

33rd Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time – 18th July 2019

This is my Thirty-Third Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 7th June – 4th July 2019.

Executive Summary

Start of construction on East Bank

On 2 July, I broke ground to mark the start of construction at East Bank – the country's new powerhouse of culture, education, innovation and growth. Work began at the new UCL East and Stratford Waterfront sites at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, which will become the largest culture and education project for a generation. East Bank will help to cement the capital's reputation as a world leader in these fields, with a new purpose-built east London hub.

The transformative scheme – spread across three sites – will be at the heart of a growing east London cluster of commerce, technology, manufacture, retail, education, culture and the creative industries. It will provide skills and jobs for local people, attracting visitors from around the world, bringing more than 10,000 students to the site, delivering 2,500 jobs and a £1.5 billion boost to the economy.

Capital's first London Climate Action Week

On 1 July, to kick start the Capital's first London Climate Action Week, I have called for an end to the delaying tactics of the Government and those who say we must act but fail to take the necessary action.

The biggest obstacle to meaningfully reducing our carbon emissions isn't the climate change deniers but the climate change delayers. They say we must act, but they refuse to put in place the plans, action or funding we desperately need – often citing the costs to business and consumers as their pretext when we know the costs of not acting are far greater and far graver. We need to hold these climate delayers to account and put pressure on the next Prime Minister to urgently show real leadership.

New research shows how London's strength as a global climate hub is growing, in spite of the challenges of Brexit uncertainty. In London, total sales of Low Carbon Goods and services have grown from £20.9billion to £39.7billion over the last decade (2007/8– 2017/18), a total increase of 90 per cent, with a 20 per cent increase between 2015/16 and 2017/18 alone.

I have declared a climate emergency in London and am helping bring together world-leading climate expertise from across business, community, NGO, and cultural sectors for events focusing on local, national and international climate action and solutions, to mark London's first Climate Action Week.

Survey of Londoners reveals city's social and economic challenges

On 27 June, I published one of the most comprehensive survey of Londoners ever setting out the social and economic challenges facing the capital and revealing that four in 10 Londoners owe money on unsecured debts.

This survey lays bare the true impact of government cuts to public services and welfare support on Londoners. Economic inequality in our city and our country is simply too high. It should concern us all that so many Londoners are having to turn to loans and credit cards to get by, while others simply do not have enough money to keep their homes warm during the winter months.

I am committed to doing everything in my power to ensure all Londoners benefit from the city's success. I've invested £1 billion to help build new council homes and used my planning powers to make available thousands of low rent homes for low-income families, as well as implementing a range of measures to make childcare more affordable and accessible for Londoners. But the impact of the Government's austerity measures and welfare reforms have hit the budgets of low-income Londoners the hardest.

I will continue to lobby the Government on welfare, Universal Credit and the Living Wage, and hopes this stark new data will prompt ministers to act on properly tackling poverty and its causes. This must be a top priority for the new Prime Minister, starting with putting an end to the failed austerity agenda and ensuring the benefits system in our country is fair and works for all. City Hall has commissioned further research into the impact of welfare changes on all groups of Londoners which will be published later this summer.

Landmark report shows £4.9 billion a year needed to deliver affordable homes

On 24 June, I released a report highlighting that if City Hall, housing associations, and councils are going to be able to meet Londoners' housing needs, vastly increased Government investment is urgently needed.

I am using all the resources and powers at my disposal to tackle the housing crisis, and last year started a record 14,544 affordable homes, including nearly 4,000 at social rent levels – more than in any year since City Hall took control of housing investment in the capital, and exceeding the target of 14,000 agreed with Government ministers.

But the amount of grant funding required to deliver the affordable homes Londoners desperately need is £4.9 billion a year – seven times more than the capital currently receives. As a new Prime Minister takes the helm, they must put their money where their mouth is and provide the funding we need to turn this crisis around.

Paying tribute to British Armed Forces

On 24 June, I was proud to welcome representatives from our Armed Forces to City Hall today to acknowledge their tireless bravery and dedication to keeping us safe.

I also signed an updated Armed Forces Covenant committing to supporting the Armed Forces community right across the capital. The Covenant was last signed by the previous Mayor in 2012 and has been updated following consultation with the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces community to include measures around housing, welfare and collecting data on veterans

sleeping rough. The Covenant names London Assembly Member Len Duval as an informal Armed Forces champion, who will chair a series of stakeholder roundtables on my behalf.

I am committed to doing everything I can to continue supporting our Armed Forces.

Marking Windrush Day and funding legal advice to help Londoners

On 22 June, to mark Windrush Day, I pledged to invest up to £370,000 to support the immigration advice sector to help Londoners with insecure immigration status and prevent injustices like the Windrush scandal from happening again.

This financial support will help to widen access to legal advice and strengthen the vital service that London's immigration sector provides. The sector has been decimated by cuts to legal aid amounting to £350 million over the last decade, removing access to affordable advice for thousands of people. This new funding includes appointing London's first Insecure Status Coordinator at City Hall, in order to have a long-term impact on improving the access and quality of immigration advice across the whole city.

The Windrush generation have made an enormous contribution to our country and to the success of our great city, influencing almost every aspect of our culture and modern life. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude. But the disgraceful way the Windrush generation and their families have been treated by the Government is a national scandal. Their experiences clearly demonstrate that the immigration process is difficult to navigate, and the increasing severity of the hostile environment is putting Londoners with the right to be here at risk of destitution.

Securing 100 per cent social housing in Kensington development

On 21 June, I approved a development including 100 per cent affordable housing and a new hotel. My intervention led to more than triple the number of genuinely affordable homes originally proposed. The application to redevelop the Kensington Forum Hotel will deliver 62 new homes, all of which will be available at social rent levels for Londoners on low incomes.

The proposals were rejected by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in September 2018, before I assumed responsibility for the application – known as 'calling-in' – in order to subject it to further scrutiny in November. Following my intervention, the developer agreed to increase the number of homes to 62 and make all of them affordable. It had previously only proposed for 20 of the original 46 homes to be affordable. The scheme also includes a 749-bedroom hotel and 340 serviced apartments.

Kensington and Chelsea Council has consistently failed to meet my housing targets in recent years, and I have pushed my planning powers to their limits in order to deliver more affordable homes in the borough.

Biggest ever Car Free Day celebrations planned for London

On Clean Air Day, 20 June, I announced major plans to help Londoners reclaim the streets and get out and about enjoying free events across the city for London's biggest ever Car Free Day celebrations on Sunday 22 September 2019.

Hundreds of free activities for all ages and abilities will take place on more than 12 miles of closed streets in Central London including Tower Bridge (closed to all traffic), London Bridge

(buses only) and much of the City of London. Eighteen boroughs are also organising events including working with residents to create local 'Play Streets' - safe spaces where children can play and communities get together.

Urging the Prime Minister to do the right thing for rough sleepers

On 18 June, I joined council leaders and homeless charities to call out the Government's completely unacceptable record on rough sleeping and urged the outgoing Prime Minister to do the right thing and make the changes we need to help those living on the streets. We sent a joint letter to Theresa May co-signed by members of the my No Nights Sleeping Rough Taskforce outlining how Government policies are fuelling the rough sleeping crisis, and made three specific asks to help the huge numbers non-UK nationals off the streets.

Plans for a major expansion of London's Electric Vehicle charging network

On 17 June, I set out my plans for a major expansion of London's electric vehicle charging network. To tackle the twin dangers of London's toxic air crisis and the climate change emergency, I brought together the public and private sector to deliver the electric vehicle infrastructure Londoners need. This includes commitments by businesses and retailers to transform EV charging provision in London over the coming years.

We need to reject the fossil fuels of the past and embrace an electric revolution in London's transport.

Second anniversary of the Grenfell Fire

On 14 June 2017, a fire broke out in Grenfell Tower resulting in the tragic loss of 72 lives and devastating the community of North Kensington. Two years on we also forever remember the heroic efforts of our emergency services that night and the inspiring way the community has come together in the face of such adversity. We must never forget.

Two years on from this tragedy the dismal lack of action from Government has been utterly shameful. Seventeen households remain in emergency and temporary accommodation. The community continues to feel ignored and neglected, having to fight for every piece of support from the council - from receiving legal advice, to accessing mental health services, or simply understanding their rights.

In addition, the failed building regulations system remains largely unchanged. Thousands of people across the country are still living in homes wrapped with unsafe or potentially unsafe cladding and worry how they are going to cover the costs for making sure those homes are safe. And the response to the social housing green paper, lauded as the Government's answer to the institutional indifference that social housing residents have faced for years, is still not published. This is unacceptable.

