

3rd Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 20 July 2016

This is my third Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 9th June – 6th July.

Executive Summary

EU Referendum

It is no secret that I believe London, and Britain, are better off within the EU, but the British people have clearly spoken and their democratic will must now be fulfilled.

There is no doubt we face big challenges ahead, but Britain can prosper outside the EU and London can continue to be the best place in the world to do business. We will continue to look outwards and trade and engage with the entire world - including the European Union.

So my message to Londoners and to businesses is that there is no need to panic and let's proceed in a calm and confident manner.

My focus in the weeks and months ahead will be to make it crystal clear that even though we will be outside of the EU, we should remain part of the single market. Leaving the single market of 500 million people - with its free-trade benefits - would be a mistake. I will be pushing the Government to ensure this is the cornerstone of the negotiations with the EU. It is crucial that London has a voice at the table during those renegotiations, alongside Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

We all have a responsibility to now seek to heal the divisions that have emerged throughout this period - and to focus on that which unites us, rather than that which divides us.

I want to send a particular message to the almost one million Europeans living in London, who make a huge contribution to our city - working hard, paying taxes and contributing to our civic and cultural life. You are welcome here. We value the enormous contribution you make to our city and that will not change as a result of this referendum.

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Appointments

I am delighted to have appointed Rajesh Agrawal as my Deputy Mayor for Business, Jules Pipe CBE as my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skill, and Justine Simons OBE as my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries.

Policing, Crime and Security

Calling on Londoners to stand together against hate crime

On 27 June, in the wake of the EU referendum result, I told Londoners that any form of Hate Crime would not be tolerated in our city.

In every corner of our city, including those areas where the majority voted to leave, people of all nationalities, races and religions live cheek by jowl, in harmony.

I am proud of our famed and well-deserved reputation for diversity. We don't just tolerate our differences, we celebrate them. Many people from all over world live and work here, contributing to every aspect of life in our city. I want to say to all that you are, and will continue to be, welcome in London and in all our communities.

I take seriously my responsibility to defend London's fantastic mix of diversity and tolerance, so it's really important we stand guard against any rise in hate crimes or abuse by those who might use last week's referendum as cover to seek to divide us. I've asked the police to be extra vigilant for any rise in cases of hate crime, and I'm calling on all Londoners to pull together and rally behind this great city.

I will ensure that addressing hate crimes will be a priority for the Met. We will have a zero-tolerance approach to any attempt to hurt and divide our communities.

It is also crucial that we don't demonise the 1.5 million people in London who voted for Brexit. While I and millions of others disagreed with their decision, people took it for a variety of reasons and this shouldn't be used to accuse them of being xenophobic or racist. We must respect their decision and work together now to get the best deal for London.

London's security must be at the heart of EU negotiations

On 6 July, I announced that I would put London's security at the heart of my demand for a seat at the negotiating table as the UK draws up terms for its departure from the European Union.

In my first joint London Assembly meeting with the Met Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan Howe, I highlighted how important the key relationships and systems built up with European partners over many years are to London's safety and security. I also promised to take the issue up with the Home Secretary.

Agreements such as the European Arrest Warrant and Prüm play a crucial role in allowing the police to do their jobs, helping to keep Londoners safe and bring offenders to justice. The European Arrest Warrant was successfully used in 2005 to extradite the failed 21 July bomber Hussein Osman to face justice in the UK in a matter of weeks.

Other conventions such as Europol, and the European Criminal Records Information System help combat crime and terrorism across borders through international cooperation and sharing forensic data like DNA and fingerprinting.

Transport

Crackdown on body image ads on the TfL network

On 13 June, I took action on a pledge made during my election campaign to ban advertisements that could pressurise people to conform to unhealthy or unrealistic body images.

From July, TfL will not allow ads which could reasonably be seen as likely to cause pressure to conform to an unrealistic or unhealthy body shape, or as likely to create body confidence issues, particularly among young people.

I also asked TfL to establish an Advertising Steering Group, including its advertising partners (Exterior Media and JCDecaux) and a range of stakeholders, reflecting the full diversity of London, to monitor TfL's approach to advertising and to keep its policy under regular review.

TfL will continue to support great advertising and the revised policy sets out more guidance for the industry and stakeholders on the considerations it takes into account in operating its advertising estate. TfL will continue to refer campaigns to the Committee of Advertising Practice to ensure that they meet Advertising Standards Authority regulations.

TfL will also publish an annual report which will include a review of the campaigns which have run on TfL's transport network.

TfL working with schools to inspire more women & young people to work in transport

On June 13, TfL announced that through the industry-wide Women in Transport programme some 12,500 volunteers have now signed up to help inspire and motivate the next generation – particularly young women – to consider a career in transport.

The group, from over 270 organisations, represent a huge array of roles in the industry and have volunteered their time to visit schools, provide work experience placements and present at careers fairs.

A new schools toolkit was also launched aimed at 11-16 year olds to help inspire young people to choose transport as a career and is being promoted through TfL's school engagement programme, as well as through social media channels.

