, Article 50 Task Force
 - Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President for Euro, social dialogue, financial stability, financial services, capital markets union, European Commission
 - Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President for Energy Union, European Commission
 - Sir Julian King, European Commissioner for Security Union
- I attended the Philadelphia Eagles v Jacksonville Jaguars NFL game at Wembley Stadium on 28 October and met with Roger Goodell, NFL Commissioner and Jim Kenney, the Mayor of Philadelphia
- I attended the Diwali Festival on the Square on 28 October
- I had an introductory meeting with Antonio Horta Osorio, CEO Lloyds Bank, on 29 October
- I chaired the inaugural meeting of the VRU Partnership Reference Group on 29 October
- I attended the vigil at JW3 on 29 October, organised by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, for the 11 members of the Jewish community brutally murdered in Pittsburgh
- I visited Walthamstow Wetlands on 30 October and attended the Waltham Forest London Borough of Culture 2019 programme reveal
- I chaired the London Crime Reduction Board meeting on 30 October
- I had my regular meeting with the Transport Unions on 30 October
- I chaired a meeting of the Mayor's Business Advisory Board on 31 October
- I met with the Koike Yuriko, Governor of Tokyo on 31 October to discuss collaborative approach to address key issues faced by global cities such as Tokyo and London
- I met with the New West End Company Board on 31 October to discuss Oxford Street
- I met with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 1 November ahead of the Policing Plenary
- I attended the London Assembly Policing Plenary meeting on 1 November to answer questions alongside Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on policing in London
- I had my regular meeting with the London Ambulance Service on 1 November
- I met with David Cohen, Evening Standard and Doug Willis, Managing Editor, Evening Standard on 1 November to discuss youth violence
- I attended the Shabbat service at the West London Synagogue on 3 November to support the #ShowUpForShabbat campaign encouraging Jewish people across the world to attend Shabbat services in solidarity with the 11 victims who lost their lives in Pittsburgh
- I launched London Living Wage week at the Barbican on 5 November and announced the new London Living Wage rate for the next 12 months
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 5 November
- I addressed The Board of Deputies of British Jews Presidents Dinner on 5 November
- I met with the Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, on 6 November to discuss housing
- I had an introductory meeting with Sir Nick Serota, Chair of the Arts Council England on 6 November
- I attended the Air Quality Community engagement event hosted at City Hall on 6 November

- I addressed the London Transport Museum Fundraising Dinner at the Guildhall on 6 November
- I addressed the London Conference hosted by the Centre for London on 6 November
- I had my regular meeting with Dany Cotton, the London Fire Commissioner, on 7 November
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 7 November
- I met with Sir Robert Naylor, National Advisor on Property and Estates, Department of Health and Social Care on 7 November to discuss the London Estates Board
- I visited three Indian Hindu temples in north-west London on 8 November 2018 to mark the Hindu New Year. The three temples were the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Willesden Lane, the Shree Sanatan Mandir in Ealing Road and the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Brentfield Road
- I met with Dr Hugh Milroy, Chief Executive of Veterans Aid, on 8 November to discuss the work of Veterans Aid
- I met with Jamie Dimon, CEO and Chairman of JP Morgan Chase, on 8 November to discuss the impact of a no-deal Brexit
- I attended the Hinduja Diwali Reception on 8 November

Ends