

13th Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 10 August 2017

This is my thirteenth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 30 June – 27 July 2017.

Executive Summary

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Thrive LDN

On 4 July, I launched the Thrive LDN movement to improve mental health for all Londoners. I was pleased to do this in a community setting with young people, as it represents what Thrive LDN aims to achieve; working with and enabling all Londoners to improve their own, and others' mental health.

London Borough of Culture Competition Launch

On 30 June, I launched the London Borough of Culture competition. Local authorities have five months to submit their bids to compete for the winning title in 2019 and 2020.

Good Growth by Design

On 10 July, I launched my Good Growth by Design agenda and introduced my newly appointed Mayor's Design Advocates (MDAs).

Good Growth by Design is my plan and call to action for engaging London's built environment professionals, architects, planners, urban designers, engineers and others, in my vision for good growth. Good growth has been my guiding principle in my vision for London's built environment. It means building a city that is socially and economically inclusive and environmentally sustainable.

Policing, Crime and Security

A zero-tolerance approach to acid attacks

On 17 July, I set out a number of measures that the Government should take in order to help the Met tackle the appalling use of acid as a weapon. I am pleased that the Home Secretary seems willing to take action and I urged her to change the law to recognise people are now carrying these dangerous substances with the intention of using them as an offensive weapon.

I also want to see the introduction of tougher sentencing for those who think that is acceptable to possess corrosive substances for the purposes of intimidating and injuring others, and better control over access to these extremely dangerous substances. It is also important that we clarify sentencing guidelines for judges so that the full force of the law can be applied to those committing these truly appalling and life changing crimes.

Fighting for the funding the Met needs

I continue to fight for the funding our police service desperately needs, and on 19 July I wrote to the Home Secretary, setting out the very real implications of Government inaction on police funding. Planning the annual Met budget is a lengthy process, and if we do not get certainty soon from the Government on their intentions for police funding, this will present us with extremely difficult decisions, including on future recruitment of police officers.

Current projections show that, if funding is not increased significantly, MPS officer numbers are likely to dip below 30,000 for the first time since 2003 – when the population of London was more than a million below what it is today. If Ministers do not act now to confirm they will scrap the funding formula review and increase funding through the annual settlement and by properly reimbursing the Met for the work undertaken because of our capital city status, we will have no choice but to prepare to reduce our frontline.

Public Access and Engagement Consultation

On 14 July, I launched a consultation and public access and engagement with the Metropolitan Police Service, including proposals to close a number of front counters. The huge Government cuts to the Metropolitan Police Service have left us with no choice but to consider drastic action to protect the frontline of policing.

My top priority is keeping Londoners safe, and every pound saved by closing a little-used front counter is a pound of savings that we would not have to find by reducing the frontline. By freeing up officers and moving them closer to their communities, they would be able to spend more time on the beat to tackle the issues that matter most to Londoners, such as knife crime, anti-social behaviour, hate crime and extremism, and domestic abuse.

The consultation is open until 6 October – the draft document and details on how to take part can be found at www.london.gov.uk/public-access.

Her Majesty the Queen opens New Scotland Yard

On 13 July, Commissioner Cressida Dick welcomed Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, to formally open the new Met Police Headquarters. As part of her visit, the Queen toured the new HQ, viewed historic items from the Met's archives and met with officers and staff, including some of those involved in the response to the recent terror attacks. The new location for New Scotland Yard, which began life as an annex to the original New Scotland Yard in the 1930s, returns the Met to the heart of Westminster in a modern and efficient building fit for the 21st century.

Policing Pride

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, visited MPS officers, staff and volunteers on 8 July as they went about their work of policing Pride in London. A significant policing effort goes into protecting Pride each year, and as ever, the Met did a magnificent job.

Celebrating the bravery of our police

On 13 July, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime Sophie Linden attended the Police Federation's annual Bravery Awards. In such a difficult and demanding year, the courage and professionalism of our police officers has never been more clearly on display. My warmest congratulations – and my deepest gratitude – goes to all of the award winners, nominees, and their families. I particularly congratulate the winners from the Met – PCs Alex Field, Jason Hodgson, Marc Woolmer, Sam Homer and Wayne Pullen – who bravely thwarted a suspected terrorist who was carrying a machete and appeared to be wearing a suicide vest.

Marking the contribution of volunteers to policing

On 15 July, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime Sophie Linden attended the Met's Special Constabulary and Police Volunteer Long Service Awards. 13 Met Police Volunteers received a gold lapel badge for 10 years' service and three received a framed certificate, signed by the Commissioner, for completing 15 years' service. 30 Met Special Constabulary officers received their medal for nine years' service (including two recipients who have since joined full-time), three officers for a first bar to the long service medal for 19 years' service and two for a second bar for 29 years' service. My congratulations and gratitude go to the award winners and to all of those who volunteer their time and efforts to help make our city safer.

Mental health and criminal justice

On 21 July, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime Sophie Linden led a discussion with expert guests from the criminal justice and health services on the key issue of mental health and criminal justice. Ensuring that vulnerable people are properly cared for in the justice service is key if we are to protect their safety and reduce reoffending, and the meeting provided a valuable opportunity for partners involved in various different roles to discuss live issues and agree steps forward.

Transport

Santander Cycles to expand to Brixton

On 7 July, I announced that the hugely popular Santander Cycles scheme will expand to Brixton later this year, making cycling easier and more accessible for tens of thousands more

Londoners. Seven new docking stations, providing space for up to 200 bikes, are to be installed across Brixton after funding was agreed with Lambeth Council.

The scheme is already one of the one of the largest cycle hire schemes in Europe and this extension will expand its reach south from Stockwell.

The expansion builds on last year's installation of eight new docking stations at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, and comes after a record-breaking 2016, which saw an unprecedented 10.3m hires - 4.4 per cent up on 2015. This year there has already been more than 5m hires, with five of the six months beating year-on-year records for the number of journeys being made.

Later this summer, TfL will also introduce a next-generation bike for Santander Cycles manufactured by Pashley that retains the popular features of the existing model but will be more manoeuvrable with smaller wheels, a lower frame, a new gear hub and a more comfortable seat.

Multi-million funding to transform town centres and neighbourhoods

On 27 July, Transport for London and I announced a new multi-million pound funding programme that will transform town centres and neighbourhoods into more attractive, accessible and people-friendly public spaces.

A new £85.9 million Liveable Neighbourhoods programme will give boroughs the opportunity to bid for funding for long-term schemes that encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport, in line with my Healthy Streets approach.