This forms a key part of TfL's 100 Years of Women in Transport legacy campaign, which was created to encourage more women to explore careers in transport and improve diversity in the industry. There has already been some progress, with 23 per cent of TfL made up of women compared with 18 per cent in the transport industry across the EU, but more work needs to be done.

London's first Quietway route benefitting people walking and cycling between Greenwich and Waterloo opens

London's first Quietway route, a continuous sign-posted route linking Greenwich and Waterloo by quieter backstreet roads, was opened on 14 June.

The route passes through four London boroughs (Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham and the Royal Borough of Greenwich) and includes more than 2km of traffic-free paths for cyclists and improved pedestrian facilities throughout. Pedestrians will benefit from new or improved crossing facilities and wider footways alongside the improvements for cyclists, which will make the route safer and more attractive for walking as well as cycling.

Clearly marked with purple branded signage, Quietway 1 connects with other cycling routes in the area including the North-South Cycle Superhighway (CS6) at Webber Street and Cycle Superhighway 7 (CS7) at Great Suffolk Street.

TfL and Twitter join forces to launch world's first travel tweet alerts

Since 9 June, customers have been able to automatically receive alerts of severe delays on London Underground and TfL rail services as soon as they occur, helping them to avoid disruption. The service notifications via Twitter are sent straight to customers' mobile devices while they are on the go, or direct to their computer, free of charge as a 'Direct Message'. This is the first time that Twitter has partnered with a transport authority to provide live travel information in this way.

TfL and Twitter began piloting this world-first service whereby anyone who follows any combination of four existing TfL Twitter feeds (London Overground, TfL Rail, Central line and District line) would be able to opt-in to receive instant notifications about severe disruption. Obtaining live travel information via Twitter previously meant having to visit the relevant account or searching through your timeline for the latest tweets.

Following its initial success, it has now been expanded to cover all 14 line-specific LU and rail Twitter feeds. TfL will continue to assess feedback from the pilot over the summer and, dependent on customer feedback, could extend the service to alert drivers of disruption on key road corridors in the future.

Iconic transport typeface updated for the digital age

After 100 years of helping Londoners navigate their city, the iconic Johnston typeface is being updated by TfL for the digital age, complete with hashtag (#) and at (@) symbols for the first time.

As TfL's presence expands beyond stations to digital mediums including apps and social media, the updated typeface known as Johnston100 contains subtle changes to make it fit for purpose in the 21st century. This includes never-before designed symbols, such as # and @, which are now widely used in an environment where digital communications are as important as print.

The release of Johnston100 coincides with TfL and London Transport Museum's 'Transported by Design' programme, supported by Exterior Media, marking the impact of design on the transport network with a series of exhibitions, events and merchandise. This year marks the centenary of the original Johnston typeface.

Contract awarded to bring step-free access to Maryland, Manor Park and Seven Kings stations

TfL has awarded a contract to deliver step-free access at three stations as part of major station improvements ahead of Elizabeth line services commencing in December 2018. Maryland, Manor Park and Seven Kings stations will now become fully accessible.

The station improvements will include new lifts, walkways and footbridges to Seven Kings and Manor Park stations. Maryland ticket hall will also be remodelled as part of the improvements to the stations currently served by TfL Rail, which will become part of the Elizabeth line in 2018. Customers at these stations are already benefiting from having staff present from first to last train.

HOCHTIEF will deliver the station improvements, with work on site starting later this summer. Step-free access is expected to be available at the stations from late 2017. Major Network Rail work to upgrade stations and track is also ongoing at stations along the TfL Rail route to prepare the existing railway for the Elizabeth line.

Seminar on UK Transport and Infrastructure

On 23 June, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, attended a Briefing Circle discussion on "UK Transport infrastructure, priorities and programmes".

The Economy, Business, Enterprise and Regeneration

London must 'take back control'

On 28 June, I gave a keynote speech to top business leaders at The Times CEO Summit in which I demanded more autonomy for the capital in the aftermath of the EU referendum. The speech set out that London needs more autonomy in order to protect London's economy from the uncertainty ahead, to protect the businesses from around the world who trade here, and to protect jobs, wealth and prosperity.

I reassured people in the rest of the UK that they will benefit from more devolution for London because when London succeeds, the rest of the country succeeds too.

I also urged the Government to move fast on devolution, including the devolution of fiscal responsibility, including tax raising powers, as well as more control over business and skills, housing and planning, transport, health and policing and criminal justice.

Pledging support for stronger and healthier community projects

On 1 July, a sustainable fish and chip truck and a scheme to transform empty garages into affordable workshops were amongst 20 community-led projects which I have pledged to support.

The projects have been selected from over 60 ideas from community groups who want to regenerate their local area. They will each receive a pledge of up to £20,000 and were given the opportunity to drum up support at a live 'pitch and pledge' event at City Hall.

This ground-breaking programme, run in partnership with London-based civic crowdfunding website Spacehive, has been held up as an exemplar of innovative city government.

The 20 pledges are part of a larger programme which will invest £1.3 million in at least 80 community-led projects across the capital. In turn, thousands of Londoners are expected to pledge more than £1 million worth of additional crowdfunding, skills and resources to help the projects flourish.

