

## 9th Mayor's Report to the Assembly Mayor's Question Time 24th February 2022

This is my ninth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 7 January – 10 February 2022

Please note that the information in the Mayor's Report is accurate at the time of publishing.

### Executive Summary

#### Covid-19 and Recovery update

The GLA and recovery partners, led by my Deputy Chief of Staff, Richard Watts, the have been taking stock on the state of London's Recovery and what it might mean for action across London for the coming year.

Whilst the new wave of infections driven by the Omicron variant had a sharp impact in the run up to Christmas, our working assumption is that the current wave is interrupting, rather than reshaping, recovery. London's overall economic recovery is strong and the City, although lagging other regions of the UK on some measures, has not seen a significant rise in unemployment and job vacancies are high.

The strength of recovery and growth is masking a rise and persistence of inequality and poverty. These problems will be made worse by a 'cost of living' crisis that many analysts expect to see this year. This issue is now Londoner's biggest concern. Similarly, the differential negative impact on central London has been sustained, with working from home prolonged by Omicron; international tourism levels are not expected to return to their pre-pandemic peak until 2026.

On 18 January, the London Recovery Taskforce met and agreed a Recovery workplan for the coming six months, focusing on the key challenges facing the city. It also agreed to streamline some of the governance arrangements for the London Recovery Programme – including changes to meeting frequencies and attendees.

Over February, the London Recovery Programme is hosting a series of seminars to support discussion at the London Recovery Board on the 1 March. These will cover issues including High Streets recovery, net-zero 2030 and the impact of the cost of living on Recovery.

#### London Anchor Institution Charter

On 7 February, members of the Steering Committee of the [London Anchor Institution Network](#) met to share milestones and announce work plans for 2022 across the areas of procurement, skills and hiring, support for young people and the Green New Deal recovery mission. Since the London Anchor Institutions Network Conference on 14 December, two additional institutions have signed the [Charter](#), committing to make positive contributions to the city's recovery from the pandemic, and a further five have expressed interest in pledging to progress impact in these areas.

## **A greener, cleaner future for London**

On 18 January, I published a new report from Element Energy, commissioned by City Hall, that showed the possible pathways to net zero by 2030. This demonstrated that more action is required, particularly to reduce vehicle use in London. The capital has seen a shift to driving during the pandemic with the cost of congestion rising to over £5 billion last year, leading to gridlocked roads and toxic air pollution. In order to reduce transport emissions by anywhere close to the amount required to clean up London's air, to achieve net-zero by 2030 and cut congestion, the capital will have to see a significant shift away from petrol and diesel vehicle use and towards walking and cycling, greater public transport use and cleaner vehicles.

To this end, I asked Transport for London to explore how a new smart road user charging system could be implemented in London by the end of the decade. I announced that I am also considering approaches to further reduce air pollution and carbon emissions from transport in the near future. It is clear that the cost of inaction – to our economy, livelihoods, the environment and the health of Londoners – would be far greater than the cost of taking the necessary action to transition to net-zero and reduce air pollution. You can read the Element Energy report and my response here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/climate-change/zero-carbon-london/pathways-net-zero-carbon-2030>

## **Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony 2022**

On Monday 24 January I was pleased to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in a joint ceremony with the London Assembly. I joined Jewish community leaders, Holocaust and genocide survivors at the Imperial War Museum (IWM) for a service that was livestreamed via london.gov.uk.

The service, in collaboration with the Holocaust Educational Trust and the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, commemorated the survivors and victims of the Holocaust and other genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Personal testimonies were given by Holocaust survivor Steven Frank BEM and Rwandan genocide survivor Eric Murangwa Eugene MBE, as well as reflections from Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors, who also delivered the Holocaust Memorial Day Statement of Commitment. The Holocaust and the Second World War were some of the most devastating events in human history, and their impact cannot be understated. Both events will soon pass out of living memory, so it is more important than ever for us to commemorate the survivors and victims of both the Holocaust and subsequent genocides; to learn their stories, preserve their histories, and ensure that tragedy and violence on this scale is never to be repeated.

Ahead of the service, I toured the IWM's new Holocaust Exhibition with James Bulgin, Content Leader for the Holocaust Galleries, Karen Pollock CBE, Chief Executive of Holocaust Educational Trust, and Olivia Marks-Woldman OBE, Chief Executive of Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. I also met with Holocaust survivors who'd contributed personal items to the galleries.

## **London Borough of Culture 2022 – We Are Lewisham 'Day One'**

On 28 January I attended the opening event of my flagship cultural programme London Borough of Culture, with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE and accompanied by Damien Egan, Mayor of Lewisham. 'Day One' of We Are Lewisham featured over 50 pop-up events in every ward of the borough, over 40 schools performing the 'LBOC Bop' dance simultaneously and a specially commissioned film being projected across buildings in Lewisham and shown on the Piccadilly Lights. I contributed to a large participatory artwork, spoke to trainees at the Circle Collective social enterprise shop which supports young people experiencing barriers to employment and met local artists and residents. Day One's events highlighted the themes of diversity, equality, and climate issues, that will inform the year-long programme which includes Liberty 2022, following the cancellation of the Festival in 2021 due to Covid-19.

## **Lunar New Year**

On Monday 31 January, Trafalgar Square was awash with colour as we welcomed the Lunar New Year. Sadly, due to the uncertainty around Covid-19 during planning, London's annual Chinese Lunar New Year festival did not take place. Instead, the occasion was marked with the lighting of London's famous landmark, and lion and dragon dances – intended to bring luck and prosperity for the coming year, the Year of the Tiger.

My Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended and met with community leaders, members of the London Chinese Chinatown Association (LCCA) and the Minister Counsellor for Consular and Overseas Chinese Affairs & Consul General Mr Tong Xuejun.

London's East and South East Asian communities make an incredible contribution to our city. From influence over our arts scene and creative output, to the businesses and the wonderful attraction that is Chinatown, for decades have enriched our society, economy and culture.

## **Visit to Evelina London Children's Hospital**

On 3 February, I visited Evelina London Children's Hospital and met with medical staff, patients and their carers who told me about the impact of air pollution on health. We also discussed the [latest data published by City Hall](#) showing that all hospitals in London are located in areas which do not meet World Health Organization recommended guidelines for air pollution. I discussed my ongoing commitment to reduce air pollution, tackle the climate emergency and cut congestion in the capital to create a greener, healthier city fit for the future.

## **Jobs and Skills campaign**

On 31 January, I launched a new campaign to promote jobs and skills in London during our economic recovery from Covid-19. On launch day, I visited Nexus Studios in Shoreditch, where I heard from learners in the creative sector and other key sectors about how they have benefited from adult learning opportunities. This coincided with the publication of my Skills Roadmap, which sets out my priorities for adult education and my £320m per year adult education budget; and the launch of Mayoral Academies, which provide specialist training in careers which are crucial to London's future.