The safety and well-being of Londoners is my top priority. I regularly meet with the bereaved, survivors and residents of Grenfell Tower and the wider community, including businesses that were affected by the fire. In December 2018, I visited Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA) to announce a £50,000 donation to a Trust for KAA students. After meeting with business tenants of Transport for London affected by the Grenfell Tower fire, I made available a relief scheme to help them recover from the disaster. Last year, I gave social housing residents a new right to be balloted where their landlord wants City Hall funding towards large estate regeneration schemes

that involve existing homes being demolished. And I have for the first time introduced fire safety measures in my new Draft London Plan.

But my powers as Mayor are limited, and I do not have a role in designing and implementing the changes the Government promised, nor in delivering the services desperately needed by the bereaved, survivors and local residents.

In memory of the 72 lives we lost, it is vital that nothing like this can ever happen again. That is why I have promised to continue pressing the Government to deliver the changes that must be the lasting legacy of this horrific tragedy

Mayor to launch Night Time Enterprise Zone and new music partnership

On 7 June, I announced a bold new programme to boost the capital's high streets at night, alongside an innovative new partnership to support London's live music scene.

A new Night Time Enterprise Zone project will help councils, businesses and residents test new ideas to boost their high streets after 6pm. Councils across the capital can now bid to become the first pilot zone and receive £75,000 to develop ideas that will support town centres at night. The pilot zone will be an opportunity for a borough to trial a range of approaches for the high street – such as running night-time markets, testing longer opening hours, or helping shops and hotels host cultural events. The results of the pilot will be used to shape future plans across the capital.

£6 million funding for projects tackling toxic air

On 7 June, I invested £6 million from my Air Quality Fund in 15 new projects across London with the aim of improving the capital's air quality and tackling our climate emergency. This fund will help boroughs clean up some of our most polluted streets, making them safer for pedestrians and cyclists, providing electric vehicle charging points and supporting businesses and residents in adopting cleaner modes of transport.

Four new Low Emission Neighbourhoods (LENs) will be established in Hackney, Dagenham, Southwark and Camden. These Low Emission Neighbourhoods receive funding and support to install electric vehicle charge points, expand cycle lanes, establish green walls and investigate traffic reduction schemes.

This funding will be matched with almost £3 million from the relevant boroughs. The funding is the final round of my £22 million Mayor's Air Quality Fund which has delivered hard-hitting air quality projects across London and has now supported the creation of nine Low Emission Neighbourhoods, and 60 other projects to improve the capital's air quality.

The introduction of the ULEZ in April this year was a major and necessary step in addressing our filthy air and protecting the health of all Londoners. Now this local funding is helping boroughs continue to do their part to improve air quality. Not only that but it is also helping Londoners to experience what a zero-emission city could be like, especially as we work to tackle our climate crisis. But London politicians can't solve these issues alone. We need government ministers to wake up and recognise the true scale of this health emergency and give us new clean air legislation and a national vehicle scrappage fund to truly improve the quality of the air we breathe.

Policing, Crime and Security

Pan London Youth Day

On 13th June I was honoured to attend the Pan London Youth Day at Alexandra Palace, a precursor to the Haringey Box Cup which is supported by the MPS, MOPAC and Haringey Police & Community Amateur Boxing Club (ABC).

The event offers the opportunity for all secondary school and college pupils in London to come together in a safe environment that is free, inclusive and educational. Since its' inception in 1999, there has been year on year growth in both the Pan London Youth Day and Box Cup, which now attract thousands of London students.

I was delighted to meet so many young Londoners, and the fantastic people behind these events. By investing in projects and events like the Pan-London Youth Day that are dedicated to giving young Londoners an opportunity to get involved in positive activities, we can work to take every child and teenager at risk off the streets, and away from the dangers of crime.

Violence Reduction Unit – learning from Scotland's success

On 17th June, Lib Peck, Director of London's Violence Reduction Unit, travelled to Scotland to meet with counterparts from their long-established and highly effective Unit which has contributed to a 35% reduction in serious assault and attempted murder cases there between 2008/09 and 2017/18.

City Hall is investing a total of £7.3 million to spearhead a long-term, public health approach to addressing the underlying causes of violence in London, and while we recognise that the context in Scotland is very different to London, there is much that can be learned in terms of partnership working and effective intervention with those at greatest risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of violence.

Countering Violent Extremism

On 25th June, I was delighted to welcome Mayors from across Europe to City Hall for a Summit to discuss some of the key issues we face as capital cities.

One of those shared issues is the continued threat of extremism and terror, and on the day of the Summit I published the final report from my Countering Violent Extremism Programme, which has been hard at work over the last year engaging with communities and gathering views on how we can better protect our city.

The report recognises that City Hall cannot solve violent extremism on its own and calls on the Government to reverse cuts which have forced local authorities to reduce youth provision and community services and invest more in schemes that encourage and support communities to stand up to extremism.

The key themes of the report were:

- Strengthening communities by building resilience to extremism – Two-thirds of Londoners see strong, integrated communities as effective in reducing the risk of extremism, hate crime and terrorism. Evidence indicates that government cuts to youth

and community services and English language courses are putting at risk efforts to support all communities.

- Encouraging communities to stand up to extremism – Concerns were raised about a lack of support, resources and information which is holding back communities from standing up to extremism.
- Safeguarding vulnerable Londoners from radicalisation – While 66 per cent of Londoners would want to tell the police if they were worried about someone being exploited towards extremism, research also showed 64 per cent would not know how to seek help from the authorities. The Government, National Counter Terror police and local authorities must take action to address this awareness gap.
- Stopping the spread of extremist ideologies – Research found a quarter of Londoners experienced or witnessed views promoting, endorsing or supporting extremism over the last 12 months. Tech companies and the government should reduce the ability of those intending to spread hate online and increase awareness for the public to refer content when it appears.

To build on this important work, I have announced new investment of £1million to fund a new Countering Violence Extremism small grants programme for civil society groups and radicalisation awareness learning for key groups working with vulnerable Londoners.

With the police in Tulse Hill

Again, London has been shocked by a number of horrific murders, and the MPS continues its determined efforts to tackle the senseless violence wrecking lives in our city. On 24 June I joined MPS officers from the Violent Crime Task Force as they conducted a weapons sweep in Tulse Hill, which days before had been the scene of an appalling shooting.

During the sweep, officers found a knife hidden in undergrowth, underlining the importance and impact of this kind of proactive policing in getting potentially deadly weapons off our streets. I am deeply grateful to the officers and staff of the MPS, who are working incredibly hard right across the city to keep people safe from violent crime. While I have made unprecedented investment from City Hall into policing, in the face of hundreds of millions of pounds of Government funding cuts the MPS remains under serious pressure.

The police are here to protect us, and I call on all Londoners to help the police by coming forward with information if they have concerns about potentially criminal activity in their area. Together, we can all play a part in making London safer.

Transport

Contract awarded to replace oldest DLR trains

Customers using the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) will benefit from more frequent and reliable journeys from 2023, after TfL awarded a contract to replace the oldest trains currently serving the railway.

The order, awarded to Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles, S.A (CAF) will see the replacement of the oldest rolling stock on the DLR which are nearly thirty years old and have come to the end of their design life. These are in vital need of replacement to ensure a reliable service is maintained for customers.

With over 400,000 journeys made each weekday, the DLR is currently the busiest light railway in the UK. The new trains will provide more frequent direct services to the growing employment centre and cultural hub at Stratford, allowing people from across South East London to reach new jobs in East London without the need to travel through Zone 1. It also serves Canary Wharf, a vitally important centre for the financial and professional service industries.

The modernisation of the DLR is a key part of our strategy to make London a greener, more accessible place to live, work and visit as well as supporting new jobs and homes. The investment in improving public transport will help reduce reliance on the car and contribute to my target of 80 per cent of journeys made by public transport, cycling or walking by 2041.

Consultations open on major safety improvements at five dangerous London junctions

TfL has invited the public to have their say on proposals to make five of the capital's most dangerous junctions safer, as part of its Vision Zero commitment to eliminate death and serious injuries from London's roads.

The £7.2million planned improvements aim to reduce the number of collisions and make the junctions safer for everyone. They will also make junctions easier to use for people walking, cycling and travelling by public transport. The proposals include new road layouts, wider crossings, segregated cycle bypasses and closures of some roads to motor traffic.

Consultations have opened on the following junctions:

- Balls Pond Road/Kingsland Road
- Kennington Park Road/Braganza Street
- East India Dock Road/Birchfield Street/Canton Street
- Edgware Road/Harrow Road
- Clapham Road/Union Road

Work is planned to start on the five junctions in the next 12 months, subject to consultation, and is being funded by TfL's £2.3 billion Healthy Streets programme, which is making London's streets safer, more attractive, accessible and people-friendly places. The consultations close on 25 July.