As part of my commitment to making London a healthier city, this round of pledges has a special emphasis on healthy and sustainable food. Many of the crowdfunding campaigns will improve access to healthy food for local communities, as well as providing opportunities to take part in its production and preparation.

Another round of the crowdfunding programme will take place in autumn 2016. For further information please visit www.london.gov.uk/crowdfunding.

Hotel Elephant

On 30 June, the Spare Street Creative Enterprise space in Elephant and Castle was successfully launched. This is the first project to be delivered with support from the London Regeneration Fund (LRF). £86,900 capital funding has been provided for the refurbishment and fit out of the affordable workspace which will support up to 100 emerging artists and creative entrepreneurs. The project has been delivered in partnership with Hotel Elephant, Southwark Council and Network Rail.

Policy Forum for London Keynote Seminar

On 16 June, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, chaired the Policy Forum for London Keynote Seminar: *Regeneration in London - next steps for policy*.

Vietnamese Delegation

On 31 May, the Deputy Mayor Joanne McCartney gave a short speech when receiving a delegation of senior Vietnamese politicians alongside the Deputy Chair of the Assembly Jennette Arnold. The senior-level delegation was led by Madame Tong Thi Phong, Chairwoman of Vietnam's National Assembly and accompanied by HE Nguyen Van Thao, Vietnam's Ambassador to the UK. The delegation was on a fact finding visit to the UK covering many issues including trade and finance. The Deputy Mayor welcomed the delegation on behalf of the Mayor and spoke about the recent election of the Mayor and his priorities for London.

Housing, Land and Planning

Flagship Boris scheme failing to halt London homes being sold as 'golden bricks' overseas

On 22 June, I criticised the chronic failure of Boris Johnson's flagship scheme that aimed to stop new homes in the capital being sold first off-plan as 'golden bricks' to overseas investors.

The previous mayor's 'Concordat' scheme was originally unveiled as the solution to stop major developers advertising London homes abroad first for overseas buyers, many months before ordinary Londoners had the chance to purchase them. Over 50 developers signed up to the pledge to prioritise home buyers in the capital and the previous administration hailed the scheme a roaring success.

However, the previous mayor designed a toothless Concordat that meant homes could still be launched overseas at the same time they were made available in London, and that had no official Greater London Authority process of monitoring whether the signatories to the Concordat were keeping to their promises.

There were no powers or processes to enforce the marketing activities of the signatories, and when it was broken – as evidence suggests it has been – there was no effective sanction available to the mayor. Consequently, only one organisation was ever found to have breached the Concordat, and this was due to a national paper alerting the previous administration.

Environment

Unveiling action plan to battle London's toxic air

On 5 July, I launched plans for the toughest crackdown on the most polluting vehicles by any major city around the world. A £10 charge for the most polluting vehicles and an extended Ultra-Low Emission Zone are part of my major public consultation which I launched on the 60th anniversary of the Clean Air Act.

With around 9,500 Londoners dying from long-term exposure to air pollution every year and latest research revealing over 443 schools in the capital are in areas exceeding safe legal pollution levels, I want to take urgent action to help end London's 'public health emergency' and clean up the capital's filthy air.

From new charges for the oldest most polluting vehicles, to improved alerts for high-pollution episodes, I am asking Londoners for their views on my Clean Air Action plan. The public now have until Friday 29th July 2016 to feed back on the first round of the consultation, further more detailed consultation will take place later this year and some measures could be implemented as early as 2017.

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The Emissions Surcharge in 2017, followed by an expanded ULEZ in 2020, would be the toughest crackdown on the most polluting vehicles by any major city around the world.

On the 60th anniversary of the Clean Air Act, I delivered a keynote speech at the consultation launch and visited a Great Ormond Street Hospital specialist ward caring for children with a variety of respiratory conditions which are all adversely affected by poor air quality.

Hundreds of London schools exceed legal air quality levels

On 1 July, I released new figures that show the full extent of the city’s air quality crisis, with 443 schools across the capital now exceeding legal air pollution limits.

The statistics show the scale of the ongoing crisis facing the capital and I released details of the 100 primary and secondary schools in London which register the highest levels of pollutants such as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂).

These figures come off the back of our discovery that Boris Johnson had failed to inform Londoners how deprived schools in the capital were disproportionately affected by toxic air, and I therefore asked officials for an urgent update of the figures.

Worryingly, the up-to-date analysis shows that on top of the hundreds of primary schools exceeding NO₂ levels, there is now data revealing pollution levels around 86 secondary schools were also above legal levels, putting young Londoners at risk of breathing the city’s toxic air. Southwark, Westminster and Tower Hamlets were the three boroughs with the most number of primary and secondary schools in high pollution areas.

As part of my broader efforts to promote active travel and improve road safety, I have asked my officers and Transport for London officials to urgently develop a programme promoting cleaner air walking routes to school with the aim of encouraging young people to exercise and helping to reduce pollution.