The programme will provide grants of between £1 million and £10 million for a wide range of community-supported projects, potentially including the creation of green spaces, new cycling infrastructure, redesigned junctions and the widening of walking routes to improve access to local shops, businesses and public transport. By supporting projects which have local support, the funding will particularly target schemes that are shown to improve boroughs and reduce car trips – improving health and air quality.

Three more fully-electric bus routes for London to cut toxic emissions

In the latest in a series of bold measures to tackle London's toxic air, Transport for London announced three more routes to be converted to electric-only operations.

The routes being converted include Route 46 between Paddington and St. Bartholomew's Hospital via King's Cross, Route 153 between Finsbury Park and Moorgate via Angel, and Route 214 between Highgate Village and Moorgate via Camden.

The 56 new buses will be built in the UK in a partnership between British manufacturer ADL and Chinese company BYD, and the routes will be fully electric by mid-2019.

The addition of new fully electric buses on routes 46, 153 and 214 will bring the total number of electric buses in London to over 170. This includes route 360, which will convert to fully electric buses later this year, and routes 70 and C1 which are set to follow in spring 2018.

24-hour night services for London Overground line

On 3 July, I announced that services on a key part of the London Overground will run 24-hours at weekends.

London Overground night services will start operating from December on Fridays and Saturdays along the East London route between New Cross Gate and Dalston Junction. It will then be extended to Highbury & Islington next year.

The addition of a Night Overground service follows the huge success of the Night Tube, which has seen more than 6.5m journeys made since it began last year. Night Tube services are already playing a key role in opening up London's night-time economy, with the network estimated to provide a boost of £77m a year and support around 2,000 permanent jobs.

Connecting with the Night Tube network at Canada Water on the Jubilee line and, from next year, Highbury & Islington on the Victoria line, the Night Overground will provide huge benefits to Londoners and visitors to our city, helping those working hard through the night and all those out enjoying everything London has to offer, as well as creating jobs and boosting our economy.

Bold vision to boost bus services to London hospitals

On 6 July, I set out my long-term vision to improve bus services for tens of thousands of patients, visitors and staff at hospitals across the capital.

A review of bus services to more than 40 hospitals and specialist healthcare centres across the capital has recommended a number of improvements which will be subject to consultation, infrastructure changes and funding. TfL will work with the NHS, councils and local stakeholders to secure the funding to progress the plans.

More than six million journeys are made on London's buses every weekday. All 9,300 buses are fully accessible and are particularly relied on by older Londoners, disabled people and those travelling with children, often with prams or buggies.

Our bus services are lifelines to the tens of thousands of patients, staff and visitors and we're committed to making these journeys as affordable, convenient and easy to make as possible. The first changes are already underway and it is hoped that most of the top priorities can be delivered within the next year.

Making the call for London's fair share of transport funding

On 20 July, I released a report which debunks the myth that London receives more than its fair share of investment on transport schemes compared to the rest of the country.

The report argues that regional comparisons of transport spending are not being made on a like-for-like basis, and that they fail to consider the demand for transport, the size of the economy or the amount of tax raised by London.

Addressing a forum attended by leading figures from the worlds of engineering, energy, planning and transport at City Hall, I revealed that the amount being spent on railways per passenger journey, and the amount spent on roads per million miles driven in London is amongst the lowest in Great Britain.

I also used the forum to introduce a new report commissioned by the GLA from Arup that sets out the key infrastructure projects needed up until 2031 across London, both to drive and enable growth. The 'London Strategic Infrastructure Needs' report examines the capital's infrastructure requirements up until the early 2030s across sectors that include rail, road, electricity and heat, waste, water supply, water management and flood risk, digital connectivity, and green infrastructure.

One billion journeys made by contactless payment on London's transport network

London's transport network has now seen more than one billion pay as you go journeys made by contactless payment cards – as the new payment option has substantially changed the way customers pay for their travel around the city.

Of these, almost one in 10 contactless transactions are now made using mobile devices, with more than 31 million journeys made specifically using mobile phones in London in the last 12 months.

Latest figures show that 40 per cent of all pay as you go journeys are now made using contactless payment – up from around 25 per cent a year ago

More than 23 million cards and mobile devices have been used on bus, Tube and rail services in London since system launched in December 2012

New TfL map to help people with conditions including claustrophobia and anxiety

People with claustrophobia or other anxiety conditions could find their journeys less stressful following the launch of a new map that shows which stations and sections of the TfL network are underground.

The new addition to TfL's broad selection of downloadable Tube maps will help a range of customers navigate the network more comfortably by showing them routes they can take to avoid areas with large stretches of tunnels.

The tunnels map was created following suggestions from customers living with claustrophobia or anxiety conditions who find it difficult using the Tube, and has been welcomed by charities and customers.

Call to freeze rail fares

On 21 July, I called on the Government to match my TfL fares freeze and prevent another squeeze on household budgets in the new year.

With people's pay not keeping up with inflation, it would be woefully out of touch for the Government to allow underperforming private rail companies to hike up their fares again. Passengers on London's suburban rail routes pay thousands of pounds for tickets every year, but have faced repeated delays, overcrowding and cancellations.

Many commuters are now facing additional station closures and nightmare journeys to Waterloo over the summer. If the works at Waterloo are delayed, passengers deserve nothing less than speedy and full compensation for every affected journey. If the closures drag on into September, London's rail network could descend into chaos, and I'll be watching progress on the works like a hawk.

The Government and the Private Rail companies desperately need to show that they're on the side of passengers. Announcing another hike in rail fares next month would be completely unjustifiable, and the Government must think again.

TfL announces partner to develop Landmark Court in Southwark

TfL has named Triangle London Developments as its preferred bidder for a joint venture to deliver a mixed-used development on its Landmark Court site on Southwark Street, south London.

Triangle London Developments is a consortium of U+I and Notting Hill Housing and is one of the partners on the TfL Property Partnership Framework.

Landmark Court is within walking distance of London Bridge station, Borough Market, the Tate Modern and the Globe Theatre and the partnership plans to transform the site from an under-utilised space to a local cultural and social hub where people will want to live, work and visit.

TfL to enhance frequency on the Elizabeth line

Services on the Elizabeth line are set to be even more extensive and frequent than originally planned when the line becomes fully operational in December 2019.

TfL has announced that off-peak services between Paddington and Whitechapel will be increased from 16 trains per hour to 20 - a 25 per cent increase. An additional two trains per hour will run between Paddington and Shenfield and a further two trains per hour between Paddington and Abbey Wood will also be introduced in the off-peak.