The campaign is based on real life case studies of Londoners who have changed their lives through adult education opportunities. It launched with TfL posters and digital screens to raise awareness of the opportunities, with online video and targeted digital adverts to reach those eligible for funded places. We have also created a brand-new campaign webpage to help Londoners get to the information they need.

However, we also know that some of those most likely to benefit from adult learning are among the hardest to reach with paid advertising. That's why we are also running community outreach and small grants programmes to help organisations already working with these people to provide the more focused advice and support they need. Alongside this we will be providing a communications toolkit to adult learning providers with guidelines on best practice for communicating with those who most need our support, and resources to use on their channels. We'll also provide resources to help them communicate and connect with local employers and businesses.

Read the full announcement here: [Mayor offers free skills training to unemployed & low-income Londoners | London City Hall](#)

## **Call for overseas properties register**

On 6 February, [I repeated my demand that the Government](#) acts to put a stop to the capital being used for international money laundering. I'm urging Ministers to draw up a register of UK properties owned by overseas individuals and companies, which could be sheltering billions of pounds worth of undeclared funds. According to Transparency International, as of 2 February 2022, Land Registry data records 41,631 offshore companies holding assets in the Greater London area.

A lack of transparency in the legal and beneficial ownership of companies and individuals who own UK property could be aiding offences such as tax evasion and money laundering, as well as hiding the assets of those who would come under any possible sanctions regime. Despite Ministers repeatedly promising a register of this type, the slow pace of progress on this issue has been bitterly disappointing and I am concerned it will prevent the Government acting on their tough talk about further sanctions if they are imposed on Putin's regime.

## **People's Question Time Online**

On 3 February, I joined Assembly Members for People's Question Time (PQT), which was chaired by Londonwide Assembly Member and Chair of the London Assembly Andrew Boff. This public consultation event was held online, a decision taken in December, to ensure the health and wellbeing of both participants and audience members in response to the uncertainty with the Omicron Covid-19 variant. This was our third online PQT event since the outbreak of the pandemic, and I'm pleased to say 1,303 people registered for the live-stream.

I joined Assembly Members in answering questions impacting Londoners from 12 live video participants, as well as the live chat function, on a range of topics including Transport, Policy and Safety, Air Quality and Environment, Housing and London's Economic Recovery.

## **Let's do London - Spring Into London**

On 2 February, I announced a new season of my Let's Do London campaign, encouraging families back to London with a programme of free events. My 'Spring into London' programme includes immersive 'City Lights' installations, taking place from 11 - 20 February and featuring works by renowned international artists. Pop-up London returns from 17 - 20 February with exciting outdoor performances for all ages.

I'm also supporting London's biggest independent restaurant website, Hot Dinners, to showcase discounts and offers at London's world-class restaurants, cafes and bars and Society of London Theatre to encourage people back to the stage through discounted West End theatre tickets from as low as £10. There is further family friendly activity happening over half term, including exciting new exhibitions at some of London's world class galleries. And on 9 March, Fabric nightclub and English National Opera will partner for a unique electronic music event.

## **Calling on the Government to tackle the cost of living crisis**

On February 1, I called on the Government to take urgent steps to tackle the spiralling cost of living as a new report exposes the challenges facing Londoners and the rising poverty levels in the capital.

The report highlights that nearly 80 per cent of Londoners have seen an increase in their cost of living over the last six months, with food and energy bills leading the rise in costs. This is particularly difficult for the poorest households who devote a higher share of their household budget to gas bills.

I'm doing all I can to support Londoners, but this is a national problem and the Government needs to urgently step up and support people through this cost of living crisis including extending eligibility for the Warm Home Discount, investing in multi-year energy efficiency programmes to help low-income households receive support to reduce their energy use, and extending the Household Support Fund that enables councils to provide hardship support.

## **A mentor for every young Londoner**

On 9 February I visited the Osmani Trust in Tower Hamlets - a community organisation whose work is supported through my Violence Reduction Unit's My Ends programme and through the Young Londoners Fund.

I was able to see first-hand how youth workers deliver vital one-to-one mentoring support to young people, empowering them make positive choices in life. I spoke to young people about their experiences and heard about the challenges they are facing and how mentoring has provided them with stability and access to opportunities.

During my visit I was proud to announce my commitment through the New Deal for Young People recovery mission that all young people in need of support are entitled to a personal mentor by 2024. To support the mission, I will be investing £7.2m from City Hall and London's VRU to boost mentoring capacity.

We'll be investing in three programmes that will help young people most in need to fulfil their potential through mentoring and support organisations to develop and build on their mentoring practice. My Leaders, STEAM Mentoring and Headstart Action programmes will launch in spring, delivering for two years to March 2024. Alongside this, the VRU is investing in a new three-year mentoring programme as part of their ongoing efforts to tackle school exclusions through effective mentoring programmes. These will work to keep pupils in Pupil Referral Units engaged in their education, motivated and supported to achieve their goals.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Raising standards in the Metropolitan Police Service**

I was utterly disgusted by the behaviour outlined in the IOPC report into the conduct of a number of officers from the former Charing Cross Impact Team, published on 1 February. The report detailed shocking evidence of discrimination, misogyny, harassment and bullying by police officers. The conduct of these officers was totally unacceptable and what has been revealed by these investigations only further damages public trust and confidence in the police.

It is right that the team concerned has been disbanded. Anyone found to be responsible for sexism, racism, misogyny, Islamophobia, antisemitism, bullying or harassment does not deserve to wear the Met uniform and must be rooted out.

While I welcome the IOPC's recommendations, and support Baroness Casey's ongoing review into the Met's culture, much more action is required. I've been clear with the Commissioner about the scale of change that's needed to rebuild trust with Londoners and it needs to happen fast.

Following the publication of the IOPC report I had a very frank discussion with the Met Commissioner where I made clear how angry I am with a return to the bad days of the Met of my childhood in the 1970s and 80s, and that neither I nor Londoners will put up with this.

The Met needs to urgently show it has an effective plan for restoring the trust and confidence of Londoners in the police and driving out the racism, homophobia, bullying and misogyny which clearly still exists within its ranks. I want to assure Londoners that I will continue to hold the Met to account to ensure that we see the changes needed and the public deserve.