Londoners should have been better informed on air quality

On 21 June, I revealed Londoners should have been better informed on more than 100 occasions during the last two and a half years about the dangers to their health from the capital's filthy air.

The statistics, from King's College London, show that the Saharan Dust episode in April 2014 was one of the 49 times air pollution climbed to moderate or higher that year. During the episode, the London ambulance service reported a 14 per cent rise in 999 calls for patients with respiratory issues and a higher than normal volume of calls from people with breathing difficulties, asthma and heart problems. There were a further 48 episodes of particularly poor air quality in 2015 - while this year has seen 22 incidents to date.

In the light of the new figures, I have directed Transport for London urgently to develop a package of alerts to better inform Londoners when air quality is at dangerous levels. Proposals currently being considered include roadside signs on the most polluted roads to alert Londoners when the air is dangerously bad, promoting the use of the free airTEXT service and a more effective use of social media and traditional media. I will announce details of this campaign shortly.

The previous mayor's interventions on the capital's air quality levels did simply not go far enough.

Decentralised Energy

My new £3.5m programme of support to help others develop and deliver their larger-scale decentralised energy projects secured its European Regional Development Fund contribution on 21 June. I am now procuring a new consultancy framework as the primary means of providing the expert help. The invitation to consultants to prequalify for the framework was published on 28 June 2016 and the framework will be in place in September. This programme will contribute towards my ambitious target to commit London to become a zero-carbon city by 2050 and to deliver on my manifesto pledges to generate more low-carbon energy and back district heating schemes.

Social Inclusion and Community Relations

City Hall ceremony honours British Armed Forces

On 20 June, I joined the London Assembly and members of the British Armed Forces for a flag-raising ceremony at City Hall, to honour the bravery and commitment of service personnel past and present, ahead of Armed Forces Day.

The annual flag-raising ceremony of thanks and remembrance was also an opportunity to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme and was attended by members of the Forces along with veterans, reserves, cadets and representatives from military charities.

The Chairman of the London Assembly Tony Arbour and senior military figures took part in the ceremony with the Band of the Coldstream Guards performing at the event for the first time.

Lieutenant Colonel David Utting from London District HQ gave a joint military response. The Armed Forces flag was raised by two cadets from the 56 (Woolwich) Squadron Air Training Corps.

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The hideous and cowardly act of terror we saw in Orlando was a brutal attack on LGBT people and an assault on everyone who holds dear our freedoms and our values. Let's be clear, we cannot be complacent, but neither must we allow this or any other similar atrocity to change the way Londoners go about their daily lives, or dent their confidence to be who they are in our great city.

This event reinforced the importance of Londoners remaining united against hate and I was proud to stand with Londoners and remind the world that no one should be frightened away from being who they are.

Meeting with Vice Mayor Ha

On Tuesday 31 May, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, met with counterpart Vice Mayor Ha for Political Affairs of the Seoul Municipal Government where they discussed the collaborative economy and social innovation, as well as co-operation between our two cities.

Battle of the Somme Commemoration Service

On 30 June, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, attended the Battle of the Somme Commemoration Service at Westminster Abbey on my behalf.

Education and Youth

London Curriculum

On 6 July, Jennette Arnold AM and my Mayoral Director of Policy Nick Bowes, attended an event at the London Transport Museum to announce our new partnership with the Mayor's Fund and BE OPEN.

This will fund the extension of the London Curriculum to primary schools. A pilot set of resources "Going Underground" will be tested over the next 4 months, rolling out to all primaries early in 2017. The event also launched new resources for secondary (key stage 3) which explore the application of science and computing in keeping London's transport system on the move.

The London Curriculum aims to bring learning to life inside and outside the classroom, inspired by the history, culture, people and places of London. Further details can be found at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/education-and-youth/london-curriculum>.

Youth Innovation Fund

On 27 June, the Education Team held an event for the Youth Innovation Fund, which is a programme to support young people aged 16 to 24 into sustained employment, education or training.

Over 120 organisations came to City Hall to find out more about the Fund. The prospectus for two of the projects is due to be launched later in the summer. One project will support care leavers into work, the other will help young people who have dropped out of their level 2 and 3 studies back into education or employment. Delivery is due to commence in autumn 2016 for a three year period.

Getting Ahead London

On 30 June, I revealed that around 60 deputy, assistant and associate headteachers from schools across 26 London Boroughs had successfully applied for a place on the new Getting Ahead London scheme. This will help talented senior leaders to become future headteachers in the capital. They will be expected to commit at least 7 days to the coaching, networking and wider opportunities we will make available over the course of the 2016/17 school year. The scheme is being delivered in partnership with PwC and the school improvement network, Challenge Partners.

There was strong interest among teachers, with applications from nearly 130 senior leaders in our schools and we are now working collaboratively with national training providers, Boroughs, Teaching Schools and others with the same aims of creating a new generation of quality headteachers. This is even more vital when three in five current London heads anticipate retiring in the next five years and there will be many new schools needed to accommodate the demand for 165,000 additional school places in London by 2025.