Engineering train travels full length of the Northern Line Extension for the first time

On 14 June, TfL announced that the Northern Line Extension had passed a major milestone after an engineering train successfully travelled the entire length of the new tunnels from Kennington to Battersea, for the first time. To mark the occasion, TfL released footage of this first trip.

This first journey along the full length of the Northern Line Extension marked the completion of the tunnels and track. Work to extend the line is now focusing on the fit-out of the new stations, installing the power supply, and extending the signalling used on the Northern line to the extension.

The extension - which is expected to be completed in autumn 2021, with a target of September - is the first major Tube line extension since the Jubilee line in the late 1990s. The opening timetable continues to align with the wider regeneration of the Vauxhall Nine Elms Battersea area and ensures that new Northern line services will operate when demand for the line is there.

The extension will bring Battersea and surrounding areas to within 15 minutes of the West End and City. In addition, construction of the extension is boosting the UK economy and supporting around 1,000 jobs, including 50 apprenticeships.

TfL innovation challenge finds new ways of tackling congestion on London's roads

TfL recently announced the winners of London RoadLab, an innovation challenge to develop new technology that could help to make London's roads safer and smarter during roadworks. Working in partnership with Plexal, the innovation centre, suppliers were invited to pitch ideas for tackling some of the biggest problems caused by roadworks last year.

Nine innovative solutions were shortlisted and awarded £20,000 each. They joined a ten-week programme and worked closely with subject matter experts across TfL, London Councils and the utilities to further develop products that could have a positive impact right across the capital.

Construction work to begin on major new Cycleway in South-East London

Work will start on 5 July on the first section of Cycleway 4, between Tower Bridge and Rotherhithe Roundabout, includes new pedestrian crossings along Tooley Street and Jamaica Road and, the overhaul of the dangerous Rotherhithe roundabout.

TfL is working closely with Southwark, Lewisham and Greenwich councils on this major new high-quality route which, when complete, will connect neighbourhoods between Tower Bridge and Greenwich to London's growing network of Cycleways. This scheme involves £54million of investment from our Healthy Streets budget and will enable thousands more journeys in South-East London to be made more safely.

This is also part of our Vision Zero commitment to eliminate death and serious injuries on our roads and promoting active travel, to achieve 80 per cent of Londoner's trips to be on foot, by cycle or on public transport by 2041. Cycleway 4 will transform streets for local people between Tower Bridge and Greenwich, making local streets more pleasant places to spend time. We'd like to thank local residents, visitors and businesses for their patience while construction work takes place and encourage people in the area to plan ahead while work to create the route is underway.

TfL sets out plans to make streets safer for walking and cycling in Barking and Barking Riverside

TfL is inviting people to have their say on plans to transform the growing neighbourhoods of Barking and Barking Riverside, creating safer streets that are less dominated by motor traffic and are instead much more welcoming to people walking, cycling and using public transport.

The proposed 7km Cycleway is the second new cycling route to be consulted on following TfL's Strategic Cycling Analysis, which used data to identify 25 areas which showed the best potential for growing cycling numbers. The route would connect the development at Barking Riverside, where more than 10,000 new homes are being built, with Barking Town Centre. It is part of wider proposals to connect with Ilford Town Centre, where an Elizabeth line station is due to open. The new route will also connect with Cycle Superhighway 3 at Mayesbrook Bridge, which provides a direct link to Canary Wharf and Central London.

New 'continuous' pedestrian crossings in the area will give priority to people moving on foot and a new walking and cycling footbridge over Mayes Brook will make journeys between Barking and Barking Riverside safer, faster and more direct.

The proposed upgrades include:

- A new 7km high-quality cycle route including a new stepped cycling track on Wakering Road providing two-way cycle access
- A new wider pedestrian and cycle footbridge over Mayes Brook. Lighting and green space improvements will be included as part of this bridge upgrade
- An upgraded walking and cycling crossing on Bastable Avenue will provide safer and easier access to Thames View Junior and Infant School and local businesses
- New 'continuous' pedestrian crossings at junction of St Awdrys and Eldred Road
- Links to both existing and proposed cycling routes including Cycle Superhighway 3 (Barking to Tower Gateway) and the proposed walking and cycling improvements at Ripple Greenway in Barking Riverside

The consultation is now open for people to have their say at tfl.gov.uk/Ilford-barking until 5 August 2019.

Celebrating diversity with new roundels for Pride

Along with TfL, I celebrated Pride this year with a trio of inclusive roundels ahead of Pride in London on Saturday 6 July. For the first time ever, the Bi Pride roundel has been seen across the transport network alongside the now iconic colours of the rainbow and Trans Pride flags to celebrate the LGBT+ community.

To reflect the diversity of sexualities and gender identities, the ever-popular rainbow roundel has returned with additional black and brown stripes to mark the representation of the BAME LGBT+ community. The new Bi Pride roundel uses the pink and purple colours of the Bisexual Pride flag, and the light blue and pink stripes of the Trans Pride flag represent the transgender community. All three roundels carried the hashtag #EveryStoryMatters.

This year's initiative builds on TfL's strong legacy in supporting Pride, following the introduction of diversity traffic signals and a range of rainbow-wrapped vehicles on the transport network.

Fire and Resilience

Fire at Samuel Garside House, Barking

Like all Londoners I was deeply shocked by the fire at Samuel Garside House in Barking on Sunday 9 June. On the day of the incident I was in close contact with the London Fire Brigade as they made sure residents were safe and got the fire under control. The following day (Monday 10 June) I visited the site and the Thames View Community Centre, with my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, and my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential development, James Murray, where I met local residents to hear their concerns and members of the London Fire Brigade to thank them for all their work.

On June 14th, I wrote to Bellway Homes, Mace Group Ltd and HomeGround about fire safety at Samuel Garside House and other buildings nearby with external timber material, pushing them to make changes immediately to ensure the safety of residents.

In addition, I and Councillor Darren Rodwell wrote to the Government on June 17th to raise our urgent concerns that combustible materials could still be used on new buildings which, like Samuel Garside, are below 18m.

Finally, I wrote a letter to all residents, updating them on my actions over the week following the fire and offering guidance on where to find information.

LCCI Resilience Breakfast

On 4 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM chaired a roundtable breakfast in partnership with London Chamber of Commerce and Industry to consult with businesses on what role they can play in achieving London's resilience aims as part of the broad stakeholder engagement we are carrying out for the emerging London Resilience Strategy.

Cape Town – Resilience Shift Panel

On the 3 July as part of Climate Action Week my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience Fiona Twycross spoke on a panel discussion hosted by ARUP about transferable lessons from Cape Town's experience of drought to London.

Hosting the Chief Resilience Officer from Christchurch

On 2 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience Fiona Twycross hosted the Chief Resilience Officer for Christchurch City Council NZ, Mike Gillooly and updated him on the Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network which London leads.

Cadet Visit

On 1 July, I visited Old Kent Road Fire Station with my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, to see the work of the London Fire Cadets. I recently announced £1.1 million of extra City Hall funding for the London Fire Cadets programme, which will help create 15 new units across the capital over the next two years, meaning every London borough will have at least one unit.

Hosting the Chief Resilience Officer of Lisbon

On 21 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, hosted a delegation from the City of Lisbon, including their Deputy Mayor and Chief Resilience Officer and senior officers from the Lisbon Fire Brigade and Resilience team. The visit provided an opportunity for the two cities to share recent experiences and current strategies to inform the London 100 Resilient Cities Project.

London Resilience Forum

On 20 June, I attended the London Resilience Forum chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM.

UCL Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction Annual Conference

On 19 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, spoke at the Ninth Annual Conference panel discussion at UCL's Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction. The panel explored some of the challenges posed by the complexity of modern life in the face of hazards and threats that may cause serious harm or disruption. The conference provided the opportunity to explain how London is preparing for emergencies, highlighting the work of the London Resilience Partnership in keeping London communities safe and the role of the emerging Resilience Strategy in achieving long-term, community-centred resilience.

London Fire Brigade Long Service Awards

On 17 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, spoke at the London Fire Brigade's Long Service Awards. The Awards recognise the contribution both uniformed and non-uniformed London Fire Brigade staff make to keeping London safe.

Brexit Contingency Planning Group

On 13 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, chaired a meeting of the London Resilience Partnership's Brexit Contingency Planning Group. The Group continues to oversee the Partnership's preparedness for EU Exit.