### **Police and Crime Plan consultation**

The consultation for the next Police and Crime Plan for London closed on 21 January, following an extensive programme of surveys, discussions and workshops with Londoners, victims of crime, statutory agencies and community and voluntary groups. In total, around 3,000 Londoners had their say on the proposals set out in my draft Plan – I am deeply grateful to everyone for taking part, and for the support we have received from so many – including Assembly Members – in getting the word out and encouraging as many people as possible to take part. Work is now underway to analyse the findings and produce the final Plan, and I look forward to receiving the Assembly Police and Crime Committee's evidence in the coming weeks.

## Transport

### **Londoners reminded of requirement to wear face coverings as TfL welcomes customers back to the network**

Following the lifting of Government's 'Plan B' restrictions on 26 January, Transport for London has been reminding customers that face coverings remain a condition of carriage, unless exempt. Those who do not comply could be prevented from entering the network or asked to leave TfL services.

Following the Government's decision to remove working from home guidance, public transport use has seen an increase as London recovers from the pandemic. In early December 2021, prior to the introduction of 'Plan B' measures, the Tube network regularly saw more than 60 per cent of normal journeys during weekdays, reaching as high as 80 per cent at weekends, while ridership on buses was regularly at 75 per cent of pre-pandemic levels.

TfL is looking forward to welcoming many more people back to the network as they return to offices and other workplaces across the capital. London's recovery from the pandemic hinges on transport and we are ready to play our role in moving people around the city, allowing them to reach work and leisure destinations and keeping people safe.

### **2021 saw highest ever use of Santander Cycles**

TfL's pioneering Santander cycle hire scheme experienced a historic year in 2021 with a record-breaking number of hires across the year as well as during several different months. The scheme continues to go from strength to strength, with 10.9 million hires taking place in 2021, surpassing the previous best target set in 2018 by 371,000 hires.

More than 1 million individual customers used the cycle hire scheme last year, the first time this milestone had been reached in a calendar year, and 178,000 new members joined the scheme in 2021, a seven per cent increase on 2020 and more than double that of any year prior to 2020.

It's fantastic to see our cycle hire scheme reach such incredible heights, achieving its highest ever hire numbers last year. Not only have we seen a huge rise in cycling since the pandemic, but participation has also broadened, particularly among people from minority ethnic communities. To keep up this success we need safe roads for cyclists, and TfL continue to work with boroughs to roll out cycle lanes, extra pavement space and safer junctions. I urge anyone who has been thinking of taking up cycling to give it a go and get riding this year.



## **Canary Wharf becomes the penultimate Elizabeth line station transferred to TfL**

Canary Wharf Elizabeth line station has now been transferred to Transport for London (TfL), which means the station can be fully integrated with the operational network ahead of the Elizabeth line opening in the first half of 2022. Nine out of the Ten central stations have now been transferred from Crossrail to TfL.

Staff from MTR Elizabeth line, who will operate Canary Wharf, will continue familiarisation with the station, its procedures, facilities and systems. They will also undertake Trial Operations exercises to replicate scenarios that may occur when the station is fully open.

With Trial Operations having started on the central section in November, the railway will enter its next stage with larger exercises involving staff and partner organisations imminently. Trial Operations is the final phase of the programme before the line opens for passenger services between Paddington and Abbey Wood in the first half of this year.

TfL has also announced that passenger services will commence in the first half of 2022 with services through the central section running between Abbey Wood and Paddington alongside the existing services from Paddington and Liverpool Street.

Significant progress was made towards completing the new railway over Christmas with planned upgrades taking place and work continuing at Bond Street. The latest Siemens signalling software for the railway was commissioned along with the updated Alstom train software installed on trains. There were also upgrades to both the control communications system and the tunnel ventilation system.

## **London's trial of rental e-scooters exceeds milestone of half a million trips**

Transport for London (TfL) and e-scooter operators Dott, Lime and TIER have released new data that shows the progress made in trialling this new form of transport in the capital in a safe and legal way. More than 585,000 trips have now been made, covering a total of 1.6 million kilometres. Around 180,000 people have used the scheme to date and the most rides by a single user was more than 300 trips. The busiest month for the trial was October, as people returned to offices and the London Borough of Camden joined the scheme, and the most popular hour to ride an e-scooter is between 6 and 7pm.

The London trial has expanded significantly over the first eight months since it launched. The number of vehicles available to hire has increased sixfold to 3,585 vehicles and the number of boroughs participating in the trial has doubled. There are now more than 420 designated parking locations across the trial area, with plans to expand this number over the coming year to further increase parking density. The operators use an entirely zero-emission fleet powered by 100 per cent renewable energy for their operations. As we continue to recover from the pandemic, e-scooters can play a role in urban transport systems offering greener and more sustainable alternatives to the car.

## **TfL asks people to have their say on future of landmark scheme on Bishopsgate**

On 26 January, Transport for London (TfL) launched a six-month public consultation into the future of a major walking and cycling scheme on the A10 Bishopsgate. New data suggests that the scheme has led to an improvement in bus journey times and is supporting thousands of safer cycle journeys each day.

This data suggests that these changes have played a vital role in supporting sustainable travel along the corridor. Enabling more people to walk, cycle and use public transport will be an essential part the capital's successful recovery from the pandemic. TfL data shows that the performance of buses on the Bishopsgate corridor has significantly improved since the changes were introduced. Northbound bus journey times along Bishopsgate are 38 per cent lower now than they were before the pandemic, with southbound journey times 26 per cent lower.

TfL data also demonstrates that very high numbers of people are using the Bishopsgate scheme to cycle, with monitoring so far showing that there have been up to 8,000 people cycling per day on Bishopsgate. These numbers are despite a drop in the number of people travelling in central London during the covid-19 lockdowns and Government advice for people to work from home

These changes have made a huge difference to the way people travel along Bishopsgate. It has become safer and more comfortable for both pedestrians and cyclists, and bus journey times have also reduced thanks to the new vehicle restrictions on the road. As we aim to get more Londoners walking, cycling and using public transport, schemes like this are vital to ensure that people feel safe enough to do so. We want to hear what people think of this scheme.

## **Fire and Resilience**

### **London Strategic Coordinating Group**

My Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, continued to co-chair regular virtual meetings of the London Strategic Coordinating Group to discuss London's response to Covid-19.

### **COVID-19 MPs updates**

On 14 January, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, chaired a virtual meeting on behalf of London's SCG to update London's MPs on the city's response to Covid-19.

### **OHID/NHS conference call**

On 20 January and 3 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, and I attended meetings with Regional Directors of the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and NHS London to receive an update on London's response to Covid-19.

### **Stand down of Major Incident**

On 21 January I announced, as Chair of the London Resilience Forum, the standing down of the Covid-19 related 'major incident' status in London. The city will remain on high alert due to the significant threat COVID-19 and the Omicron variant still poses in the capital.