Count on Us Event

On 30 June, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, delivered a short speech and gave out prizes at a Mayor's Fund for London Event 'Count on Us' which took place in City Hall. Count on Us is the Mayor's Fund for London's numeracy programme and the event involved 12 of London's Secondary schools.

Volunteering

Team London in action

June has been a busy month of activation for Team London as they continue to raise awareness of the benefits of volunteering.

On 14 June, Team London hosted the Foundation of Social Improvement's (the FSI) Big Advice Day, where 60 business volunteers contributed over 564 hours of free advice to a wide range of small London charities on topics ranging from communications and marketing to fundraising and strategy and planning.

The Team London Young Ambassadors programme was awarded the Department for Education's Regional Character Award for Greater London. The awards were introduced in

2015 by the Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, Secretary of State for Education, and celebrate and encourage programmes which develop traits such as confidence, perseverance and resilience in young people.

On 28 June, the London 2017 Organising Committee launched 'Runners', the volunteer programme for the World ParaAthletics Championships and IAAF World Championships. The programme is being delivered in partnership by London 2017 and Team London. Up to 4,000 volunteers will be at the heart of the Championships, helping to deliver the event in The Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and across London.

On 30 June Team London hosted a celebration event for Unilever "brightFuture" Grantee Schools. Grants were awarded in the 2015-16 academic year to enable schools to do something even better and brighter with social action projects in their community. Projects tackled issues such as homelessness, mental health, healthy living and mentoring.

On 5 July, the Mayor of London's annual London Knowledge Quiz took place at the Museum of London and saw schools from across the capital compete to be named the city's most knowledgeable school. After months of heats between 450 schools, six schools competed in the final with two schools named champions.

Health

Healthy Schools London celebration event

On 24 June my Health Team held their annual Healthy Schools London celebration event in the Chamber at City Hall. Over 250 delegates from London boroughs and the education, health and voluntary sectors came together to celebrate the achievements of London schools in making their pupils healthier, happier and ready to learn. More than 100 London schools collected their silver and gold awards. For more information please see: www.healthyschools.london.gov.uk

London Health Board

On 28 June, I chaired the London Health Board, where I set out my thoughts on strengthening the Board and making its work more transparent. I have asked the current members to share their thoughts on the purpose and terms of reference for the Board and to make suggestions on membership and ways of working that would increase the board's impact and make it more visible to Londoners.

The Board agreed to support me to refresh my Health Inequalities Strategy, to endorse and support the development of a mental health 'roadmap' for London and received an update on the London health and care devolution programme to which LHB provides political oversight.

The Board noted the progress being made in the five pilot areas and will be considering its role in providing political oversight of the programme, advancing the case for the emerging devolution asks to government and national partners and in engaging Londoners. The Board will continue to meet quarterly.

Culture and Events

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On 25 June, I was delighted and honoured to walk in London's Pride Parade alongside the Pride Board and the US Ambassador Michael Barzun, and thousands of people from the LGBT+ community. I joined the Board and Ambassador on the main stage on Trafalgar Square for speeches and Michael also led a minute's silence for all those who lost their lives in the Orlando attack.

The efforts of the Pride team and their huge team of volunteers to deliver such a huge and complex event were impressive. The Pride event in London provides a platform for every part of London's LGBT+ community to raise awareness of LGBT+ issues and campaign for equality.

I also approved over 50 pedestrian traffic signals around Trafalgar Square which had their 'walk' image replaced with new diversity images as part of the celebrations for Pride. The familiar green walking symbol has been replaced with either green gender related symbols or a new 'holding hands' design.

Eid Mubarak!

On 6 July, I wished Eid Mubarak to all Muslims here in London and around the world. This year's Ramadan has seen some of the longest fasts in over 30 years. Although it has been quite challenging, I've thoroughly enjoyed the past month - my first Ramadan as the Mayor of London. From breaking my fast amongst Londoners of all faiths and backgrounds at St James's Church in Piccadilly and Finchley Reform synagogue, to joining the Archbishop of Canterbury and Chief Rabbi at Lambeth Palace for a historic interfaith Iftar with young people from across the capital, the past four weeks have been a great opportunity to bring together London's many varied communities - to me, that's what Ramadan is all about.

It is now more important than ever that we unite as Londoners and extend our hands of friendship after the recent surge in hate crime. As Mayor I have asked our police to be extra vigilant and to take a zero-tolerance approach to any cases of Islamophobia and all other hate crimes. I also encouraged Londoners from all backgrounds and visitors to the city to come together at this year's Eid Festival in Trafalgar Square to celebrate the diversity and tolerance that is at the heart of our great city. Eid Mubarak!

Big Dance 2016

On 30 June, Big Dance Week was launched in Trafalgar Square with Akram Khan, Darcey Bussell, Alistair Spalding Artistic Director & Chief Executive for Sadler's Wells and Director Jacqueline Rose. The week runs from 2-10 July and includes a wide range of dance events opening with Akram Khan's Big Dance Trafalgar Square performed by hundreds of Londoners.