Sounding Board

On 13 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, chaired a meeting of the 100 Resilient Cities London Sounding Board. The Sounding Board has been established to support the 100 Resilient Cities Project, providing advice and expertise to the Chief Resilience Officer.

London and South East Resilience Chair's meeting

On 12 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended a meeting of the Local Resilience Forum Chairs from London and the South East.

Growth, Skills and Regeneration

Good Growth by Design – Supporting Diversity Handbook

On 18 June, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe and my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, launched the 'Supporting Diversity Handbook' during this year's London Festival of Architecture at Rich Mix in Bethnal Green.

London's diversity is key to its success. That's why I've made 'Supporting Diversity' an important part of the Good Growth by Design programme, with the aim of fostering equality and inclusion in the built environment sector. My Supporting Diversity Handbook is a key outcome from this work. Written in collaboration with the Mayor's Design Advocates, the handbook highlights barriers to participation and progression, makes recommendations for practical action, and showcases examples of where leadership is already being taken.

I now want to encourage the sector, and anyone involved in shaping our built environment, to take practical action on overcoming barriers to equality, diversity and inclusion within the sector. This will allow a more diverse profession to emerge to design and deliver inclusive places that enable Londoners to come together and share in the success of our city.

Crystal Palace Park

On 17 June, My Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & Skills, Jules Pipe, officially opened the new café and community space in Crystal Palace Park. This marked the final element in my £2 million programme of investment into one of London's most important parks.

Other projects funded include a new skate park and the partial restoration of the park's much-loved Victorian dinosaurs. These projects were chosen from a long list drawn up by local people. The new café is already proving to be an important local asset, allowing community group use to deliver wide ranging programmes of activity.

Meridian Water Station

Meridian Water Station officially opened with the help of my Deputy Mayor for Transport, Heidi Alexander. The scheme received £2.5million in capital loan from my Growing Places Fund and is part of the wider Lee Valley Rail Programme, to which I have contributed £30.7million in grant. Meridian Water station will unlock the development of 10,000 homes and 6,700 jobs in the surrounding area in the next 20 years.

Housing

Grenfell two years on - and still no action from Government.

Ahead of the second anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire, I wrote to the Prime Minister setting out that the Government's failure to meet its pledges made following the fire had been nothing short of shameful.

In my letter, I urged the Prime Minister to use her remaining time in office to increase support for the Grenfell Tower community, deliver meaningful and lasting reforms to building regulations, speed up remediation of existing buildings with dangerous cladding, and commit to installing sprinklers in high rise blocks.

I also encouraged her to implement the kind of national reform of social housing and tenant participation that could have prevented this tragedy from happening in the first place, and I made clear the next Prime Minister must make it a priority to take meaningful action to solve the problems faced by the Grenfell community and people across the country who fear for their safety.

Small Sites Small Builders

On 1 July, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential development, James Murray, joined London councils to plan the next stages of our 'Small Sites, Small Builders' programme. So far, 19 TfL sites have been made available through the programme and the first borough site was launched on the Small Sites portal at the beginning of June. We are working with several boroughs to bring forward another tranche of sites later this year.

Accelerating affordable home delivery

On 28 June, we launched 'PRISM' - a new, free, open-source app aimed at accelerating the design and construction of precision-manufactured factory-built homes. London is the first city in the world to create software of this kind and I was pleased City Hall played a key role alongside the industry in supporting its development.

London Housing Panel

The London Housing Panel held its inaugural meeting on 25 June, which was attended by my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential development, James Murray. This new independent panel brings together 15 leading organisations from across the voluntary and community sectors and builds on my team's work over the past three years to involve tenants, campaigners, and other Londoners in developing my housing policies.

At the meeting the Panel discussed policy areas that they wish to explore over the coming months, and James Murray took their questions. The next formal meeting of the Panel will be in November, and from September onwards, its chair Raji Hunjan will also be joining my Homes for Londoners Board, to ensure that the views of the Panel are represented.

Working with Manchester

On 25 June, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential development, James Murray met with colleagues from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, including City Mayor of

Salford Paul Dennett, to share learning on affordable housing programmes, building council homes, and tackling rough sleeping.

£4.9 Billion for new affordable homes.

On 24 June, I launched a new report setting out that £4.9 billion a year would be required from 2022/23 to build the affordable homes that Londoners need. This is seven times more than London currently receives and shows how much further Government needs to go to support London's housing supply. This figure is based on detailed analysis that City Hall has carried out with the g15 housing associations, London councils, and housing sector experts, and represents the funding needed to build 32,500 affordable homes a year – 70 per cent of which would be for social rent – the number identified as needed by the draft London Plan.

No Nights Sleeping Rough

Ahead of annual rough sleeping statistics being published on 19 June, a group of homelessness charities including Crisis, St Mungos, Thamesreach, and Homeless Link, joined me and London councils in writing to the Prime Minister urging her to take action in her final days in office to help rough sleepers and to tackle the causes of homelessness.

In particular, our letter set out our frustration at Government policy which means many rough sleeping services in London can offer little or no support non-UK nationals, who now make up the majority of people seen sleeping rough on London's streets.

London Assembly Housing Committee

On 13 June, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential development, James Murray appeared before the London Assembly Housing Committee to discuss affordable housing delivery in London, including our record-breaking numbers of affordable housing starts last year.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

Engagement with Council and business leaders from UK cities

On 18 June, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, visited Manchester and on 25 June, he visited Leeds. During these visits, Rajesh met with regional authorities to establish opportunities to collaborate across business support and economic development. He also met with entrepreneurs to understand their challenges and explore how we can best support businesses with dual locations.

London Tech Week

It was great to take part in London Tech Week and highlight London's leading role in the global tech sector. London Tech Week 2019 hosted over 300 events, welcoming 58,000 attendees with over 35 per cent international delegates.

On 10 June, I spoke at CogX, an event hosted by leading artificial intelligence (AI) firm CognitionX on the opening day of London Tech Week 2019. I highlighted how important it is

that London and Britain become true world-leaders in AI – both in our development of new tech, and in how we implement it for good.

On 12 June, as part of Founders Forum London 2019, I took part in a conversation with Zanny Minton Beddoes, Editor-in-Chief of The Economist and some of the world's leading digital and tech entrepreneurs to talk about the challenges we face from Brexit and why London will always be a hub for tech and open to global talent.

Welcoming the Nepalese Prime Minister

On 11 June, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, welcomed the Prime Minister of Nepal, the Rt. Hon Mr K P Sharma to London. Together, they addressed businesses at a gathering organised by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI). Rajesh, the Prime Minister and businesses agreed that there were many opportunities for cross working between London and Nepal, particularly in Nepal's priority economic sectors – energy, construction and infrastructure.

GovTech Tech Invest

On 12 June, my Chief Digital Officer – Theo Blackwell, held the 8th TechInvest event, run by UK Business Angels Association, in the Chamber at City Hall, focussing on GovTech. It's sector that holds great promise to transform public services making them more effective, personalised and accessible. Theo presented 10 innovative businesses disrupting the market, drawing on emerging technologies to provide innovative solutions, including machine learning, blockchain, IOT and robotics offering new channels to engage with and communicate with citizens, improve delivery and access to services and public information.

Environment

London Climate Action Week speaking engagement

On 3 July, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, spoke at an event on 'Prospering from climate-resilient development and growth in cities' during London Climate Action Week. The event introduced London's current work in preparing for climate-related risks and highlighted the impact of climate change and the likelihood of both sudden shocks and long-term stresses affecting the city in the future.

London Climate Action Week and the growing green sector

On 1 July, I kicked off the first ever London Climate Action Week with a launch event at City Hall. The week of action, running 1-8 July, is part of my commitment to addressing the climate emergency. The week saw almost 150 events held by Londoners, businesses, civil society groups and local, national and international governments. The events focused on scaling up and identifying new solutions to help cut our carbon emissions to keep global temperature increases within 1.5C degrees and support the Paris Agreement.

On the same day I published a new report on London's Low Carbon Goods and Environmental Services sector. The report found that total sales in the sector have grown from £20.9billion to £39.7 billion over the last decade (2007/8 – 2017/18), a total increase of 90 per cent. Whilst the number of employees working in the sector in London has expanded from 155,953 to

246,073 a total increase of 58 per cent in the same period. These figures demonstrate that London's strength as a global climate hub is growing.

Third round of the London Community Energy Fund opens

Also, on 1 July, to coincide with the launch of London Climate Action Week, I opened the third round of my London Community Energy Fund (LCEF). Community groups can apply for up to £15,000 to cover the development costs associated with making their energy project 'investor-ready'.