Peak services to destinations west of Paddington will increase with services from Reading doubled to 4 trains per hour, and services to Maidenhead increased from 4 to 6 trains per hour.

The increases were announced following collaboration with the DfT, Network Rail and the train operating companies on a final timetable for services.

Trains will now also call at Heathrow Terminal 5 – meaning all Heathrow Terminals will be served by the Elizabeth line. A total of six Elizabeth line trains per hour will serve Heathrow Terminals from December 2019. This will also increase services to Ealing Broadway, Southall and Hayes & Harlington.

To enable the additional services, TfL will be increasing the number of trains that will operate on the Elizabeth line from 66 to 70 trains.

TfL makes it easier to top up Oyster cards while on the go

Getting around London is set to become even more convenient after a range of improvements to London's Oyster ticketing system were introduced on 19 July.

Passengers who top up their pay as you go credit or buy Travelcards using Oyster online can now collect their purchase from any Tube or rail station, tram stop or River Bus pier when they touch in, rather than having to nominate a station when they make the purchase.

The upgrade has also significantly reduced the time it takes for the product to be ready to collect – from up to 24 hours to just 30 minutes. By the end of autumn, these improvements will also be expanded to allow products to be collected directly on all 9,000 London buses.

The improvements to Oyster will be followed by further upgrades to the system. In the coming weeks, the new TfL app will launch, allowing customers to top up their Oyster card with pay as you go credit and buy Travelcards wherever they are.

Plans unveiled to improve Nine Elms Lane and Battersea Park Road

Transport for London has published plans to improve the streets of Nine Elms to support regeneration in the area and make it better for pedestrians, cyclists and bus passengers.

The 2.5km stretch of Nine Elms Lane and Battersea Park Road will be completely redesigned to make more attractive, accessible and people-friendly streets. The plans are open for consultation until 20 August.

The Economy, Business, Enterprise and Regeneration

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Essential requirements are likely to include London Living Wage accreditation, and compliance with a set of basic standards to ensure workers are treated fairly. Beyond that, employers will be asked to work towards higher standards and best practice in areas such as flexible working, workplace diversity, ongoing skills development and employee voice.

We have one of the most dynamic and prosperous economies in the world – but I am determined to personally use this opportunity to strike up a serious conversation about the future of employment and how we can ensure prosperity is shared so all Londoners can benefit from the city's success.

Crowdfund London

Crowdfund London gives Londoners the opportunity to pitch their ideas, big and small, for projects which will improve their local area.

On 25 July, the successful applicants to my latest Crowdfund London round were announced at a Pitch and Pledge event, which was attended by the project creators, their backers and interested potential funders. 78 ideas were pitched to the fund from across London with a total project value of £3.7m. From this number, 24 projects were carefully selected for a pledge of support, totalling over £400,000.

The successful projects include: a self-build community space in Ladywell, a public realm and greening project in Rayners Lane and a new multi-purpose café and community hub in Tottenham.

This round represents a doubling in size from the last round, and shows an appetite for new and innovative ways of supporting community development. Each project group will now crowdfund locally for the remaining funds to meet their funding targets and begin delivering their local projects.

Summit on attracting talent after Brexit

On 5 July, I hosted a summit at City Hall to discuss how the capital can continue to attract global talent once the UK has left the European Union.

I have set up Skills for Londoners to equip Londoners with the skills needed for tomorrow's jobs, but it will remain the case that skilled workers from the EU are vital to the capital's economy, with 95,000 employed in the construction industry, 49,000 in financial and insurance activities and 58,000 in professional, scientific and technical activities. Many of those working in these industries are employed in senior roles.

The summit also considered what should be done to make it easier for high-skilled workers and students from other key partners, such as India, China and the United States, to come to Britain.

The points raised at the summit will help to inform my monthly meetings with David Davis, the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union.

Promoting trade and investment links with Chicago

On 17 July, I welcomed Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel, to the capital and made the case for stronger trade and investment links between global cities such as London and Chicago.

London is the leading global destination city for Chicago businesses looking to establish a base outside the United States, according to data compiled by London & Partners.

In the last ten years, London has attracted more Chicago-based companies than any other European city and almost double the amount of the second ranked city – Singapore. London is also the leading global city for foreign direct investment (FDI) from the United States, with over 1,500 investment projects creating around 60,000 jobs for the capital.

In my meetings with Chicago business leaders and Mayor Emanuel's delegation, I built on the strong relationship between the two cities established during my international trade mission to Chicago and New York last September.

Business Continuity Fund

Between March and June 2017, there were a number of tragic events affecting London and Londoners, causing death, injury and destruction to property – three fatal terrorist attacks and the worst loss of life through fire since the Second World War. I have approved an allocation of £300,000 to a business continuity fund to support businesses impacted by these disasters.

It is intended that this will be applied to meeting or providing:

- The costs of providing 1-2-1 business support to help businesses navigate the challenges and get back on their feet.
- Direct grants to businesses whose turnover has been impacted by a disaster and which are not covered by any insurance.
- Bridge funding to businesses who are covered by insurance but where payments are delayed.

Housing and Land

New deal for 50,000 new affordable homes

On 13 July, I announced a record funding deal with councils and housing associations in London to start building an extra 50,000 new affordable homes over the next four years.

I have agreed this allocation following my first call for bids to the record-breaking £3.15bn affordable homes fund I secured from Government in November last year. It is a major first step towards my target of 90,000 affordable home starts by 2021, and represents almost treble the 18,000 homes secured in the previous Mayor's final call for bids in 2014.

This deal will see an estimated £1.7bn invested in genuinely affordable homes for rent around social rent levels, shared ownership, and London Living Rent – with homes in every one of London's 32 boroughs and the City of London.

We still have much more to do to secure the land opportunities we need to build homes and ensure we have the sufficient capacity in the construction industry, but I very much welcome housing associations and councils meeting my ambition as we start to get to grips with the housing crisis.

New figures show halt in increase of rough sleepers in London

Figures gathered by the Combined Homelessness Information Network (CHAIN), which is commissioned and funded by the GLA and managed by St Mungo's, show the rise of the number of rough sleepers on the streets of the capital has effectively halted for first time since 2009. Statistics show the number of people seen sleeping rough on the streets of London in 2016/2017 was 8,108 - virtually unchanged from 8,096 the previous year.

During my first year in office I set up the 'No Nights Sleeping Rough' taskforce - a group that brings together key partners to work together and identify what new interventions are needed to help rough sleepers, lobbying government for support where necessary. Last year, the taskforce helped secure an additional £4.2m toward new targeted services for rough sleepers, including a programme to ensure the most entrenched rough sleepers are identified and offered support.