### **Fire Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee**

On 3 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, attended the London Assembly's Fire Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee to discuss the London Fire Brigade's (LFB) request for an extension to the London Safety Plan, LFB's progress on the LFB's Transformation Plan, delivery on the recommendations from the Grenfell Phase 1 Report and HMICFRS inspection, and Brigade performance.

### **Meeting with Nazir Afzal OBE, Chair of London Fire Brigade's Culture Review**

On 8 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, attended a meeting with Nazir Afzal OBE to discuss the progress made on London Fire Brigade's Culture Review.

### **Counter Terror Preparedness Network**

On 9 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, attending the international Board meeting of the Counter Terror Preparedness Network.

### **London Assembly Plenary**

On 10 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, attended the London Assembly's plenary meeting to discuss the work of the London Fire Brigade.

## Growth, Skills and Regeneration

### **Building BloQs**

On 10 February, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe joined Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of Enfield Council, to officially open the newly completed headquarters of Building BloQs – London’s biggest maker space and Europe’s largest open-access factory – as part of Enfield Council’s flagship £6bn Meridian Water Development. Building BloQs has benefitted from £1.3m in GLA Regeneration funds and is a great example of area-based physical and economic regeneration; providing affordable and suitably equipped workspace alongside skills development and training to help Londoners find meaningful employment. My Deputy Mayor saw first-hand the new facilities, tradespeople and artisan creators in action and met maker members and pupils from West Lea School - young people with learning difficulties using Building BloQs to learn key employment skills.

### **Grand opening of UK Harvest’s Nourish Hub**

‘Nourish Hub’ officially launched on 10 February. Awarded £1.1 million from my Good Growth Fund and working in partnership with charities Groundwork and UK Harvest, the project will cook up to 200 healthy meals each day for local people. The initiative aims to tackle food poverty and combat social isolation and provide education programmes and training to support employment. Activity is focused on challenging and changing our relationship with food through experience, education and building close links to the local community. It aims to protect the environment by rescuing good food destined for landfill and to educate on nutrition, cookery skills and fighting food waste in the home.

## Housing

### **New services and initiatives to support migrant rough sleepers in London**

Throughout January, I redeployed staff from my No Second Night Out service to the Crisis at Christmas hotel to support the people staying there to sustainably move on before it closed. As a result, my team were able to provide an offer of accommodation to end their homelessness to almost 90 per cent of the 173 people with whom they worked.

On 10 January, my rough sleeping team launched three new services and initiatives to support migrant rough sleepers in London. These are providing wrap-around assessment alongside emergency accommodation to rough sleepers with medium to high support needs and unclear entitlements, a training programme to upskill the homelessness and migrant sectors to better support non-UK national rough sleepers, and bespoke support to Roma rough sleepers.

## **Calls for Construction Worker Temporary Visa Scheme**

On 13 January, I called on Government to create a temporary visa scheme for construction workers to alleviate the debilitating double impact of Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic on London's building workforce. Specifically, I proposed that ministers create a Coronavirus Recovery Visa to help sectors that are struggling with shortages of workers, including construction. The visa should offer at least 12 months to work in the UK and be appropriately tailored to sectors like construction where many workers prefer to work on a self-employed basis. I also called for a regional shortage occupation list that allows London and other cities to attract and retain staff in sectors with acute labour shortages.

My lobbying in this area responds to shocking new statistics that show the vacancy rate in the construction sector is at its highest level in 20 years, putting London's Covid-19 recovery programme and affordable housing delivery at risk. I established the Mayor's Construction Academies in 2018 to address some of these longstanding challenges, which have seen more than 24,500 Londoners complete construction training since their launch. Training more Londoners to take on jobs in the construction sector is an admirable aim and one we're working hard to meet but, in the meantime, this more immediate lobbying will help us to get skilled tradespeople on site now to manage the short-term crisis and build a strong recovery.

## **Rising cost of construction**

On Friday 28 January, I released further analysis showing that the double impact of the pandemic and Brexit is forcing up the cost of building materials and causing workforce shortages, which is slowing house-building progress in London.

Government data show that the cost of construction materials, such as steel, timber and concrete for all types of work rose by 23 per cent last year. Meanwhile, separate industry data suggest the inflation of construction materials reached a 40-year high in the third quarter of 2021.

I have warned Ministers that these issues are likely to have a significant impact on the delivery of much-needed homes in the capital, and repeated my call for the Government to provide additional grant funding for affordable housing in London to reflect the growing financial pressures on councils and housing associations.

## **Deputy Mayor speaks at youth homelessness event**

On 25 January, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley spoke at an event on the scale of youth homelessness, organised by charity, Centrepoint.

My Deputy Mayor spoke about how youth homelessness continues to be a major problem in our city, including the most acute form of homelessness: rough sleeping. He set out the steps we are taking to ensure fewer young people become homeless, and to help those who do find themselves with nowhere to call home.

As part of our unprecedented response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we found hotel accommodation for more than 500 younger people under 35 and, overall, 86 per cent of those who passed through these hotels did not return to the streets. This was in part thanks to my 'In for Good' principle, meaning that once someone has accessed his rough sleeping services, they are accommodated until a support plan is in place to end their rough sleeping.

My Deputy Mayor also set out how we are determined to do what we can to support those organisations working directly with young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Last year my Winter Rough Sleeping Fundraising Campaign raised more than £100,000. This cash directly benefited four charities working with young homeless people in London: Depaul, The Albert Kennedy Trust, New Horizons Youth Centre and Centrepoint. I'm delighted to be continuing to support these charities again this year. Using some of the money raised by the fundraising campaign last year, I was pleased to join with London Councils to support a ground-breaking, new pan-London youth rough sleeping support service, offering accommodation for 40 young people who are or at immediate risk of rough sleeping.

## **The Economy, Business and Enterprise**

### **London Covid Business Forum**

On 1 February, I convened a meeting of the London Covid Business Forum, through which we have been working with business to progress the 'Roadmap to the Safe and Full Reopening of London's Economy'. The Forum discussed issues relating to businesses' responses to the recent Government announcement on the full return to Plan A and impacts of the Omicron variant and the Covid booster campaign.

### **Business Ready podcast launch**

In January, my London Business Hub launched a new podcast series [\*Business Ready\*](#) themed around the concept of business resilience for SMEs. Each episode features interviews with industry experts and business owners who have valuable insight on current issues impacting small businesses such as digital and technology solutions, going net zero and recruitment.

### **Technology Adoption Pilot**

In February, the Greater London Authority in partnership with Be The Business, is delivering a business support and digital skills pilot for small businesses based in London. The pilot consists of one-to-one mentoring and a series of workshops that will provide hands on support to a cohort of businesses from sectors adversely affected by Covid-19. The workshops will provide expert guidance, business diagnostics and introduce business leaders to the London Business Hub's Technology Adoption Service (TAS), a platform designed to help London's small businesses boost their productivity, growth and enable them to get the most out of technology. The outputs of the pilot will support the future development of TAS.