Through previous rounds of funding, LCEF has already provided development grants to 31 different community energy projects in London, supporting 17 different community groups. Together these projects are expected to deliver 1.4MW of solar energy, energy efficiency improvements in buildings and even EV charging points.

Deadline for applications is 9 September and the prospectus and application form can be found online: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/energy/london-community-energy-fund>

Deputy Mayor speech at Croydon Sustainable Business Summit

On 27 June my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at the Croydon Sustainable Summit. This event brought together representatives from business, the borough and local communities to identify how Croydon could develop policies and actions to make the borough more economic, socially and environmentally sustainable. My Deputy Mayor set out the action we are taking to clean up London's toxic air, address the climate emergency and make London the world's first National Park City.

Deputy Mayor attended the Schools Forum

My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues attended the GLA's Schools Forum on Thursday 27 June. The Forum continues the sharing of best practice between schools, boroughs and other partners following the completion of my school audit programme.

Support for Climate Change Mass Lobby

I have been clear that more ambitious action is needed by the UK Government on climate change to ensure London is able to achieve my objective of becoming a zero-carbon city. On 26 June, I supported the "The Time Is Now" a mass lobby on parliament, organised by The Climate Coalition, and attended by over 10,000 campaigners. I thanked campaigners for coming to London to take action on climate change and reiterated my calls on government to devolve more powers to London to enable me to accelerate climate action.

C40 Steering Committee

On 25 June, I joined the C40 Steering Committee meeting by telecall in my capacity as Vice Chair of C40 for Europe. I was joined on the call by fellow mayors of Los Angeles, Accra, Dhaka, Milan, Dubai and Copenhagen, as well as Deputy Mayors from nine further C40 cities. Together we thanked Mayor Hidalgo of Paris for her work leading C40 over the last three years, and I provided an update to cities on the EU Capital Cities meeting that took place in City Hall on 25th June. The outcome declaration included a strong call on EU governments on climate change. My Deputy Mayor Shirley Rodrigues also provided an update to cities on my work to declare

and address the climate emergency in London. My role on the C40 Steering Committee is part of my commitment to regain London's international climate leadership and contribute to global efforts by cities to advocate for climate action.

CLEVER Cities project greening Thamesmead estate

On 20 of June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, visited Thamesmead. She met Brendan Sarsfield, Chief Executive of Peabody, to find out about the CLEVER Cities programme. This programme will support greening of the Thamesmead Estate as part of the wider regeneration of the area, helping London become a National Park City. The visit was the final day of a three-day CLEVER Cities event, that welcomed over 60 European Partners to London to discuss how we can make cities greener and more inclusive.

CLEVER Cities is a five-year multi-national European Commission funded project totalling €14.2 million, of which the London project is receiving €2.6 million. Residents will be involved in helping redesign public spaces across the estate, including greening walkways, creating new green roofs, walls and play features as well as improving Southmead lake for wildlife

The visit to Thamesmead also provided an opportunity to meet with partners from the other participating cities (including Hamburg, Milan, Belgrade, Madrid and Malmo) who were in London as part of the CLEVER Cities Annual Assembly.

More details on the project are available at: <http://clevercities.eu/the-project/>

Deputy Mayor speech at Bloomberg Sustainable Business Summit

On 18 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at the Bloomberg Sustainable Business Summit. Shirley took part in a one-to-one interview on London's action to tackle the climate emergency and reach my zero carbon ambition. The event was attended by business leaders, investors, thought-leaders and prominent experts seeking to drive innovation and scale up best practice in sustainable business and finance.

London's first ever delivery plan for electric vehicle infrastructure

I want London to lead the world in embracing an electric vehicle revolution to tackle the challenges of both London's toxic air crisis and the climate change emergency. That's why on 17 June, I launched London's first ever Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan. This plan was the result of the collective endeavours of over 140 organisations, including leaders from London's business community. It sets out how we'll be working with the private sector and boroughs to expand charging points in the capital out to 2025.

The Taskforce and other industry partners will support me in driving forward a number of initiatives in the plan. This includes installing the next generation of ultra-rapid charging points at London petrol stations later this year and delivering five flagship charging hubs which can quickly charge multiple cars at once. The first of these hubs will be operational in the heart of the Square Mile. Transport for London also support our targets and approach and we now have over 1,700 zero emission capable taxis and 180 rapid charge points, many dedicated to the trade.

Investment of £6 million into 15 new air quality projects across London

On 7 June, as part of my work to tackle London's toxic air, I announced 15 successful bids to the third round of my Air Quality Fund. Funding will go towards establishing four new Low Emission Neighbourhoods (LENs) in Hackney, Dagenham, Southwark and Camden. LENs will receive funding and support to install electric vehicle charge points, expand cycle lanes, establish green walls and investigate traffic reduction schemes. This funding will be matched with almost £3 million from the relevant boroughs.

Through this funding I am also working with boroughs to deliver 11 further projects to improve air quality, including: a project to tackle emissions from South London construction sites, an anti-engine-idling campaign spread across 27 boroughs, school streets in Redbridge, a zero-emission zone in the City, cargo bikes in Camden and retrofitting boats to cut emissions on the Thames. These projects will share £4 million from my fund, match funded with almost £6 million from the boroughs.

Deputy Mayor speech to International Urban Health Conference

On 6 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at the Kings Fund International Urban Health Conference. The conference brought together representatives from the health professions and my Deputy Mayor highlighted the action that we are taking to clean up London's dangerously polluted air, and the impact they are having. Measures include the Ultra Low Emission Zone in central London, cleaning up buses and only licensing zero emission capable taxis.

Education and Youth

Visiting London's Early Years Hubs

On 8 July, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, accompanied Tracy Brabin MP to visit Sheringham Nursery and Children's Centre. Sheringham lead one of my three Early Years Hubs - the Working Together Hub in Newham. The Early Years Hubs programme aims to bring together early years providers in their local area to improve access to quality early education for London's most disadvantaged families. Tracy and Joanne had a tour of Sheringham and were able to meet lead practitioners who are driving the hub's work to improve local provision. We know how important this work is in ensuring that all young Londoners get the best chance in life.

On 26 June, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, visited Puddleducks Nursery in Barnet. Puddleducks are a member of another of my Early Years Hubs - the BEYA Early Years Hub in East Central Barnet, which is run by Barnet Early Years Alliance.

Joanne was keen to see first-hand how local providers such as Puddleducks are benefiting from our funding. She was able to meet the nursery's manager and staff, as well as some of the children and parents. Through joining the Hub, Puddleducks have made valuable links with other local providers, improved their access to training and networking opportunities and received more support with referring families to wider services in the area.

Getting Ahead London

Applications to the fourth year of my school leadership development programme, Getting Ahead London, closed on 28 June. As well as continuing to support senior school leaders to step up to headship, this year will include a pilot for middle leaders who are aspiring to senior leadership.

The diversity of the participants has increased year on year and I am encouraged to see high numbers of women and BAME applicants again this year. I am also pleased to be sending certificates to the 60 participants who took part in the third year of the programme, who enjoyed their end of year reflection and celebration event in City Hall on 28 June.

Schools for Success

My Schools for Success programme will enter its third year in 2019/20. On 21 June, I wrote to 150 London schools inviting them to be recognised as one of my new Schools for Success. The programme showcases London's schools that are tackling low student achievement and are willing to help others.

Schools for Success gives exceptional schools the chance to share their story with others, including how they meet the needs of different groups of vulnerable students or those students with other additional needs. Eligible schools that join the programme will be recognised at an awards ceremony on 27 September at City Hall.

Young Londoners Fund - information sessions

To support those looking to apply to Round 2 of my Young Londoners Fund, 36 local information sessions were held across the city through May and June. These sessions were delivered in partnership with the Young Londoners Fund Local Networks and were attended by hundreds of organisations. The Young Londoners Fund provides an opportunity for community groups, schools and boroughs to deliver projects to support young people to reach their full potential. In its first 6 months, round 1 of the Fund has already supported over 6,000 young people and thousands more will be supported over the next 3 years. The deadline to apply for Round 2 is 12 July.

For more information visit: www.london.gov.uk/young-londoners-fund.

Community Apprentice awards

On 1 July, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, attended a celebration event at City Hall for young people who have taken part in a Community Apprentice programme run by Envision. Envision is a charity which helps young people to develop themselves through the act of supporting others.

Their Community Apprentice programme is an interschool competition, which requires teams of young people to design and deliver a social action project. Joanne presented the award to the winning team from Acland Burghley School in Camden. Their project encouraged shops to display stickers in their windows to identify as safe spaces for people who have experienced verbal sexual abuse or have been made to feel unsafe.