While I am encouraged to see the number has effectively halted for the first time since 2009, the fact remains that over 8,000 people seen sleeping rough in a global city as rich as London is unacceptable. The investment we are making in new and improved services is showing signs of progress, but these figures highlight just how much work needs to be done – clearly one person living rough on the streets of our great city is one too many.

Heart of Harrow and Barking Riverside Gateways Housing Zones

I have approved the variation of the boundary of the Heart of Harrow Housing Zone to include the Northolt Road scheme. It allocates an additional £25.3m to fund two interest-bearing loans which will accelerate the delivery of 116 homes on that scheme, 40 per cent of which will be affordable.

I have also approved the variation of the boundary of the Barking Riverside Gateways Housing Zone to include the Beam Park scheme. It increases the indicative allocation for that scheme by £5m unlocking 907 homes in the zone, 35 per cent of which are affordable, by March 2026.

Waltham Forest Housing Zone

I have approved the proposed acquisition of sites within the Waltham Forest Housing Zone for redevelopment. I have also approved expenditure relating to the costs of ongoing management of the Webbs Industrial Site that sits within this Housing Zone, as well as costs relating to the future disposal of the site for redevelopment using the London Development Panel.

Environment

Response to Government Air Quality Plan

The Government's Air Quality Plan is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make the air that we all breathe less toxic. Air pollution contributes to 40,000 premature deaths across the country with more than 9,000 in London every year.

A half-hearted commitment from Government simply isn't good enough. They must use this opportunity to take the bold action required now to protect the health of our citizens and to save lives.

The commitment to phase out sales of new diesel cars is welcome, but Londoners suffering right now simply can't afford to wait until 2040. We need a fully-funded diesel scrappage fund now to get polluting vehicles off our streets immediately, as well as new powers so that cities across the UK can take the action needed to clean up our air.

Without extra financial support for those who bought polluting vehicles in good faith then any pledge to clean up our air rings hollow.

I'm doing all I can in London, but we need help from the Government. The health of millions of people across the UK is dependent on the Government showing more ambition in tackling one of the most pressing issues of our time.

London Tree and Woodland Awards 2017

On 11 July, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues hosted the annual London Tree and Woodland Awards at City Hall. The awards recognise individuals, groups, organisations and exceptional projects that have promoted and enhanced the planting, conservation and management of trees and woodlands in London. Details of the award winners can be seen on the website: www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/london-tree-week.

The success of this year's London Tree Week was also celebrated. Over 70 events took place across London, making it the biggest London Tree Week yet, encouraging Londoners to get outdoors and explore their urban forest.

Opening the ReFood Dagenham plant

On 7 July, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues opened ReFood's new anaerobic digestion facility in Dagenham. The £32m 100 per cent renewable energy facility will create 60 new jobs, turning up to 160,000 tonnes of food waste, mainly from London's businesses, into biomethane gas. The gas produced from this facility will be fed back into the gas network, providing enough power annually for 12,500 homes.

The facility is located on the London Sustainable Industries Park, a 16-hectare clean-tech commercial park that I am developing on brownfield land owned by the GLA. It will help drive up London's recycling rates and cut carbon emissions from the gas grid, supporting my ambition to make London a zero-carbon city by 2050.

Better Futures for London's cleantech start-ups

Following my launch of the Better Futures Project in June, a follow-up event was held on 19 July at City Hall to engage the wider cleantech community in London, showcase cleantech SMEs, promote the range of support available in the project and the role it is hoping to play in the development of a Cleantech Innovation Cluster.

The audience, including large business, SMEs and start-ups, higher education institutions and financing organisations, were asked what they could do to accelerate and strengthen the growth of the Cleantech innovation community and contribute towards good growth in London. The discussions will be used to develop London-wide plans with the expectation that these plans will be taken forward by London's Cleantech community.

Air Quality Business Fund

My Air Quality Business Fund was launched on 22 June. The fund is inviting businesses and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to apply for a share of £1m to deliver business-focused Low Emission Neighbourhoods (LENs) in their area. The LENs will deliver a variety of measures to support local businesses and organisations reduce their emissions, as well as reducing the pollution exposure of staff and customers. Types of interventions to be delivered by a LEN include electric vehicle charging points, green infrastructure, walking and cycling improvement and cleaner deliveries. BIDs and businesses are required to partner with their local authorities to deliver their LENs. The deadline for applications is 15 September.

Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership

On 27 June, I showcased a range of new Zero Emission Capable vehicles in the GLA fleet at an event at City Hall, and my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues and the Deputy Mayor for Transport, Valerie Shawcross delivered speeches to a full house of stakeholders and industry experts.

Education and Youth

Response to Government's school funding announcement

I have said for many months that the Government's proposed changes to the National Funding Formula will result in an education crisis for London. As a result, schools in every single one of the capital's 33 local authorities will lose funding and London pupils are losing out.

I am disappointed that ministers continue to ignore my advice, and that of so many schools, boroughs and parents in London.

The implications are severe - we will lose teachers, standards risk dropping dramatically, special educational needs units will be impacted, school days could be shorter, extracurricular activities could become a thing of the past, and pupils will suffer. It is a kick in the teeth for everyone who has worked so hard in recent years to make London an international beacon for education, with a proven track record in supporting disadvantaged pupils.

As a Mayor for all Londoners, I want to see all our young people get the best possible start in life. We need to work together and fight for a fairly funded school system that will work for our youngsters for generations to come.

London Music Fund

On 3 July, Joanne McCartney my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare attended the London Music Fund (formerly the Mayor's Music Fund) Music Scholars Graduation Workshop in City Hall culminating with a celebration at the end of the four-year awards for 60 scholars across London.

Count on Us Secondary Challenge

On 4 July, Joanne McCartney my Deputy Mayor for Education spoke to the 12 finalist schools (72 took part) of the Count on Us Secondary Challenge and announced the overall winners of the Challenge.

The Count on Us Secondary Challenge, in partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation is the Mayor's Fund for London's numeracy programme. It offers year 8 and 9 pupils the opportunity to compete against their peers in a pan-London Maths Tournament at City Hall.

Summer School Challenge

On 7 July, Joanne McCartney my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare joined Isobel creative agency and crowned the winner of its Summer School Challenge. The students' brief was to develop a strategy and creative campaign to persuade young people and students across the country to visit London.