## **Business engagement**

On 19 January, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal met with Ryan Johnson, Corporate Vice-President of Enterprise Holdings and discussed transition to a greener and healthier London through mobility hubs and mobility credits.

On 20 January, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal provided an opening address at a joint Federation of Small Business and Fintech Circle conference. He highlighted the opportunities London and the fintech sector can provide to growing businesses.

On 25 January, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal spoke to hospitality businesses at a roundtable to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the hospitality sector and City Hall's support including Let's Do London.

On 27 January, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal spoke about the important role of the capital's industrial businesses and their future land needs at Centre for London's launch of the independent Industrial Land Commission report 'Making Space: Accommodating London's Industrial Future'.

On 8 February, I met with Deloitte's London Senior Partner and Vice Chair, Zahir Bokhari. We discussed Deloitte's work in London and key themes in the London Recovery Programme.

## **Environment**

### **Tackling toxic air pollution**

On 11 January, I visited Francis Road in Leyton, where traffic has been reduced and local people and businesses are reaping the benefits. I spoke to a number of businesses, including Helen Clark of Edie Rose Florists.

My visit drew attention to new figures released about the cost of traffic congestion to the capital. He warned that unless efforts increase to deliver a green, sustainable recovery from the pandemic, London could move from one public health and economy crisis to another, caused by filthy air and gridlocked roads.

On 27 January, I [published new data](#) showing that emissions of toxic air from road transport in outer London are not reducing at the same rapid speed as in central and inner London. Road transport emissions in central and inner London reduced by 42 per cent between 2016 and 2019 whereas in outer London the reduction was just 22 per cent. There have been dramatic improvements in London's air quality since 2016, particularly in central and inner London, confirming that measures I've implemented have helped transform the capital's air. However, this data shows that more action is needed to address the climate crisis and the damaging impact of toxic air pollution

## **Electric Vehicle infrastructure**

On 11 January, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues met with Ram Ramachander, the Chief Digital Officer in the Social Innovation Business Division at Hitachi Europe. This meeting explored the work that Hitachi are doing that supports understanding electric vehicle charging demands. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues provided an update on my work to support the transition to electric vehicles (EVs) in London including exploring approaches for improving London's electric vehicle charging and energy demands.

On 18 January, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues gave a keynote speech at the third annual conference of the City & Financial Global's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Summit. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues spoke about my work to support the transition to electric vehicles (EVs) in London including the rollout of EV charging infrastructure, and the recent publication of my London's 2030 EV Infrastructure Strategy [here](https://tfl.gov.uk/ruc-cdn/static/cms/documents/london-2030-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-strategy-december-2021.docx):

<https://tfl.gov.uk/ruc-cdn/static/cms/documents/london-2030-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-strategy-december-2021.docx>

## **Meeting with C40 Staff**

On 11 January, I held a welcome meeting with C40 staff to introduce my aims and ambitions as the newly elected Chair of C40 Cities. In the meeting I set out my priorities of shifting the focus of the organisation to immediate action, ensuring the link is made between health and climate and promoting a green and just recovery. I answered questions from C40 staff on food waste, building energy efficiency and inclusive climate action with examples of where London is leading the way, and also how C40 can support other cities in sharing learning and best practice.

## **Green New Deal Expert Advisory Group**

On 19 January, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues and Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, co-chaired the regular Green New Deal Expert Advisory Group. The meeting covered updates on GLA's and London Councils' work and reports around green jobs and skills research, a look forward to the retrofitting summit in February and the recently published pathways to net zero carbon 2030 report.

## **Meeting with Adam Freed, Bloomberg Associates**

On 21 January, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues met with Adam Freed, Bloomberg Associates. The meeting reviewed BA's advice and support for my Environment agenda in 2021. Mapping of London's climate risks and creation of the Business Climate Challenge were highlighted as successes. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues suggested areas of interest for 2022, including more detailed climate risk mapping and an analysis of carbon offsetting opportunities in London. BA will write to the GLA in February about future projects. Their climate risk mapping for the GLA can be seen [here](#).



## **Faith Communities and the Green New Deal Roundtable**

On 20 January, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues and Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, co-hosted a roundtable to engage London's diverse faith communities with London's green recovery. This forms part of the Green New Deal mission, and the objective to 'engage Londoners and businesses in their journey to become a zero-pollution and greener city'. The roundtable featured presentations from the Deputy Mayors and Assistant Director for Environment and Energy, Catherine Barber, to outline the Green New Deal and explain how faith communities can help accelerate environmental action in the city and help tackle issues of climate justice. Faith leaders were then able to join discussions to highlight successful projects they are already running, discuss barriers to environmental participation and learn about the funding and support available to them.

## **Surface Water Flooding Roundtable**

On 19 January, Deputy Mayors for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues and Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross co-chaired the 5th Roundtable on surface water flooding. The roundtable brings together key organisations with a role or responsibilities for managing surface water flooding in London. The meeting included updates from key partners on progress against actions on reducing surface water flood risk and improving processes and partner and public comms. The meeting also included an update from the Task and Finish Group which is addressing the longer term risks of surface water flooding, including setting out the emerging [recommendations](#) from the Task and Finish Group alongside an update on the Roundtable Progress Report and Thames Water's independent review of the surface water flooding.

## **LSDC 'Just transition' conference**

On 25 January, the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC) ran an event to explore what is needed to drive London's fair and 'just transition' to a zero carbon future. My Deputy Chief of Staff, Richard Watts gave the keynote speech which focussed on a green and fair recovery and the link between the environment and inequalities. He set out how we are laying the foundations to support green jobs and skills to support the trajectory to meet net zero by 2030.

The findings from the conference will help shape the LSDC future work on the just transition over the coming year.

## Education and Youth

### Meeting with Secretary of State for Education

On 12 January, I was pleased to meet with Nadhim Zahawi MP, Secretary of State for Education. This was our first meeting since the Secretary of State's appointment to this role in September, and I was joined by Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families.

We discussed a number of key challenges posed by the pandemic, including, school staff and pupil absences; the supply of CO2 monitors and air purifiers to schools; the need for a rapid roll out of mental health support in schools and the expected DfE SEND review. We also discussed London's skills offer and the benefits of devolution to better tailor support to London's needs. I raised my concerns relating to the Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs) and the need to ensure that the GLA has a formal role in the sign off of LSIPs in London. We talked about the benefits of data sharing and the Secretary of State said he was passionate about sharing more data with us as he knew how well it worked when he was Vaccines Minister.