Communities and Social Policy

Survey of Londoners

On 27 June, I published the headline findings from my Survey of Londoners study. This report helps us to understand the lives of people living in London and these findings will support work to make living in London better for everyone, including tackling poverty, tackling food insecurity, supporting new parents, bringing together people from different backgrounds and making the city a fairer place to live.

Windrush Day 2019

Saturday 22 June marked the first ever Windrush Day. Deputy Mayor Debbie Weekes-Bernard attended the Windrush Foundation's event at Catford Bridge Theatre on 21st June to celebrate and honour the Windrush Generation who have made huge contributions to the city and UK. To mark this day, I have pledged £370,000 to improve legal advice to Londoners with insecure immigration status

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

On the 14 June, I was delighted to attend an event at City Hall in celebration of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. With over 150 attendees, the event highlighted the huge contribution that these communities have made to London and the UK.

Annual Equality Report

On Friday 7 June I published the 2018-19 Mayor's Annual Equality Report. This report contains a summary of actions taken in the 2018-19 financial year against each of the 39 objectives outlined in my Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy that was published in May 2018.

Health

First NHS Clinical Director for Violence Reduction, Martin Griffiths

On 28 June, I welcomed Martin Griffiths as the new NHS Clinical Director of Violence Reduction in London. Martin is a leading consultant trauma surgeon at Barts Health NHS Trust and has spent the last decade visiting schools to lecture on the dangers of carrying weapons. Martin will work closely with my Violence Reduction Unit, and his role will be an important contribution to the public health approach I am taking to tackle violence in the capital.

Healthy Schools London celebration event

On Thursday 27 June, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM hosted the annual Healthy Schools London celebration event. Over 300 people came together, including 55 London schools, to celebrate the achievements of London's schools in supporting the health and wellbeing of their pupils.

Speakers included Leon Taylor, Olympic Medallist, Performance & Wellness Coach and Mentor, Elaine Wyllie MBE, Founder of The Daily Mile, Paul Lindley OBE, Chair of my Child Obesity Task

Force and representatives from four London schools who shared their stories of how they are supporting their pupils to be physically active and look after their mental health and wellbeing.

Health Inequalities Strategy Rapid Reviews

In October 2018 I published my London Health Inequalities Strategy, which outlines action that London needs to take to improve health and reduce health inequalities. To support implementation, we are holding five mobilisation workshops in 2019, focusing on some of the most pressing issues within the five key aims of the strategy. Each workshop will look at a different complex health inequalities challenge.

On 26 June my health advisor, Dr Tom Coffey OBE, brought together the NHS, local councils, and the voluntary sector to look at the development and growth of social prescribing in London.

A second workshop on 3 July focused on supporting the health of homeless Londoners, with a focus on how partners across London can prevent people being discharged from hospital to the streets. Three further workshops are planned later this year.

Meeting with Sir David Sloman, Regional Director of NHS England and NHS Improvement

On the 20 June, I had my regular meeting with the senior leadership of London's NHS. Sir David and I discussed the developing London Health and Care Vision, and upcoming agenda items for the London Health Board taking place later this month. We discussed the NHS's performance against a range of targets. A number of concerns about recent performance have been raised with me, including by the Assembly, so I challenged Sir David to outline what NHS in London is doing to address these issues.

First Healthy Early Years London celebration event

On 12 June, I joined my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare and early years practitioners and settings from across London to celebrate my new Healthy Early Years London Programme at our first annual Celebration Event at City Hall. I thanked them for their dedicated and hard work, and the vital contribution they make to the health of young Londoners.

Speakers at the event included June O'Sullivan MBE, member of my Child Obesity Taskforce, Kim Roberts, CEO of HENRY, Penny Fisher, Senior Her Majesty's Inspector for Early Years at Ofsted, Dr Mike Loosemore MBE, NHS Consultant in Sport and Exercise Medicine, along with presentations from Award participants from Islington, Redbridge, Barking and Dagenham and Havering.

I congratulated those who have already achieved HEYL Bronze, Silver and Gold awards in 2018-19, and we celebrated the fact that the programme has almost reached its uptake target nine months ahead of schedule.

Meeting with my interim Statutory Health Advisor, Professor Paul Plant

On 12 June, I met for the first time with my interim Statutory Health Advisor, Professor Paul Plant. We discussed a number of important public health issues including progress against the delivery of my Health Inequalities Strategy, the development of a new Health and Care Vision for London, the work of the London Child Obesity Taskforce, my public health approach to

violence reduction and my concerns about access to Pre-exposure Prophylaxis for Londoners who are at risk of HIV. I look forward to continuing to work with Paul in the coming months.

Team London, Sports and Volunteering

Big Advice Day, Small Charities Week 2019

On Tuesday 18 June City Hall hosted the Big Advice Day for the fourth year running. This event is delivered by the Foundation for Social Improvement and connected expert volunteer advisors with staff from small charities and not for profit organisations. This year a new record was set, over 520 hours of expert advice on a range of key operational areas was given in one-to-one surgeries, skype and phone calls, by over 100 business volunteers to staff from 86 small charities.

London Squad UEFA EUROs 2020 Volunteer programme applications

Applications to join my London Squad volunteer programme for UEFA EUROs 2020 opened on 12 June. I am recruiting 2,000 volunteers from all backgrounds to assist next summer at transport hubs, fan zones and tourist hotspots. Applications are now open and successful applicants will be invited to attend a selection centre between August and November to continue their volunteer journey.

Team London Youth Summit – Environment and Sustainability

On Monday 10 June, 170 of my Team London Young Ambassadors came to City Hall to create impactful social action projects that they will use to help London address key environmental priorities, such as single-use plastics and air quality. The summit hosted a wide range of environmental experts – including my Environment team – who informed and supported the young people to make powerful change in their communities.

Mayor of London's Volunteering Awards 2019

On 7 June, the nominations opened for my 'Mayor of London's Volunteering Awards'. Volunteer Centres across London are promoting the Awards to ensure that grassroots charities and organisations are supported to nominate their fantastic volunteers. This event highlights my commitment to value and recognise the role of volunteering and to celebrate all those who give their time to make London a better place to live.

Culture and Events

Launch of Lambeth Council's London Borough of Culture Impact Award

On 4 July, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, launched ELEVATE, Lambeth's Cultural Impact Award programme. Through this, young people, including Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) and underrepresented Londoners, will develop their careers in the arts, inspiring the next generation of creative leaders. ELEVATE is a three-year project. Year-round activity will culminate in an ELEVATE Festival week, which this year ran

from 3-6 July, aiming to involve 2000 residents, 50% of whom will be BAME. Lambeth is one of my Cultural Impact Awards, strategic projects delivering exemplary programmes as part of the wider London Borough of Culture programme.

Rising Star Awards

On 3 July, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, was one of the judges for the Rising Star Awards. These Awards recognise achievements of women who are below Senior Management or Director level, representing the talent pipeline of women and the next generation of future leaders. The Awards also recognise efforts of senior leaders who champion gender equality.

State of London Debate

On Thursday 27 June, I held my fourth annual State of London debate at Indigo, O2, where Londoners had the opportunity to question me on their thoughts and concerns for London. LBC radio broadcast the debate live and their presenter, James O'Brien, chaired.

I was joined on stage by five of my Deputy Mayors, Sophie Linden, James Murray, Shirley Rodrigues, Rajesh Agrawal and Heidi Alexander. A wide range of topics and issues were discussed including housing, policing and crime, and transport as well as my future plans for the capital.

Armed Forces Day

Monday 24 June marked the beginning of the week-long celebratory events leading up to National Armed Forces Day, celebrated across the nation on Saturday 29 June. I was proud to welcome representatives from our Armed Forces to City Hall for our annual flag raising service and celebrate their tremendous dedication.

The event included participation from the Cadets. Cdt Cpl Dilsha Eugene and Cdt CSM Rajiv Guha from the Army Cadets gave moving poem readings, and Cdt Sgt Harjot Viridi and Cdt Oscar Sanfilipoo from the RAF Cadets raised the flag.

In addition to celebrating and honouring the Armed Forces at the event, I was joined by General Major Ben Bathurst and Jennette Arnold OBE AM in signing the renewed Armed Forces Covenant which reflects the support and services we already offer from City Hall, and those we have pledged to offer, for our reservists, veterans, the armed forces community and their families.

Serpentine Gallery Summer Fundraiser

On 25 June my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and I attended the annual fundraising event at the Serpentine Galleries, hosted by Michael R. Bloomberg and Lady Elena Foster. This annual event is a key moment for this leading London institution to raise funds for its free, internationally renowned exhibition programme. This year, the Serpentine's annual architectural pavilion has been designed by Japanese architect Junya Ishigami and runs in parallel with an exhibition by pioneering African-American artist and activist Faith Ringgold, her first exhibition in a European institution.