London International Youth Science Forum

On 27 July, at the Royal Geographical Society, Joanne McCartney, Statutory Deputy Mayor, welcomed young people from around the world at the opening ceremony of the 59th London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF). I was pleased to send this strong message that London is open to the next generation of scientists.

International collaboration and inter-disciplinary activity is the cornerstone of modern scientific research where cutting-edge knowledge is shared across disciplines, cultures and borders. It is

this that leads to the innovative solutions we all benefit from and is an area where London is a world leader.

We need to ensure international collaboration post-brexit so we can continue to work together on key global issues like combatting the effects of climate change, treating debilitating disease and ensuring food security for all.

Social Integration, Social Mobility, and Community Engagement

New resettlement initiative for Syrian refugees

On 13 July, I launched the first city-wide scheme to support Syrian refugees to rebuild their lives in London and thrive in their local community.

I welcome the Government's commitment to bring 20,000 Syrian refugees to the UK by 2020 but, until now, there has been no city-wide approach in place to help with the resettlement of refugees. Through my new resettlement initiative, City Hall will work with local authorities, communities, businesses and organisations to coordinate offers of support and expertise from across the capital to help Syrian refugees make London their home. These offers include homes, job and education opportunities, orientation support and English language classes.

London has a proud history of providing refuge to those seeking sanctuary and it is only right that a city as prosperous as ours offers shelter to people fleeing persecution. It is not enough to just welcome Syrian refugees to our capital – we all need to work together to help them become part of London life, contributing to the communities in which they live. When this happens, we all benefit.

Talk London

In July, Talk London was re-launched as a part of the main london.gov.uk website under a new, dedicated 'Have your say' section. Talk London is City Hall's online community of Londoners and its re-launch has been delivered in time for consultation work on my statutory strategies; for housing, health, the environment, transport, infrastructure, the economy and culture.

It's important to be able to draw on Londoners' experiences, opinions and knowledge. As a part of the main City Hall website, Talk London is now more discoverable - giving more Londoners a chance to play a role in shaping policy for the capital. Many improvements have been made to make it easier to track the progress of consultations, surveys and discussions and to see the impact Londoners have by getting involved.

Talk London is over 38,000 members strong and growing. Over the last year, Talk London has gathered input from over 15,000 Londoners which has underpinned the introduction of the 'T-charge', as well as gathering consultation feedback on the expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone. 8000 Londoners also helped to shape my Police and Crime Plan via the Talk London website, and 2000 fed into creation of the London Fire Brigade's 2017 London Safety Plan.

I look forward to the input of many more Londoners via the brand new Talk London.

Annual Equality Report

On 22 June, I published my Equality Report in conjunction with my Annual Report. It reviewed the GLA group's actions and accomplishments towards achieving equality during 2016-17. It also set out the arrangements the GLA group had in place for mainstreaming equality during that year.

Diversity and Inclusion Vision

I completed my first month of engagement activities on my draft Diversity and Inclusion Vision. Groups and individuals are urged to have their say by visiting www.london.gov.uk/inclusivecity.

Young Londoners Rights Forum

On 11 July, Matthew Ryder, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, and his team hosted 60 young people at City Hall to hear their views on what it is like growing up in London without secure immigration status. This will inform his work to support young Londoners on the pathway to citizenship through my new Citizenship and Integration Initiative.

Volunteering

Team London Young Leaders

Team London hosted a celebration event at City Hall on 5 July for Young Leaders who take part in Team London Young Ambassadors. Young volunteers from twenty-nine schools across nine boroughs took part and celebrated their social action projects on homelessness, childhood obesity, mental health and the environment. Former Team GB Paralympian Andy Barrow delivered a keynote speech and presented certificates to the schools.

Team London Enterprise Advisers

On 11 July, Team London's Enterprise Adviser Network hosted Alex Chisholm, Permanent Secretary for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, at Barnhill Community School. Alex met teachers and students at the school to celebrate their work with the London Enterprise Adviser Network. He praised the school's work in developing their students' employability and preparing them to take advantage of all the opportunities available in London.

Team London Stakeholder Engagement

On 6 July, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder, chaired the Team London Advisory Board. The board, made up of external stakeholders, provides a useful sounding board for activity within my volunteering team. Members of the board are from organisations including the London Assembly, London Funders, The Foundation for Social Improvement, CIPD and Bloomberg.

On 18 July, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder, hosted a group of Team London stakeholders at the IPC World Para Athletics Championships. Guests included representatives from Step Up to Serve, Cass

Business School, The Big Lottery Fund, v-Inspired and The Challenge. The event provided Matthew with the chance to speak to Team London's partners and thank them for the work they do for London's communities.

Health

Thrive LDN

On 4 July, I launched the Thrive LDN movement to improve mental health for all Londoners. I was pleased to do this in a community setting with young people, as it represents what Thrive LDN aims to achieve; working with and enabling all Londoners to improve their own, and others' mental health.

Thrive LDN is a movement that is supported by myself, through the London Health Board, and a range of other partners, including NHS England, London Councils, Public Health England and Healthy London Partnership. The launch started Thrive LDN's summer engagement period, in which all Londoners are invited to comment on the ideas Thrive LDN has developed with over 200 individuals so far, and input any new ones they may have.

I am pleased that within the first two weeks of their campaign, Thrive LDN has established a reach of over 9.5 million, and generated approximately 13,500 interactions. Thrive LDN is looking to interact with as many Londoners as possible; a range of methods is being used, including a current TfL poster campaign and Talk London discussion.

Healthy Schools London

On 5 July, Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare visited Cherry Orchard Primary School in the London Borough of Greenwich to see first hand the work that they are doing as part of my Healthy Schools London programme.

GLA Food Programme 2017-18

I have approved the expenditure of up to £237,000 to support delivery of the Food Programme in 2017/18 and the receipt of additional external income through suitable sponsorships and / or partnerships.

Culture and Events

London Borough of Culture Competition Launch

On 30 June, I launched the London Borough of Culture competition. The event was attended by 250 people from local authorities, the cultural sector and community organisations. Musician and singer Modupé Obasola marked the opening of the programme and I unveiled a new commission "Art is Everywhere" by the renowned artist Bob and Roberta Smith OBE.

The event received wide ranging local, national and international media coverage, including a piece in the New York Times. This competition has already generated interest from Londoners who are keen to back their local borough bids. Local authorities have five months to submit their bids to compete for the winning title in 2019 and 2020.

Women's Safety Summit

On 24 July, I held the first Women's Night Safety Summit hosted by my Night Czar, Amy Lamé bringing work together across the GLA, the Metropolitan Police and Transport for London. The keynote speaker was my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden.