### Meeting with the Peer Outreach Team

On 12 January, Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, and I met with members of my Peer Outreach Team. They're a group of 15 to 25-year-olds from across the capital, who I commission to help shape policies, strategies and services. These young people have diverse life experiences and (at the time they join the Peer Outreach Team), aren't in full-time employment, education or training.

During our meeting, the Team updated me about some of the brilliant work they're doing to make London a better city for children and young people to live and thrive in. This includes work such as recent events for World Mental Health Day and Leaving Care Week.

It's extremely important for me to hear from young Londoners in this way and ensure I do all I can to reflect their views across our work at the GLA. I also took part in a Q&A session with the Team, giving them a chance to put their questions to me too. I'm very much looking forward to catching up with the Team again in July.

## Culture

### **Liberty Festival 2022 – Work-in-progress projects**

On 28 January I was delighted to support an event sharing the eight work-in-progress projects that received funding via my Liberty Open Call fund for research and development work by D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent artists. These eight innovative works include a sign language hip hop drama, a working café with a diverse range of sculpted customers and illuminated trees to raise awareness of pollution levels.

Liberty is an annual free festival offering an inclusive, accessible, and cultural experience for multigenerational audiences, and has been presented in various locations across London since 2003. In 2019 it was developed into a touring festival, taking D/deaf and disabled arts to local communities when it was embedded into the flagship programme, London Borough of Culture.

### **Pride 2022**

On January 28, I announced that pride in London will return to London's streets this summer.

The event, which hasn't taken place for the last two years due to the pandemic, on July 2 will see our LGBTQ+ communities and allies come together for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The march of solidarity and celebration has had a huge impact on our society over the last five decades, and by joining together this summer we will again show the world that London is a beacon of inclusiveness, acceptance and diversity.

## Communities and Social Policy

### **Roundtable with civil society organisations responding to the needs of Afghan arrivals**

On 25 January, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard hosted a roundtable bringing together civil society organisations who worked to respond to the needs of Afghan arrivals to London. The roundtable reflected on the emergency response and marked the recent opening of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), it also highlighted my role in championing community sponsorship of refugees.

### **London Informed Big Conversation vaccine engagement event**

On 11 January, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard hosted a London Informed Big Conversation vaccine engagement event alongside Professor Kevin Fenton, London's Regional Director for Public Health, and Martin Machray, Joint Chief Nurse for London. The event was hosted virtually for community groups and community leaders to ask questions on Covid-19 vaccines. More than 200 people attended the event.

### **Live Twitter Spaces vaccine engagement event for young Londoners**

On 19 January, my Community Engagement team worked with youth-led organisation My Life My Say and Professor Kevin Fenton, London's Regional Director of Public Health, alongside other health professionals, to host a live Twitter Spaces vaccine engagement event for young Londoners. More than 1,300 people have listened to the session either live or via the recording to date.

### **Online virtual vaccine engagement webinar for pregnant women**

On 3 February, my Community Engagement team worked with Maternity Action and Nina Khazaezadeh, Deputy Chief Midwife for London, to host a virtual vaccine engagement webinar for pregnant women

## **Health**

### **Pandemic Response**

I have continued to meet regularly with senior leaders from the London NHS, from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and from the Office for Health Promotion and Disparities (OHID), including with my statutory health adviser. I have been briefed on the epidemiology of the Omicron wave of the pandemic. UKHSA colleagues have updated me on the availability of testing, following the earlier problems with supply, and the importance of people registering the results of tests they take. Following the Government's decision to end Plan B measures, I have continued to reinforce key public health messages linked to Plan A including wearing face coverings; maintaining safe distancing and ventilating indoor spaces; testing; self-isolation and the importance of vaccination.

I have also discussed progress with the NHS vaccination programme across London, including the hyperlocal approach developed by NHS colleagues to maximise uptake, including of first-ever doses, within local communities, particularly those in deprived areas where rates of infection have been high for some time. I have passed on my thanks to all the frontline staff and volunteers. I have been briefed regularly on the impact on hospitals of both patients needing hospitalisation and intensive care treatment, and of staff absences on the ability of the already over-stretched services to cope with Covid-19 patients and with making inroads into waiting lists for other treatments.

I have been reassured over the period that case numbers and hospitalisations have fallen considerably from their peak, and continue show further small reductions, though daily case rates appear to be plateauing at stubbornly high levels, and numbers of people in hospital with Covid-19 also remain at about 2.5 times the levels during October 2021.

My communications team continue to work closely with health and care partners to ensure that messages are aligned and to amplify key messages and advice for Londoners.

## **National HIV Testing Week**

I am pleased to be supporting National HIV Testing Week which started on 7 February. This campaign promotes regular testing among the most-affected population groups in England. Regular testing helps to reduce the number of people living with undiagnosed HIV and those diagnosed late. Testing for HIV is quick and easy, all it takes is a finger-prick test. People can live with HIV for a long time without any symptoms, testing is the only way to know your HIV status. If you have HIV, finding out means you can start treatment, stay healthy and avoid passing the virus on to anyone else. There are many ways to test – at a sexual health clinic, your GP, through HIV and sexual health charities or by ordering a test online. Anyone diagnosed with HIV in London and the UK can access free treatment and support.

## **Great Mental Health Day 2022**

On the 28 January, London hosted its first ever Great Mental Health Day across the region. I was pleased to support the day by sharing my own [video message](#) with Londoners encouraging open conversations about mental health. The pandemic has taken a heavy toll on our mental health, and I urge anyone who is struggling to remember that help and support is out there.

Organised by London's councils, health and community organisations, and supported by myself and the NHS in London, Great Mental Health Day 2022 aimed to encourage Londoners to talk about mental health, to understand that it's good to ask for help, and to learn more about the local support available to them.

Great Mental Health Day saw organisations and individuals across the city come together to host a range of activities designed to boost mood and improve resilience. As part of the day, there were free, online events for Londoners to take part in, including introductory sessions to yoga and meditation. Meanwhile I was pleased to see lots of local events and activities taking place right across London to mark the day.

## **Final meeting of London's Child Obesity taskforce (Health)**

In 2018 I convened London's child obesity taskforce as part of my commitment to address the high number of children in London living above a healthy weight. On the 26 January I joined the final meeting of the taskforce as their three-year term came to an end.

The meeting provided an opportunity to reflect on what action has taken place across London to support children and families, particularly those living in the most challenging circumstances. It is understood that the challenge of child obesity remains, and further action is urgently needed.

In recognition of these challenges the taskforce will transition into my new Mayor's advisory group on healthy weight, chaired by Dr Tom Coffey. The Advisory Group will meet for the remainder of my Mayoral term to provide advice and counsel.