Launch of Kingston Council's London Borough of Culture Impact Award

On 26 June, my Night Czar Amy Lamé launched Kingston's Cultural Impact Award winning festival CirKT, which will support local creative talent, local venues and community spaces, helping to develop the night-time economy of the borough. Building on Kingston's rich musical heritage, it will present a programme of music events, music industry conferences and public workshops from August to November 2019. A talent competition judged by leading music professionals is supporting independent and young musicians and providing performance platforms for emerging talent in Kingston. Kingston is one of my Cultural Impact Awards, strategic projects delivering exemplary programmes as part of the wider London Borough of Culture programme.

London Design Biennale Summit

On 25 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, gave a keynote speech at the inaugural London Design Biennale Summit. The event addressed the power of design to improve major global issues including the climate crisis and international relations. The summit was attended by international designers, diplomats and cultural institutions and was an opportunity to demonstrate that London remains open to global creative talent and businesses.

Launch of Lewisham Council's London Borough of Culture Impact Award

On 24 June, my Culture team and Lewisham Council announced their brand-new festival of creative ageing, Age Against the Machine. Running from 13 September to 6 October 2019, it will engage local residents through nearly seventy events from live music, theatre, dance, film and exhibitions, to discussions, pop-up choirs and large-scale outdoor performances. Lewisham is one of my Cultural Impact Awards – which are strategic projects delivering exemplary programmes as part of the wider London Borough of Culture programme.

Grenfell two years on

On 14 June, I joined the local community near Grenfell Tower to commemorate the two-year anniversary of the fire and to remember the 72 lives we tragically lost. I attended and spoke at the church service at St Helen's Church in North Kensington. I also joined the Muslim community for Friday prayers at Al Manaar Mosque who offered shelter to anyone affected in the aftermath of the fire. The mosque has been providing support, services and a safe space for the community ever since.

UNESCO Creative Cities Annual meeting

On 13 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, gave the keynote speech at the Annual Conference of UNESCO Creative Cities, attended by 480 delegates from over 150 cities including key European and worldwide cities. Justine showcased my innovative cultural policies and flagship projects including London Borough of Culture, Creative Enterprise Zones and London's Cultural Infrastructure Plan to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and city officials, and reinforced the international message that London is open to visitors, businesses and talent.

‘Get Up, Stand Up Now’ and ‘Kaleidoscope’ exhibitions at Somerset House

On 11 June, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Debbie Weekes-Bernard and my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE attended the opening of two major exhibitions at Somerset House celebrating Britain’s diversity and the contribution of immigrants.

‘Get Up, Stand Up Now – A Generation of Black Pioneers’ curated by Zak Ove features work by more than 100 artists. ‘Kaleidoscope: Immigration in Modern Britain’, celebrates the history of immigration and its reflection in everyday life and culture in Britain. The exhibitions aim to inspire the next generation of diverse young Londoners and includes events for young people.

Eid Festival

On Saturday 8 June, I was proud to once again host the Eid Festival in Trafalgar Square, where I was joined by Londoners, Riz Ahmed and Asma Khan onstage.

Hosted by journalist and broadcaster Myriam Francois and actor and comedian Abdullah Afzal, this year’s free event welcomed thousands of Londoners on to the square to mark the end of Ramadan and celebrate the rich diversity of London’s Muslim communities through performances, cultural exhibits, story-telling and food. Once again the support of our community advisory group and sponsors was crucial to this successful celebration.

London Fashion Week Men’s

On 8 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended London Fashion Week Men’s, part of my creative industries investment programme. This season featured over 40 international designer businesses showcasing their latest collections and supporting emerging UK designers with opportunities for business to trade and exhibit. The UK menswear market was worth £15.5 billion in 2018, up 3.5% from 2017, making a major contribution to the UK economy. This season celebrated diversity, with a collaboration with progressive online retailer Ejen who created a pop-up shop giving designers from diverse backgrounds and heritage an opportunity to showcase their products and talent.

Launch of new Night Time Enterprise Zone pilot

On 7 June, I published my response to the London Night Time Commission’s ‘Think Night’ report. I welcomed the recommendations of the Commission and set out how my teams across City Hall will respond to the opportunities the Commission have identified to support Londoners and London’s 24-hour economy. I announced a new £75,000 grant for boroughs to bid to deliver a Night Time Enterprise Zone pilot aimed at boosting the high street after 6pm.

Announcement of new Safer Sounds Partnership

On 7 June, I announced seed funding of £35,000 to a new Safer Sounds Partnership for London. It was set up to help music venues, promoters and artists share best practice and intelligence following the scrapping of Form 696. The partnership is led by the music industry and will promote high standards for live music events and offer training for venues and promoters. It is supported by the police and council licensing teams and Night Czar Amy Lamé. The partnership will promote good licensing practice across the capital, addressing concerns about equal treatment of artists. The controversial risk assessment Form 696 was scrapped by the Metropolitan Police in August 2018 after I requested it be reviewed.

Africa in London

African culture is embedded in London's identity and has created vibrant communities in neighbourhoods that have helped shape our city. That's why I was so pleased to launch 'Africa in London' in June, a campaign to highlight African cultural events across the city.

On 24 May, the day before Africa Day, I held an event at City Hall to launch the new programme of events. The event was attended by over 200 influencers and trailblazers. Since then, over 30 events taking place this summer have been added to the programme by grass-roots organisations and community led initiatives, and the webpage has been visited over 60,000 times.

International

Bilateral meetings with international counterparts

I met with several city leaders and ambassadors this month to continue to strengthen relationships between London and our international partners.

On 4 July, I met with H.E. Saida Muna Tesneem, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the UK. We discussed the High Commissioner's priorities whilst she is in London and our engagement with the Bangladeshi community in London.

On 4 July, I also met with HE Ms. Manisha Gunasekera, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to the UK. I offered my condolences following the terrorist attacks across Sri Lanka on 21 April that killed 253 people. We discussed the importance of the Sri Lankan community in London

On 2 July, I met with Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch. I offered my condolences following the attacks that took place on 15 March 2019, when 50 people were killed and another 50 injured during terrorist attacks at the Al Noor Mosque and the Linwood Islamic Centre. We discussed the pressing need to make social media companies more accountable for the content on their sites.

On 11 June, I met with Mansur Yavaş, the newly elected Mayor of Ankara, and discussed the issues that face our cities and how we can share examples of best policy and practice in the future.

EU Capital City Mayor's meeting

On the 25 June, I hosted the 8th EU Capital City Mayor's meeting here in City Hall. This was the first time London had hosted the meeting. Mayors from 13 European capital cities attended the meeting, along with senior representatives from six other European capital cities and representatives of the European Commission.

We discussed how cities can forge stronger links to tackle some of the most pressing issues of our time, with a particular focus on climate change and countering the rise of violent extremism. I also reminded the other Mayors that London will always consider itself to be a proud European city and was heartened by the strong desire expressed by all present that London retains strong links with the rest of Europe.

London Legacy Development Corporation

Start of construction at East Bank

On 2 July, I broke ground as construction began at East Bank at the sites of the UCL East and Stratford Waterfront at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. East Bank will be a new world-leading culture and education district at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and cement London's reputation as a world leader in these fields.

The transformative scheme marks the largest culture and education project in a generation, with the new purpose-built East London hub bringing together world-class institutions including new campuses for UCL and UAL's London College of Fashion, BBC Music, new Sadler's Wells theatre and hip-hop academy Sadler's Wells, the V&A and the Smithsonian Institution.

East Bank will attract visitors from all around the world, bringing more than 10,000 students to the park, generating 2,500 jobs, a £1.5billion boost to the economy and 600 new homes.

I also announced a £10million donation from Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield and £1million from the City of London that will enable the Foundation for Future London to deliver even more arts, culture, innovation and education programmes in East London with the East Bank partners. This new funding will support community, local arts and culture groups across Newham, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest and Hackney, as well as helping to provide paid internships, learning mentoring and training opportunities across the four boroughs.

Major League Baseball's London Series 2019

On 29 - 30 June, London Stadium hosted Boston Red Sox v New York Yankees, representing the first two Major League Baseball (MLB) fixtures ever to be staged in Europe. Welcoming almost 120,000 attendees across the two days, and broadcast across the UK and US, the games showcased London on the global stage, cementing the capital's reputation as sporting capital of the world.