More than 100 attendees from women's groups, charities, businesses, councils, transport organisations and the police participated in workshops led by my Deputy Mayor for Transport, Valerie Shawcross, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons, Francis O'Grady, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and Joan Smith, Chair of my Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Board. Feedback and recommendations drawn from these workshops will contribute to the first London-wide Women's Night Safety Charter.

Night Time Vision

On 25 July, I published my Night Time Vision for London. This vision is about the value that the night time economy is worth which is estimated at £26bn and accounts for 1 in 8 jobs. The role of my Night Czar, Amy Lamé is to champion nightlife and challenge our thinking, to change the conversation about life in the capital at night. The vision recognises the benefits of a diverse and welcoming night culture for boroughs, businesses, the police and residents. My Night Time Commission Chair, Philip Kolvin QC, will talk to Londoners about the kind of life they want at night but take on board the safety and wellbeing of London's residents, workers and visitors at its centre. The goal is to create a life at night that works for everyone and that ensures London's night time economy grows as fast as Paris, Berlin, Tokyo, Sydney and San Francisco.

LGBTQ+ Cultural Infrastructure Research and Venues Charter Published

On 6 July, joined by my Night Czar, Amy Lamé, I highlighted the stark picture for LGBTQ+ venue closures in London published in a report by UCL Urban Laboratory. This report showed that in 2006, there were 125 venues in operation, while in 2017 there are just 53 – a fall of 58 per cent. I published an interactive map based on data provided by UCL that illustrates the range of LGBTQ+ venues that have been lost across the city. I also launched the Venues Charter, which is a practical tool for organisations to sign up to if they want to open a new LGBTQ+ venue or reopen one that has closed, as a way of affirming their commitment to supporting the LGBTQ+ community in London.

Frieze Sculpture Park and Summer Art Map

On 4 July, members of my Culture Team attended the launch of Frieze Sculpture Park which was opened by new Tate Director, Maria Balshaw. This is a free outdoor exhibition of contemporary sculpture for Londoners and visitors throughout the summer months.

At the same event the Summer Art Map was launched. Through the Fourth Plinth Programme, I have partnered with Art on the Underground, TfL's contemporary art programme, the Art Fund, Frieze Sculpture and Sculpture in the City to create the Summer Art Map – a comprehensive guide to free public art across London this summer.

Fourth Plinth Commission

On 5 July, the next Fourth Plinth Commission, 'The Invisible Enemy Should Not Exist' by Michael Rakowitz received planning permission from Westminster City Council, full production of the work can commence in time for unveiling of the work in March 2018.

Tate Modern – Soul of a Nation

On 11 July, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons and my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder attended the launch of Soul of a Nation, Art in the Age of Black Power. This exhibition highlights the vital contribution of Black artists to a dramatic period in American art history.

Culture Summer Reception

On 18 July, my Culture Summer Reception was hosted by my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons, Ben Evans, Chair of the Cultural Leadership Board and Amanda Leveté CBE. 140 key senior figures attended from across the culture and creative industries sectors including the Ambassadors of my newly formed Cultural Leadership Board. This event built on the success of the Culture and Creative Industries Reception held at City Hall in May 2016.

Lumiere London 2018

On 20 July, I announced the dates for Lumiere London 2018 – the capital's largest night-time festival. More than 40 UK and international artists will transform the city over four nights (18 - 21 January 2018) and offer new perspectives on the capital's iconic architecture, streets and landmarks. Building on the success of Lumiere London 2016, festival destinations will include: King's Cross, the West End (Carnaby, Regent Street, Oxford Circus, Leicester Square, Mayfair, Piccadilly & St James's), Fitzrovia and Westminster. Works will be exhibited north and south of the River Thames, with Covent Garden, Victoria, South Bank & Waterloo added as new destinations for 2018. Communities & residents from across the capital are invited to take part through schools, participation projects and volunteering schemes. The aim is to ensure all Londoners can benefit from this extraordinary free cultural event.

Gigs and International Busking Day

On 21 July, two specially wrapped buses were unveiled at Wembley Park promoting a new 2-year partnership with Gibson Guitars as the headline sponsor for Gigs, my young buskers' competition. Joined by Dire Straits' Mark Knopfler, were the three young musicians featured on the buses: Kal Lavelle, Jay Johnson and Modupé. Gigs performances take place across the capital from 22 July to 6 August and showcase talented young musicians whose goal is to win a place in September's Grand Gigs Final at Westfield London.

On 22 July, I supported International Busking Day 2017, a day when cities and performers around the world came together to celebrate street performance. This year activity took place in every London borough, as well as new international locations including Zambia, Costa Rica and Cuba.

Daniel Buren – Art on the Underground

On 3 July, French artist Daniel Buren along with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons, unveiled his artwork called 'Diamonds and Circles' at Tottenham Court Road station. The permanent work, using vivid geometric shapes, colours and stripes,

appears on the walls of the ticket hall and entrances of the Tube station, used by 150,000 a day.

Tate Intensive

My Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons gave a key note speech at Tate Modern's 'Tate Intensive' international initiative to an audience of senior culture professionals worldwide including from the USA, Russia, India, China, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

State of London Debate

I held my second annual State of London debate at Indigo, O2 on 29 June, where I was asked questions from the 1,000-strong audience. 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 Val Shawcross. A wide range of topics and issues were discussed including the EU referendum, housing, policing and crime, transport and my future plans in different areas across the capital.

Eid Festival

On 2 July, I was delighted to host Eid Festival in Trafalgar Square, and joined presenter Noreen Khan and MasterChef winner Saliha Mahmood-Ahmed onstage to wish everyone Eid Mubarak.

This hugely popular celebration marked the end of Ramadan for the many different Muslim communities in London. The event, which saw around 20,000 visitors, was an opportunity for people from all backgrounds, faiths and communities to come together showing the world that London is open and united. It was also an opportunity to pay tribute to the victims of the Finsbury Park attack and the families affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower, many of whom were Muslim.

This year, Eid Festival presented a diverse and exciting stage programme with traditional and contemporary acts, and a global food festival with cuisines from around the Islamic world. The festival programme also had a focus on women and disability, with workshops to highlight work by disabled artists and that engage Muslim women from various organisations.

Pride Reception

On 4 July, I was delighted to reinstate the annual City Hall Pride reception after a break of 8 years. I welcomed members of the LGBT+ community, representatives from UK Black Pride, and Pride in London, ahead of the festivities.