## **Team London, Sports and Volunteering**

### **Youth Summit on Food Justice**

On 21 January, I hosted a school youth summit with young Londoners on food poverty, equity and justice, and the actions young Londoners could take to support those affected by food instability. Speakers included Becky Odoi, an 18-year-old Londoner who joined Bite Back 2030's London Youth Board earlier this year and Alice Handleman-Pedroza, from The Felix Project - a London-based charity that redistributes food to those who need it. More than 1,600 young people from schools across London attended from their classrooms. The event was delivered by Big Ideas as part of my Team London Young Ambassadors programme.

### **Team London Volunteers**

On 28 January at the Liberty festival, my Team London volunteers supported eight work-in-progress artistic projects from D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent artists who were awarded funding from my Liberty Fund. The fund was created to support and celebrate D/deaf, disabled and neurodiverse artists who have been disproportionately affected by Covid-19. A total of 14 of my volunteers supported this event, assisting with visitor welcome, registration and sign posting, as well as being on hand to help artists set up their stations and display their work in-progress.

Liberty 2022 takes place in July with a three-day programme of performances, participatory workshops, a symposium and interactive installations for audiences of all ages. As part of the festival delivered in partnership with Lewisham London Borough of Culture 2022, visitors can expect works by internationally recognised D/deaf and disabled artists as well as contributions from local communities and organisations.

### **Sport Unites Fund**

On 27 January, my Community Sport team selected a further 14 projects to be awarded Sport Unites grants, allocating a further £226,000 to community sport projects which are supporting at least 800 Londoners. The Sport Unites Fund is for projects that use sport and physical activity to tackle social issues and improve wellbeing. Projects range from helping the most inactive people to increase their activity; improving people's mental health and wellbeing; decreasing isolation/loneliness; strengthening connections across communities; and reducing serious youth violence.

The fund was launched in July 2021 and closed to new applications on 26 November 2021. It received a total of 364 applications across two grant streams: grants of up to £10,000 and grants of up to £50,000. In 2021, it awarded £535,690 to 29 community groups and organisations, supporting at least 2,000 Londoners in projects that will be delivered up until the end of December 2022. Applications for grants were received from all London boroughs, and funding has been awarded (including in principle) to projects in 30 London boroughs and the City of London.

## **London Legacy Development Corporation**

### **London Stadium and Copper Box Arena**

The action has continued at London Stadium over this period, with an FA Cup Third Round win for West Ham United against Leeds United on 9 January, and three Premier League home games against Norwich (12 January), Leeds United (16 January) and Watford (8 February) respectively. It's been a similarly busy period for Copper Box Arena, with crowds enjoying a string of London Lions' home games as they continue through the FIBA Europe Cup season as well as the Quad Netball Series final on 18 January which saw England's Vitality Roses sadly beaten by the Australian Diamonds.

### **London Festival of Architecture**

On 13 January, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park was named as one of the London Festival of Architecture destinations for 2022, with a diverse programme of activity starting in the spring including a range of exhibitions, publications and events.

### **Green Infrastructure Guide**

LLDC published a new Green Infrastructure Guide on 21 January, setting out the Corporation's vision for integrated green infrastructure. The Guide will provide a vital tool to help other urban regeneration projects tackle climate and biodiversity emergencies as well as social inequalities, in line with the policies I have set out in the London Plan.

### **Hackney Wick Masterplan**

Notting Hill Genesis recently submitted a Reserved Matters Application to transform LLDC sites around Hackney Wick station into a new neighbourhood centre. If approved the plans will provide 190 new homes, 50 percent of which will be affordable. Creatives and small businesses will also benefit from more than 4,000sqm of commercial space (24 per cent of which will be secured as low cost), while the wider area will benefit from new high-quality public realm.

### **East Careers Week**

Applications have opened for teachers to sign their students up for East Careers Week 2022, offering local 14-18 year olds an exciting, free online programme as part of National Careers Week in March. Delivered in collaboration with world-leading East Bank partners BBC, UCL, UAL's London College of Fashion and V&A as well as a variety of local partners, the East Education-led programme will offer a range of employability skills workshops and 'Industry Insight' sessions.

### **LLDC Board Appointments**

On 19 January, I appointed four new members to the LLDC Board Gurpreet Dehal and Phil Mead join former Legacy Youth Board member Gabrielle Appiah and Paralympic Gold Medallist Helene Raynsford, bringing experience in finance and audit; the management and running of large venues; and sports and disability.

### **3 Mills Development**

I was delighted to announce further investment into the Thames Estuary Production Corridor with £3million funding via the GLA as part of the Government's Getting Building Fund to support the renovation and modernisation of several of the historic buildings at 3 Mills Studios. A further £1.9million from CIL funding and additional investments will bring the total investment to c£6million helping to create new and improved lettable spaces to support film and television production businesses while ensuring 3 Mills Studios' heritage is preserved.

## **Planning**

### **Large-scale Purpose-built Shared Living London Plan Guidance**

On 28 January we began public engagement on draft London Plan Guidance (LPG) on large-scale purpose-built shared living. This guidance provides information on how to apply London Plan Policy H16 to ensure large-scale purpose-built shared living developments (sometimes called "co-living") are of acceptable quality, well-managed and integrated into their surroundings.

The guidance sets out detailed standards for communal spaces and private rooms to ensure developments provide good quality and sufficient communal facilities for residents and their visitors as well as functional private rooms. This guidance provides details to ensure well-managed, safe and secure places for a mix of users and sets out a requirement for a proportion of rooms to be accessible. The guidance provides support to boroughs to provide an appropriate range of housing, including affordable housing, through their local policies.

The public engagement will close on 27 March.

### **Local plans**

*London Borough of Richmond* response to Regulation 18 'The Best for our Borough' Consultation. On 31 January the GLA responded on my behalf to this consultation providing guidance to ensure the borough's emerging Local Plan is consistent with the London Plan 2021.

*London Borough of Waltham Forest* response to Regulation 19 Site Allocations Local Plan. On 31 January the GLA responded on my behalf to this consultation stating that the plan is not in general conformity with London Plan in respect of its approach to industrial land.

### **Royal Docks and Beckton Riverside Opportunity Area Planning Framework (OAPF) Public Consultation**

On 7 February 2022 the GLA published the draft Royal Docks and Beckton Riverside Opportunity Area Planning Framework (RD+BR OAPF) for a 6 week consultation until 21 March 2022.