The Big Dance 2016 Festival takes place across the UK and internationally from 20 May until 10 September. The Big Dance Bus tour will visit many of the outer London boroughs encouraging participation for all ages and abilities presenting an A-Z of dance styles.

The Big Dance Pledge took place across 44 countries including Ghana, Armenia and Peru and involved over 42,000 people. The total of countries the Big Dance programme has reached is 55. Big Dance Australia will pick up the baton for the Commonwealth Games in 2018 which represents a strong legacy of the UK programme.

Arts & Culture Forum

On 14 June, City Hall hosted the ninth Arts & Culture Forum on the theme of Cultural Democracy. Nick Bowes presented my culture manifesto and clearly outlined the role of local councils in delivering this. Provocations were posed by Councillor Rodwell, Leader of Barking and Dagenham Council, Arts Council England and Dr Alison Rooke.

A lively discussion took place in how local authorities engage Londoners in a deeper way in arts/culture by giving residents/neighbourhoods a more central role in decision making on cultural programmes and commissioning. Twelve local cultural connectors (volunteers) provided inspiration on the unique Creative People and Place community engagement model in Barking & Dagenham. This session should help to underpin thinking for the new London Borough of Culture Competition.

Backing campaign to save Royal Vauxhall Tavern

On 24 June, I threw my weight behind a campaign to protect one of the capital's oldest surviving and most iconic LGBT+ venues and prevent any change of use by developers.

The Royal Vauxhall Tavern is a long standing focal point for London's LGBT+ community. It was bought by developers in 2014 and became the first LGBT+ listed building in 2015.

Yet plans for the future of the venue remain unclear and I am calling for a special planning designation for the Tavern, which would ensure its use as an LGBT+ performance space is preserved. The designation 'sui generis' has been requested by community campaign group RVT Future, who are asking anyone with evidence of the venue's use for LGBT performance to contact Lambeth Council, which will help to strengthen their application.

I have long supported the campaign to save the Royal Vauxhall Tavern, including hosting an LGBT+ fundraising event at the venue in the past.

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

On 10 June, I was honoured to attend the Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral in honour of Her Majesty The Queen. The service marked the occasion of Her Majesty's official 90th birthday.

On 12 June, I also hosted the Mayor of London's Patron's Lunch on Trafalgar Square in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. The event gave Londoners the opportunity to show their support to Her Majesty and enjoy a varied stage and screen programme to celebrate the Queen's service to our country. Despite the inclement weather, over 10,000 people turned out throughout the day to participate in the activities.

State of London Debate

On 30 June, I held my first annual State of London debate at Indigo at the O2. LBC presenter James O'Brien chaired the meeting, which was attended by around 1400 people and broadcast live on LBC.

I was joined on stage by three of my Deputy Mayors, Sophie Linden, James Murray 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.

As the best part of my job is meeting Londoners, I really enjoyed being able to listen to and address their concerns.

Opening of Tate Modern Extension

On 14 June I was delighted to speak at the launch of the new Tate Modern, London's most important new cultural building for almost 20 years. Tate has been a pioneer for this city, recognising in the disused power station the possibility of a hugely successful international gallery, visited by over 5 million people a year. It brings art to generations of new audiences, it inspires new talent.

The new displays tell a wider and more inclusive story of modern and contemporary art of the last 100 years. Half of the solo displays are dedicated to women artists. With a spectacular new dedicated space for learning and ideas exchange, the Tate has become even more international, diverse and engaging.

Appointments

Deputy Mayor for Business appointed to safeguard jobs

On 29 June, I confirmed that I had appointed Rajesh Agrawal as my Deputy Mayor for Business.

I have tasked Rajesh with championing London's interests following the EU referendum, and protecting jobs and growth while the negotiation process takes place.

Rajesh is a fintech entrepreneur and innovator, and is the founder and CEO of Xendpay, an international money transfer service, and RationalFX, an online foreign exchange service, both of which have grown into globally successful businesses.

Born and brought up in Indore, India, Rajesh arrived in London in 2001, and grew a two-person enterprise working from one small office into a multi-million pound business based in London, with offices in Birmingham, France and Spain.

Jules Pipe named as Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & Skills

On 30 June, I announced that I had appointed Jules Pipe CBE as my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills.

Jules will work on my key priorities, including major regeneration projects across the capital, providing young people with skills for their future careers, and ensuring London's infrastructure needs are delivered to benefit all Londoners.

Jules will lead on the revision of the London Plan and work closely with James Murray, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, to tackle the city's housing crisis.

Becoming the first directly elected mayor of Hackney in 2002, and serving as Chair of London Councils since June 2010, Jules has unrivalled knowledge both of London government and the unique challenges the capital faces in the aftermath of the EU referendum result.

Jules will stand down from both these roles to start his full-time role at City Hall.

Justine Simons appointed as Deputy Mayor for Culture

On 1 July, I was pleased to announce the appointment of Justine Simons OBE as my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries.

Supporting the arts, culture and creative industries is one of the core priorities of my administration. I have set out an ambitious programme to support the sector, including championing the night-time economy, launching creative enterprise zones and protecting vital music venues.