Over 200 guests attended and I was joined on stage by Stonewall co-founder Michael Cashman, Co-chairs of Pride in London Alison Camps and Michael Salter and my Night Czar Amy Lane. It was a great occasion to mark the Pride in London festival which took place over 14 days, and featured a range of events aimed at raising awareness around some of the major issues facing the community; including homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and everyday discrimination in the workplace.

Pride

I proudly marched at this year's London Pride event, on 8 July, alongside the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and many others from all backgrounds. Together we celebrated the triumph of inclusiveness and acceptance that has become one of the iconic festivals of our city and underlines the capital's reputation as one of the most LGBT+ friendly places on the planet. Pride in London is undoubtedly one of the highlights in the city's cultural calendar and I know it will continue to get even bigger over the coming years.

7/7 12 Year Commemorations

On 7 July, it was the 12th anniversary of the terror attack on London's transport network in which 52 innocent people lost their lives and many others were injured or affected. A series of small events to commemorate the day was arranged by my Events for London team in association with Foundation for Peace and TFL.

In the morning, to mark the time of the bombings, I laid a wreath at the 7/7 Memorial in Hyde Park alongside the Chair of the London Assembly Jennette Arnold, Met Commissioner Cressida Dick, MD for London Underground Mark Wild, Chief Constable BTP Paul Crowther, City of London Police Commissioner Ian Dyson, LAS Chief Executive Garrett Emmerson and Fire Commissioner Dany Cotton. Later in the day there was a service at the Hyde Park memorial for families and survivors which my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder attended.

Liberty Festival

On 15 July, London hosted the biggest outdoor disability arts festival anywhere in the UK with a fantastic celebration at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Liberty attracts deaf and disabled artists from around the world showcasing their work and incredible talent, whilst shining a light on our city as a beacon of equality.

Matthew Ryder, Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement joined comperes Samantha Renke and Kelly Knox to speak from the main stage. Highlights in the programme included new works commissioned from leading artists Vital Exposure and Drake Music, as well as sign language hip-hop artist Signmark who is the world's first Deaf artist signed to an international record label, and international disabled breakdance crew ILL-ABILITIES.

Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy

World Para-Athletic Championships

The World Para-Athletic Championships were a huge success (14 – 23 July) and ticket sales were in excess of 280,000, more than the combined sales for every Para sport World and European Championships for the last 50 years. I was on the Park for the opening weekend where the fantastic Liberty Festival (15 July) was also held – a showcase of the very best of deaf and disability arts. Almost 12,000 people enjoyed accessible music, circus performances, street dance and art.

Coinciding with these events, this weekend also marked the first year since the launch of the Global Disability Innovation Hub, a new international research centre at Here East aiming to improve the lives of disabled people worldwide. That milestone was celebrated through a

successful two-day conference (13-14 July) focused on innovation, opinion, and world-class research.

I have also invested £400,000 into community sport as part of the Inspiration Programme to give Londoners the chance to get involved with athletics and celebrate the summer of athletics. The community projects are now underway and delivery has begun. One of the successful organisations managed to secure the arrival of GB sprinter, Nigel Levine who ran a sprinting master class for the participants that attended the community athletics festival.

Grenfell Tower Sports Programme

I have invested £30,000 into a sports project specifically for the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire. This is in partnership with Sport England who are contributing £50,000 to the project.

This programme will be delivered by Street Games through a network of local sporting organisations. The programme is supporting victims through mental health initiatives, family fun days, a neighbourhood festival, a programme of regular activities, tickets to the World Athletics Championships and summer camps for children over the summer holidays.

Muller Anniversary Games

The Muller Anniversary Games returned to the Park on 9 July which was a fantastic curtain raiser for the rest of the summer.

Hackney Wick Station development

LLDC and Network Rail jointly hosted Hackney Wick Ward Councillors on 18 July at the Hackney Wick Station development site where a new subway will provide better access and connectivity for passengers. Once complete, LLDC will begin developing around the station, which will include a mix of residential and commercial units.

New Chair for LLDC

I recently nominated Network Rail Chair, and former Commissioner at TfL, Peter Hendy as LLDC's new chair and following his appearance at the Confirmation Hearings Committee on 17 July, the Committee unanimously agreed to the recommendation.

Budget and Governance

Responsible Procurement Policy

I have published a strengthened Responsible Procurement Policy, which reflects my determination to establish fair employment practices with the GLA's suppliers and my wider sustainability goals. This will ensure their employees receive fair pay and employment terms – including the London Living Wage. Suppliers who want to work with organisations across the GLA group will also be encouraged to support other Mayoral objectives, such as helping London become a more resource-efficient, low carbon and resilient city, as well as working with Londoners to bring about positive changes to their local community.

Financial and Performance Outturn for 2016-17

I have approved the financial and performance outturn for 2016-17, including details of transfers to and from earmarked reserves. I have also approved the carry forwards from 2016-17 to 2017-18.

Group Investment Syndicate

I have agreed that a Financial Services and Markets Act (FSMA) 2000 authorised firm contracted by the GLA will provide certain services relating to those treasury management services including to the Group Investment Syndicate (GIS), GLA and the London Borough of Haringey.

The arrangement with the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 authorised firm is proposed for one year pending review and undertaking a tender process as applicable.

Public Practice

I have approved in principle the formation of Public Practice, a new social enterprise that brokers placements for outstanding planning and placeshaping practitioners within Local Authorities. It will build the public sector's capacity to deliver homes and growth, shape better places, and share skills and knowledge across Authorities.

A longstanding and widening skills gap between the public and private sectors is limiting the planning capacity of Authorities, and in turn presenting a barrier to delivering the quantity and quality of homes and growth London needs. Public Practice is one practical way of starting to make an immediate difference.

Planning and Development

Good Growth by Design

On 10 July, I launched my Good Growth by Design agenda and introduced my newly appointed Mayor's Design Advocates (MDAs) with a speech and panel discussion at the London School of Economics, attended by a capacity audience of 1000.

Good Growth by Design is my plan and call to action for engaging London's built environment professionals, architects, planners, urban designers, engineers and others, in my vision for good growth. Good growth has been my guiding principle in my vision for London's built environment. It means building a city that is socially and economically inclusive and environmentally sustainable.