The Royal Docks and Beckton Riverside Opportunity Area (RD+BR OA) is one of the largest regeneration areas in London and is in the heart of the Thames Gateway. The RD+BR OAPF is being prepared jointly by the London Borough of Newham (LBN), Greater London Authority (GLA) Planning, GLA Royal Docks team and Transport for London (TfL).

The RD+BR OAPF sets a 20 year strategy for the OA up to 2041, and aims to:

- Review the development opportunity in areas with good transport access
- Present a strategy for industrial land
- Outline the opportunities associated with a future DLR extension to Beckton Riverside and how these could be supported

The current consultation is the third round of public engagement the GLA have undertaken whilst developing the draft OAPF. Preparing the RD+BR OAPF in partnership with communities and key stakeholders helps to ensure that strategic and local issues within the OA are meaningfully addressed in a way that aligns with local priorities and aspirations.

The current formal consultation invites feedback via a dedicated digital engagement platform, post, and email. The GLA also welcomes participation in virtual engagement events which are scheduled for March 2022, where people can learn about the OAPF and ask questions. Following the formal consultation, the OAPF with final revisions will be adopted as London Plan Guidance (LPG) in summer 2022.

### **Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)**

*Land On The Corner Of Briant And Besson Street, LB Lewisham*

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

*Land bounded by 2-10 Bethnal Green Road, Huntingdon Industrial Estate and 30-32 Redchurch Street, 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.

*Land at John Street, Stratford, LB Newham*

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

*Site bounded by Brook Street, Davies Street and South Molton Lane, Westminster*

I have written to the City of Westminster stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Gallions View Nursing Home, RB Greenwich*

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

### **Delegated Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)**

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

#### *Marian Place Gasholders Site, LB Tower Hamlets*

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

#### *706 To 720, High Road, Goodmayes, Ilford, LB Redbridge*

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

#### *334 - 348 Oxford Street, 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.

#### *The Roehampton Club, LB Wandsworth*

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

#### *Stanford House, 9, Hayes, LB Hillingdon*

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

#### *Alton Estate, LB Wandsworth*

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

#### *922 - 930 Purley Way, LB Croydon*

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

#### *Land at Blackwall Yard, Blackwall Way, London, E14 2EH, LB Tower Hamlets*

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

#### *Stockley House, 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.

#### *14-21 Holborn Viaduct, City of London*

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

*ExCel 1 Western Gateway Canning Town London E16 1XL, LB Newham*

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

*Hampton Swimming Baths, LB Richmond Upon Thames*

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

*79-161 Ilderton Road, LB Southwark*

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

*Greenwich Peninsula Masterplan and plots 18.02 and 18.03, RB Greenwich*

I have written to the Royal Borough of Greenwich 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:

- Plumstead / West Thamesmead (PWT), RB Greenwich
- 3 Culvert Road SW11 5AU, LB Wandsworth
- 57-59 Lombard Road SW11 3RX, LB Wandsworth
- Riverside Business Centre, LB Wandsworth
- Former Homebase Site, LB Barnet
- 3 VIVEASH CLOSE HAYES, LB Hillingdon
- Frogmore Industrial Estate, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corp
- Safari Cinema, LB Harrow
- Church Street Sites A, B and C, LB Westminster
- 61 - 71 Victoria Street, LB Westminster
- Land at Legacy Wharf Phase 2 and Land at Legacy Wharf Phase 3, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Kennington Stage, LB Lambeth
- 6 St John's Road, LB Brent
- Former Catholic Club, RB Greenwich
- 181 Talgarth Road, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Marshgate Phase II, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Potters Farm, LB Bromley
- Woolwich Central, RB Greenwich
- Land at Tudor Works, Beaconsfield Road, LB Hillingdon
- Land at Nine Elms bounded by Nine Elms Lane to the north, the U.S. Embassy to the east and Ponton Road to the south and west, LB Wandsworth
- Marlowe Road Estate redevelopment scheme revised Phases 2B and 3, LB Waltham Forest
- Exmouth Estate, LB Tower Hamlets
- 87 Cleveland Street W1, Westminster

- Land at Legacy Wharf Phase 2 and Land at Legacy Wharf Phase 3, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Harrow View West, LB Harrow
- Eastfields Estate, LB Merton
- Armourer's Court, Woolwich Crossrail Station, RB Greenwich
- West One Shopping Centre, Westminster
- High Road West, LB Haringey
- Crone Court, Craik Court and Zangwill House, LB Brent
- Westminster Industrial Estate, Charlton Riverside, RB Greenwich
- Land Comprising Harriot, Apsley and Pattison Houses and the Redcoat community centre

## Key engagements

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

- I held my regular planning decisions meeting on 10 January
- I visited a Low Traffic Neighbourhood on Francis Road on 11 January
- I spoke with C40 Staff and took questions on 11 January
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 11 January
- I met with the Mayor's Peer Outreach Team on 12 January
- I met with the Secretary of State for Education, Nadhim Zahawi, on 12 January
- I took questions from members of the public at my regular 'Speak to Sadiq' session on LBC Radio on 13 January
- I held my regular meeting with the Assistant Met Commissioner on 13 January.
- I held my regular meeting with NHS and OHID leaders on 13 January
- I met with the Home Secretary on 19 January
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 20 January
- I held my regular meeting with NHS & OHID leaders on 20 January
- I spoke at the GLA Holocaust Memorial Day Service on 24 January
- I visited London Paddington to see progress on the Elizabeth Line on 24 January
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 25 January
- I attended the London Assembly Draft Budget Plenary on 26 January
- I chaired the final meeting of the London Childhood Obesity Taskforce on 26 January
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Commissioner on 26 January
- I participated in The Obama Foundation Leaders Europe roundtable on 26 January
- I officially launched the London Borough of Culture 2022 in Lewisham on 28 January
- I launched the Jobs & Skills marketing campaign and Academies programme on 31 January
- I spoke to the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove, on 1 Feb
- I chaired the London Covid Business Forum on 1 Feb
- I chaired the Transport for London Board on 2 February
- I met with the Met Commissioner on 2 Feb
- I visited The Evelina London Children's Hospital on 3 February
- I took questions at Peoples Question Time on 3 February
- I met with BBC Director General, Tim Davie on 7 February
- I held my regular planning decisions meeting on 7 February
- I chaired the Violence Reduction Unit, Partnership Reference Group on 8 February
- I met with London Council Leaders of 8 February
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 8 February
- I met with Zahir Bokhari, Senior Partner & Vice Chair, Deloitte on 8 February
- I visited Tower Hamlets to announce a new mentoring programme for young people on 9 February
- I joined HRH The Duchess of Cornwall on a visit to a Paddington Sexual Assault Referral Centre on 10 February.
- I met with Sir Edward Young, Private Secretary to HM the Queen on 10 February
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Commissioner on 10 February