Justine has worked at a senior level in London's cultural sector for over 20 years, both in policy and as a practitioner. She played a central role in delivering major cultural initiatives such as the 2012 Olympic Festival, the Fourth Plinth Commission, and she established the World Cities Cultural Forum, a major international network of 33 world cities.

Justine has championed culture as a crucial element to London's economic prosperity and attractiveness as place to live, work and visit, and was previously the Head of Culture at City Hall, having previously also worked in the dance sector for a decade as a producer and director.

Director of Greater London Authority Holdings

I have also approved David Bellamy, my Chief of Staff, as a director of Greater London Authority Holdings Limited.

Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy

Events on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

This month saw the public opening of The Slide at the ArcelorMittal Orbit, designed by Belgian Artist Carsten Holler.

On June 13, the Smithsonian Institution and Victoria and Albert Museum announced plans to create a major new international collaboration. The institutions have agreed to develop, over the course of this year, a proposal for a jointly organised permanent gallery space as a key part of V&A East. This will form an important component of the new cultural complex being created in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The project would mark the first time in its 170-year history that the Smithsonian has committed to a long-term permanent gallery presence in another country, as well as a program of temporary exhibitions and displays.

Between 30 June and 1 July, the Park also hosted Make the Future London, a four day festival of ideas and innovation, featuring Shell Eco-Marathon. The free event was open to the general

public and had 7,000 school children attending daily to watch celebrity guests, live science shows, explore new inventions and see the cars of the future.

On 5 July, an exhibition opened featuring the progress made since the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. *2012 – 2016: Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park* is a free exhibition staged at New London Architecture and will run from July 5 – July 30.

Planning and Development

Review of Old Oak and Park Royal Corporation Launched

On 23 June, I launched a formal review of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) to ensure Londoners reap the maximum benefits of the huge regeneration opportunity in this part of the capital.

A new High Speed 2 (HS2) and Crossrail Station is due to be constructed at Old Oak Common by 2026. OPDC was established by the previous Mayor in April 2015 to drive forward future development plans for the wider area. OPDC has full planning powers within its 650 hectare boundary, that includes land in the boroughs of Hammersmith & Fulham, Ealing and Brent.

I am particularly keen to ensure that the plans deliver the highest amount of genuinely affordable homes possible.

The review will also scrutinise the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding agreed in March this year that paves the way for OPDC to take ownership from Government of public land surrounding the proposed new station. I want to be reassured about the nature of the offer and am concerned about how much money it will cost to make the land viable for development, potentially impacting on the amount of genuinely affordable homes the scheme would deliver for Londoners.

I also believe that the former Mayor may have rushed into this deal without doing the due diligence checks that would be expected, particularly regarding existing land ownerships and other technical planning requirements. This agreement was signed against a backdrop of major Government investment in other locations along the HS2 route, including Birmingham and the regeneration of Ebbsfleet, and I want to make sure London is getting a similarly favourable deal.

The review will also work to ensure that the views of residents of those boroughs are reflected in any future decisions. It will also consider the funding required for infrastructure at Old Oak Common to ensure development there is properly integrated with surrounding communities and that residential development delivers a mix of genuinely affordable housing types. In addition, it will investigate constraints to development, the level of support committed by central Government to date, and where additional support might be appropriate. It is expected that the review will be complete within two months.

I have approved a contingency of £25,000, noting that the aim is to support the review using internal staff resource, which the Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment may if necessary draw on to procure consultancy support for the review.

Cray Wanderers Football Club development

On 22 June, I reaffirmed my commitment to oppose building on Green Belt land by rejecting plans for a three-storey football stadium and blocks of flats in Chislehurst.

The development, which included building a football stadium for Cray Wanderers Football Club, community sports pitches and two four-storey residential blocks of 28 flats, had been approved by Bromley Council.

However, after carrying out a detailed assessment, I believe the plans would cause significant harm to an area of much needed open green space. I was also very concerned that the application at Flamingo Park Club included no affordable housing.

Review of the London Plan

I wish to see a full review of the London Plan as soon as is practically possible. This is a major task and since the last review, the team has been restructured and taken on additional responsibilities.

I have therefore approved expenditure of up to £278,000 for a Principal Planner for 12 months beginning mid 2016/17, and two Senior Planners for 24 months beginning mid 2016/17, to support a review of the London Plan.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Flamingo Park Club, Chislehurst, LB Bromley

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

Gayton Road Car Park, LB Harrow

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

Recreational Land, Gresham Road, LB Hounslow

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

Shell Savoy Filling Station, York Road, Battersea, LB Wandsworth

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

Apex House, Seven Sisters Road, LB Haringey

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

Arklow Road Trading Estate, Deptford, 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.

The Exchange Shopping Centre Car Park, High Road, 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.

100 Liverpool Street & 8-12 Broadgate, Corporation of London

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

Apex House, Fulton Road and Albion Way, 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.

Imperial House, The Hyde, Colindale, LB Barnet

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

Premier Place, Station Road, Edgware, LB Barnet

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

Mahatma Gandhi House, 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.