I will be supported by a pool of London's most talented built environment professionals, my newly appointed 50 Mayor's Design Advocates. They will provide me with invaluable design critique, research and advocacy. The MDAs comprise a rich mix of professional practices including experts in architecture, urban design, regeneration, planning, development economics, environmental and sustainable design, accessibility, procurement, public engagement, cultural strategy, engineering, social infrastructure, skills and capacity development and smart cities technologies. They represent the private and public sector, and include practitioners, academics, policy makers and community representatives.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Hasmonean High School, Mill Hill, LB Barnet

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

Howbury Park, Slade Green, LB Bexley

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

Former Amex House, Wembley, LB Brent

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

Minavil House, Rosemount Road, Wembley, LB Brent

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

Castlewood House and Medius House, New Oxford Street, LB Camden

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

Former Honda Garage, Merrick Road, Southall, LB Ealing

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

225 City Road, Old 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.

Fairlop Quarry, Little Heath, Romford, LB Redbridge

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

Former Sutton Hospital Site, Sutton, LB Sutton

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

Homebase, Swandon Way, Battersea, LB Wandsworth

I have 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.

Land at Wandsworth Riverside Quarter Phase 3, LB Wandsworth

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

44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn, 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.

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

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

- 6-8 Bishopsgate and 150 Leadenhall, City of London
- 28-30 Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, LB Croydon
- Praise House, London Road, Croydon, LB Croydon
- Perfume Factory, Wales Farm Road, Acton, LB Ealing
- Village Centre (Phase 3), Kidbrooke Village, RB Greenwich
- Vyners School, Warren Road, Uxbridge, LB Hillingdon
- Former Nestle Factory, Hayes, LB Hillingdon
- Bolder Academy, Isleworth, LB Hounslow
- McGraths, Hepscott Road, Hackney Wick, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Mitre Yard, Scrubs Lane, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation
- First Central, Park Royal, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation
- 21-23 Parkhouse Street, Camberwell, LB Southwark
- 74-78 Long Lane, Borough, LB Southwark
- Former Thames Water Depot, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton, LB Waltham Forest
- B&Q Site Swandon Way, Wandsworth, LB Wandsworth
- Welbeck Street Car Park, Welbeck Street, City of Westminster
- 191 Old Marylebone Road, City of Westminster

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- 100 Liverpool Street & 8-12 Broadgate, City of London
- Southall Gas Works site, LB Ealing
- One Woolwich, Connaught Estate, RB Greenwich
- Land North of Westfield Shopping Centre, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Lambeth Town Hall, LB Lambeth
- Oxford House, City of Westminster
- Bromley Local Plan - Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) Consultation, LB Bromley

Key Engagements

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

- I launched the London Borough of Culture Competition on 30 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Jason Iley, the CEO and Chairman of Sony, on 30 June
- I attended the Funeral Prayers for Makram Ali at East London Mosque on 30 June
- I attended the Eid Festival taking place on Trafalgar Square on 2 July
- I met with Laura Kuenssberg on 3 July
- I attended the Grenfell Tower Recovery Taskforce Meeting at the Cabinet Office on 3 July chaired by the Prime Minister
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 3 July

- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 3 July
- I attended the launch of THRIVE LDN taking place at The Unity of Faiths Foundation, FC football pitches at Stepney Green Park on 4 July
- I hosted an LGBT+ Pride Reception at City Hall on 4 July
- I attended the Mayor's Fund Trustee Reception on 4 July
- I had an introductory meeting with the Rt Hon Greg Hands MP, Minister for London, on 5 July
- I hosted a Skills and Talent Summit at City Hall on 5 July
- I attended the Assembly Policing Plenary on 6 July
- I had an introductory meeting with Claire Waxman, the Victim Commissioner, on 6 July
- I attended the 7/7 Wreath Laying Ceremony in Hyde Park on 7 July
- I met with Ivana Bartoletti on 7 July
- I visited the Al Manaar Mosque in Kensington on 7 July
- I took part in the London Pride March on 8 July
- I had an introductory meeting with Mr Ying Yong, the Mayor of Shanghai, on 10 July
- I had an introductory meeting with Sylvester Turner, the Mayor of Houston, on 10 July
- I launched "Good Growth by Design" at the LSE on 10 July
- I attended a breakfast meeting with the Board of the Young Presidents Organisation on 11 July
- I met with Margaret Hodge MP & representatives from Theatre Royal Stratford East on 11 July
- I had an introductory meeting with Lorraine Candy, Editor in Chief of Style, The Sunday Times, on 11 July
- I met with Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley on 11 July to discuss policing and security
- I met with local residents and representatives from voluntary and community organisations at the Grenfell Tower site on 13 July
- I chaired the meeting of the Mayor's Business Advisory Board taking place at Bloomberg on 12 July
- I visited the London Fire Bridge HQ in Union Street on 12 July to meet staff involved in the Grenfell Tower Fire and also to have my regular meeting with Dany Cotton & Fiona Twycross, LFEPA
- I attended the F1 showcase event on Trafalgar Square on 12 July
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 13 July
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 13 July
- I met with Paul Willis Managing Director of Volkswagen UK, Paul Willis on 13 July to discuss the reimbursement of £2.5 million in Congestion Charge
- I attended the Funeral Service of Isaac Paulos, who died in the Grenfell Tower fire, at the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church in Battersea on 14 July
- I hosted a meeting of EU Ambassadors at City Hall on 14 July
- I attended the opening of the World Para Athletic Championships at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- I attended the Wimbledon Men's tennis final on 16 July
- I had dinner with Rahm Emmanuel, the Mayor of Chicago on 16 July
- I attended a joint London/Chicago business event with Rahm Emmanuel the Mayor of Chicago on 17 July
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 17 July
- I met with the Rt Hon David Davis MP, Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, on 17 July to discuss the implications of the vote to leave the EU

- I visited the London Borough of Kingston with Cllr Kevin Davis, the Leader of the Council on 18 July to see a number of housing and regeneration schemes
- I met with representatives of the Private Hire Trade on 18 July to discuss the subject of the requirement for a written English test for private hire drivers
- I met with the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 18 July to discuss transport in London
- I attended the Mayor's Culture Summer Party on 18 July
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 19 July
- I chaired the Transport for London Board Meeting on 19 July
- I had lunch with Baroness Lawrence on 19 July
- I had an introductory meeting with the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, on 19 July
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 20 July
- I attended the St George's, University of London, Graduation event on 20 July to receive an Honorary Fellowship
- I attended the London Growth Roundtable on 20 July
- I had my regular meeting with my statutory health advisor, Yvonne Doyle, Director for London, Public Health England, on 21 July
- I attended the memorial service hosted by Australia House on 26 July in memory of the Australian citizens who died or were injured in the London Bridge Terrorist attack

Ends