I was delighted to attend the first of these fixtures and hear about MLB's work with local schools in the run up to the games. The league developed a programme of fan engagement and youth development activities, making use of the Community Track next to London Stadium as local schoolchildren engaged with the sport.

We now look forward to building on the success of the MLB London Series 2019, with MLB announcing on 7 June that St. Louis Cardinals will face Chicago Cubs in the London Series 2020.

Here East

On 10 June, I joined over 200 of the most influential global tech leaders at Here East for the formal launch of London Tech Week. The event was an opportunity to celebrate London's burgeoning tech sector, while showcasing Here East and Plexal Innovation Centre as the country's leading tech and innovation hub.

Here East also hosted activities as part of Regeneration Brainery from 1-5 July, as 20 local young people participated in a pioneering programme to encourage young people into careers.

Planning

Planning Decisions (Stage III representation hearings)

Holiday Inn, Kensington Forum Hotel, 97-109 Cromwell Road, RB Kensington and Chelsea

Having decided to become the local planning authority for the above case, at the hearing on 21 June 2019, I decided to grant planning permission, subject to planning conditions and prior written conclusion of a section 106 agreement.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

30-38 Addiscombe Road, East Croydon, LB Croydon

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

Former LEB Building, 255 -279 Cambridge Heath Road, 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.

Former Stewarts Plastics site, Croydon, LB Croydon

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

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

Denison House, 292 Vauxhall Bridge Road, Victoria, City of Westminster

The Deputy Mayor has written to the City of Westminster stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

9, 11 & 19 Osiers Road, LB Wandsworth

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that I will act as the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the planning application.

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

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

- 21-23 Parkhouse Street, Camberwell, LB Southwark
- 5-9 Rockingham Street and 2-4 Tiverton Street, LB Southwark
- 9 Nestles Avenue, Hayes, LB Hillingdon
- 75-117 Boston Road, Hanwell, LB Ealing
- Plot G, Brentford Riverside, Brentford, LB Hounslow
- Site at former Greenwich Magistrates Court, Greenwich, RB Greenwich
- Former Honey Monster Factory site, Southall, LB Ealing
- Former GlaxoSmithKline site and Sunblest Bakery site, Greenford Green, LB Ealing
- Westhorpe Gardens and Mills Grove Estate, LB Barnet
- Kensington Aldridge Academy, Parade Ground, Wormwood Scrubs, OPDC

- Whiteley's Shopping Centre, Bayswater, City of Westminster
- Emmaus Retreat Centre, West Wickham, LB Bromley
- Central Park, Rush Green Road, LB Barking & Dagenham
- 29-43 Oxford Street and 16-19 Soho Square, City of Westminster
- Hero of Switzerland PH, Loughborough Road, Brixton, LB Lambeth
- 63-71 Rye Hill Park, Nunhead, LB Southwark
- Wembley Tesco Extra, LB Brent
- Former St Georges Hospital, Hornchurch, LB Havering
- Travelodge Hotel Boord Street, Greenwich, RB Greenwich

**Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director
*Planning Application – Stage 1 (delegated decision)***

- 8 Albert Embankment, Lambeth, LB Lambeth

Planning Decisions – (Development Consent Order)

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

Thames Tideway Tunnel - Heathwall Pumping Station, Nine Elms, Wandsworth

Planning Decisions - (Stopping Up Order)

124-126 St John's Wood High Street, City of Westminster

Stopping up of part of public highway.

I have decided that due to the special circumstances of the case, it is unnecessary to hold an inquiry.

Land bounded by New Zealand Way, Queenstown Gardens and Gisborne Gardens, Rainham, LB Havering.

I have decided that due to the special circumstances of the case, it is unnecessary to hold an inquiry.

Key Engagements

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

- I visited Shoreditch on 7 June to announce the successful Mayor's Air Quality Fund Round 3 projects at the City Fringe Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) which spans Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington
- I attended the Eid Festival taking place on Trafalgar Square on 8 June
- I addressed the AI festival CogX on 10 June on the first day of London Tech Week
- I visited the site of the building block fire at De Pass Gardens and also the Thames View Community Centre in Barking on 10 June to meet local residents to hear their concerns and members of the London Fire Brigade to thank them for all their work
- I addressed the GMB Conference in Brighton on 10 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Dr Bandarr Hajjar, President of the Islamic Development Bank, on 11 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Mansur Yavas, Mayor of Ankara, on 11 June
- I attended the Young Presidents Organisation Annual Summer Gala Dinner on 11 June
- I attended the Founders Forum CEO Breakfast on 12 June
- I chaired the London Economic Action Partnership Board meeting on 12 June
- I attended the first annual celebration of the Healthy Early Years London awards programme on 12 June
- I had my regular meeting with Paul Plant, the interim Director for PHE London and Statutory Health Advisor, on 12 June
- I attended the Pan London Youth Day at Alexandra Palace on 13 June
- I had my regular meeting with Liz Peace, Chair OPDC on 13 June
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 13 June
- I attended a ULEZ stakeholder event hosted by L&P on 13 June
- I attended the Grenfell 2nd Anniversary Service at St Helens Church on 14 June
- I visited The Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre (MCHC) Trust at the Al Manaar Mosque on 14 June on the 2nd anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire
- I attended the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month: A Celebration on 14 June
- I attended the Grenfell 2nd Anniversary wreath laying and multi-faith vigil at the foot of Grenfell Tower 14 June
- I launched the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan at the Institution of Engineering and Technology on 17 June
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 17 June
- I attended the Mayor's Fund 10th Birthday Celebration on 17 June
- I visited the Kensington Forum Hotel development site on 18 June
- I hosted a meeting of the Metro Mayors (M9) at City Hall on 18 June
- I attended the Muslim Leadership Dinner on 18 June
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 20 June
- I attended the London Resilience Forum on 20 June
- I had my regular meeting with Sir David Sloman, the joint Regional Director for NHS England & Improvement London, on 20 June
- I attended the opening of Second Home London Fields on 20 June
- I chaired the Kensington Forum Hotel Representation Hearing on 21 June
- I addressed the Together for Education Rally at the Methodist Central Hall on 22 June

- I attended the Armed Forces Day flag raising event hosted jointly with the London Assembly at City Hall on 24 June
- I visited the Tulse Hill Estate on 24 June to join the Met's Violent Crime Task Force and borough officers on patrol in the estate
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 24 June
- I met with Rafal Trzaskowski, the Mayor of Warsaw, on 24 June as part of his attendance at the EU Capital City Mayors meeting
- I attended the EU Capital City Mayors Welcome Dinner at Tate Modern on 24 June
- I hosted the EU Capital City Mayors meeting at City Hall on 25 June
- I met with Michael Müller, the Governing Mayor of Berlin on 25 June as part of his attendance at the EU Capital City Mayors meeting
- I took part in a conference call with the C40 Steering Committee on 25 June
- I attended the Serpentine Summer Party in Kensington Gardens on 25 June
- I visited Richard Ratcliffe, husband of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, outside the Iranian Embassy on 25 June
- I attended the Serious Violence Taskforce at the Home Office on 26 June
- I hosted a meeting with Directors of National Museums and Galleries based in London on 26 June to discuss my Culture Strategy
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 27 June
- I attended the annual State of London Debate at the O2 on 27 June
- I hosted a breakfast meeting with representatives of London's Black Majority Churches on 28 June to discuss how we can work together to tackle violent crime in London
- I met with Dr Martin Griffiths, Consultant vascular, endovascular and trauma surgeon at Barts Health NHS Trust, on 28 June
- I opened the Chiswick Oasis, a new green space with a living wall at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Chiswick, Hounslow, on 29 June
- I attended the Major League Baseball game between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox taking place at the London Stadium on 29 June
- I attend the opening of the Climate Change Action Week on 1 July
- I visited the Old Kent Road Fire Station on 1 July to meet with Fire Cadets of various ranks and to watch a Fire Cadet Operational Drill
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 1 July
- I attended the ground-breaking ceremony to mark the start of the construction phase of East Bank on the UCL site at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 2 July
- I met with Manoj Ladwa, Chief Executive of the India Inc. Group, on 2 July to discuss business engagement
- I had an introductory meeting with Lianne Dalziel, the Mayor of Christchurch on 2 July
- I met with representatives of Operation Shutdown on 3 July
- I attended the Pride reception at City Hall on 3 July
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 4 July
- I had an introductory meeting with H.E. Saida Muna Tesneem, the High Commissioner of Bangladesh, on 4 July
- I had an introductory meeting with H.E. Manisha Gunasekera, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, on 4 July
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Stephen House, the Deputy Police Commissioner, on 4 July
- I addressed the CBI London summer reception on 4 July

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