120 Vallance Road and 2-4 Hemming Street, Shoreditch, LB Tower Hamlets

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

Red House Building, South Way, 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.

The Clearings Site, Draycott Avenue, RB Kensington and Chelsea

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

Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

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

- Smiths Farm, Northolt, LB Ealing
- Former Abbey Sports Centre, Axe Street, LB Barking & Dagenham
- Beam Reach 5 Business Park, Consul Avenue, Rainham, LB Havering
- 80-86 Bushey Road, Raynes Park, LB Merton
- Dulwich Hamlet FC Stadium and Green Dale Playing Fields, LB Southwark
- Hathaway House, Westbourne Park, City of Westminster
- Harrow School Sports and Science Buildings, LB Harrow
- The Arena, Bennetfield Road, Stockley Park, LB Hillingdon
- Orchard Lodge, William Booth Road, Penge, LB Bromley
- Phoenix Works, Bromley by Bow, LB Tower Hamlets
- The Albion PH, Woolwich, RB Greenwich
- Friars Bridge Court, Blackfriars Road, LB Southwark
- 5-11 and 37-41 Palmerston Road and 27-31 Mason's Avenue and Land adjacent to 47
- Mason's Avenue, Wealdstone, LB Harrow

- 562 Mile End Road & 1a, 1b, 1c Burdett Road, LB Tower Hamlets
- Fairlop Quarry, Little Heath, LB Redbridge
- St Dunstan's Jubilee Ground Pavillion, Catford, LB Lewisham
- Harrow College, Harrow Weald Campus, LB Harrow

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Part of Phase I and II of Phase 2, Lovell's, Granite, Badcocks and Pipers Wharves, RB Greenwich
- The Princess Alexandra Home, Common Road, LB Harrow
- The Quay Club, Bank Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Isis House, 67-9 Southwark Street, LB Southwark
- Former BBC Woodlands, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
- Bow Enterprise Park, LB Tower Hamlets
- Redings, 1 Totteridge Common, LB Barnet

Key Engagements

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

- I had an introductory meeting with Matthew Patten, Chief Executive & Tim Roberts, Chair of the Mayor's Fund for London on 9 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Lord Hill, European Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union on 9 June
- I met with Cllr Philippa Roe, the Leader of Westminster Council, on 9 June to discuss borough issues
- I attended the National Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 90th Birthday of HM The Queen at St Paul's Cathedral on 10 June and the reception at Guildhall that took place afterwards
- I attended the Mayor of London's Patron's Lunch at Trafalgar Square on 12 June
- I met with Gareth Bacon AM on 13 June to discuss rail devolution
- I met with the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 13 June to discuss transport issues in London
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 13 June
- I attended the Orlando Vigil at Old Compton Street on 13 June
- I attended the opening of the new Tate Modern at the Tate Turbine Hall on 14 June
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 14 June
- I attended the summer party hosted by Rupert Murdoch, News Corporation, on 14 June
- I visited the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square on 16 June to sign the Orlando book of condolence
- I attended the funeral of Lewis Elwin at St Boniface Roman Catholic Church on 17 June
- I had dinner with George Soros, Chair of Soros Fund Management and the Open Society Foundations, on 17 June
- I attended an interfaith Iftar at St James Church, Piccadilly on 19 June
- I attended the Armed Forces Day flag raising event hosted jointly with the London Assembly at City Hall on 20 June

- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 20 June
- I attended the British Asian Trust Iftar at the Savoy Hotel on 20 June
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 22 June
- I attended the Jo Cox MP memorial event at Trafalgar Square on 22 June
- I took part in the London Pride March on 25 June
- I attended an interfaith Iftar at the Finchley Reform Synagogue on 26 June
- I had an introductory meeting with my statutory health advisor, Yvonne Doyle, Director for London, Public Health England on 27 June
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 27 June
- I attend an interfaith Iftar with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace on 27 June
- I addressed the Times CEO Summit on 28 June
- I chaired the London Health Board on 28 June
- I attended the Sentebale Charity Concert on 28 June
- I met with the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for the Department for the Communities and Local Government, on 28 June to discuss housing
- I had my regular meeting with Fiona Twycross, Chair of LFEPA and Ron Dobson, the Fire Commissioner on 29 June
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 29 June
- I met with the Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, on 30 June to discuss the impact of the EU referendum on London
- I attended the annual State of London Debate on 30 June
- I met with Kezia Dugdale MSP, Leader of the Scottish Labour Party, on 1 July to discuss the impact of the EU referendum on London and Scotland
- I attended a summer party hosted by Evgeny Lebedev, Evening Standard, on 3 July
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 4 July
- I visited Great Ormond Street Hospital on 5 July to announce a formal consultation on a package of measures to tackle air pollution in London
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 5 July
- I attended the London Assembly Policing Plenary meeting on 6 July to answer questions alongside Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on policing in London
- I had an introductory meeting with Giuseppe Sala, the Mayor of Milan on 6 July
- I had an introductory meeting with Sammy Lee, Chairman of Knight Dragon, on 6 July

Ends