

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Mayor's Report to the Assembly Mayor's Question Time – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

This is my twenty-third Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 8<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **Executive summary**

#### **Top pub companies join the drive to protect LGBT+ venues in London**

I'm proud that our capital stands as a shining light of diversity to the world and it's important to me that the LGBT+ community always feels that they have a home in London. That's why on 4 July, I launched a new partnership with Drinkaware and two LGBT+ venues, the Royal Vauxhall Tavern and G-A-Y. This will be the UK's first ever pilot LGBT+ Drinkaware Crew working in clubs and venues to help support the welfare and wellbeing of people on a night out.

Last year, a report published by University College London Urban Laboratory showed that, despite continued demand, LGBT+ venues were closing rapidly because of external pressures such as large-scale developments, a lack of safeguarding measures in the existing planning system and the sale and change of use of venues. These venues play a vital role in supporting the community and that's why I've been working hard to support them with the capital's most pro-LGBT+ planning strategy ever and my LGBT+ Venues Charter. I'm pleased that numbers have stabilised this year and urge even more venues to show their support for the community and ensure we halt the long-term decline.

#### **Warning to Hard Brexit zealots**

It's been more than two years since the Brexit referendum and this Government is more divided and dysfunctional than ever. On 4 July, ahead of the crunch meeting at Chequers, I issued my strongest warning yet to The Government's Hard Brexiteers.

At the very heart of the Cabinet are Hard Brexit zealots who are hell-bent on crashing the UK out of the Single Market and Customs Union without any plan to protect trade, investment and jobs. I firmly believe that continued UK membership of the Single Market and Customs Union is the only deal that will secure ongoing prosperity in London and across the country. It's high time that Ministers faced up to reality and realise that we are now in the last-chance saloon if we want to reach a Brexit deal that won't badly damage our country. If ministers do not sort themselves out, and secure a sensible Brexit deal that is in the best interests of the entire country, then they may never be forgiven.

#### **London marks 70th anniversary of Windrush at City Hall**

On Saturday 30 June, City Hall hosted an event to mark and celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Windrush. We held a large programme of music, talks, films and exhibitions to hear the stories of the Windrush generation and support Londoners from all backgrounds to share their stories of arrival and welcome. The event was co-produced with a range of organisations and a new opportunity to use City Hall as a community space. We heard how Londoners would like to celebrate the recently announced annual 'Windrush Day' on 22 June, in the future.

The recent Windrush scandal has shone a light on an immigration system that is simply unfit for purpose and it was appalling to learn earlier this year that members of the Windrush generation were wrongly deported. It is simply not right that the Windrush generation who have contributed so much to our city, our communities and our workforce, have been treated this way. This is a direct result of the hostile environment created by this government, which must stop. I'll do everything I can in my role as Mayor of London to support the Caribbean community that plays a vital part in making London the great city it is.

### **Unity required to help save London's pubs**

On 29 June, I published figures that show that while pubs have increased in a number of Boroughs (Hackney, City of London, Camden, Bexley, Greenwich, Hounslow and Lewisham), the numbers overall in London have fallen by 2.4 per cent, from 3,615 to 3,530.

I've made safeguarding and growing London's night-time economy a priority, and I'll be doing all I can to protect the capital's iconic pubs. By creating the most pro-pub planning strategy the capital has ever seen I've shown what can be done, and I want to see the Government and local authorities match my ambition and help protect these key community hubs for generations to come.

### **Government policing cuts force us to consider council tax increases**

On 29 June, I announced preliminary proposals to increase council tax from April 2019 for the average household by 26p a week. Of this increase, 23p would directly fund the Metropolitan Police who have had cuts imposed on them from central government of £720 million over recent years with a further £325 million in cuts planned by 2021. The other 3p would go to the London Fire Brigade who are still dealing with the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

Keeping Londoners safe is my top priority. However, these cuts have meant that for the first time in 15 years, officer numbers at the Met have now fallen below 30,000. With the Government refusing to adequately fund the Met and London Fire Brigade, this proposal would see council tax increase overall by 4.6 per cent or £13.52 in cash terms – of which £12 relates to the likely maximum amount allowed by Government for policing.

While I recognise that council tax hits those who can least afford to pay it the hardest, I've once again been left with no choice but to propose a modest increase in bills for 2019-20, so I that I can raise the much-needed funds that the Government have refused to provide.

### **Launch of new 'Plan of Action' to help tackle rough sleeping**

On 28 June, I published City Hall's first ever Plan of Action to tackle rough sleeping. We have seen rough sleeping in London fall for the first time in a decade, and I thank the many dedicated people working and volunteering in our services for rough sleepers across the capital.

Our comprehensive plan makes clear the Government needs to invest £574 million over five years and commit to an honest focus on the root causes of homelessness and rough sleeping to truly tackle this crisis. Without that, we won't be able to help everyone off the street – there's a real danger services will be overwhelmed and we'll see more people sleeping rough in future.

We have a moral duty to act and work together until we have made sure no-one needs to sleep rough on the streets of London.

## **Schools awarded for supporting health and wellbeing of pupils**

I'm determined that London's children have the opportunity to lead a happy and healthy life. Schools play such a key role in their development, that's why on 28 June, I invited representatives from 130 schools to City Hall to reward and acknowledge them for their work in promoting healthy eating, physical activity, emotional health and wellbeing, and personal, social and health education.

Schools are doing a wonderful job of promoting the importance of good health and active lifestyles, and I encourage others to follow their example and join our Healthy Schools London programme.

## **New figures reveal the true scale of government cuts to police funding**

On 27 June, I released new figures that reveal the true scale of government cuts to police funding. These cuts have hit our city harder than anywhere else in the UK.

The data shows that in 2010 the Metropolitan Police had 4.1 officers per 1,000 Londoners but, after crippling government cuts to police spending, the ratio has now dropped to 3.3 officers per 1,000 – the lowest point for twenty years.

Statistics also reveal that police spending per head in London has fallen faster in the Met than in any other police force. London has seen a rapid population growth in recent years, and with savings of £720 million delivered by the Met since 2010, net revenue expenditure per head of population reduced from £423 in 2012/13 to £337 in 2016/17. It is the largest reduction nationally at 20 per cent, compared to six per cent across the country.

I make no apologies for relentlessly pushing the government to understand that cuts have consequences and that our police service desperately need more funding right now.

Together we must ensure standards are maintained in every borough as part of our collective approach to tackling violence, because the government continues to leave us high and dry by cutting public services and refusing to invest properly in our police service.

## **Green light given to ambitious £300 million regeneration plan for Royal Docks**

The 27 June was a significant milestone in the £314 million regeneration of the Royal Docks. The detailed delivery plan for the 112-hectare Royal Docks Enterprise Zone was signed off by the board of the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP).

The Royal Docks has the potential to generate 35,000 jobs, 4,000 new homes and attract more than £5 billion in inward investment by 2037/38. It is London's only Enterprise Zone – a designated area where employers can access business rate relief and other financial support. This site, has the potential to become not only an important new business destination but also a key part of the capital's cultural life.

I've vowed to be the most pro-business Mayor that London has ever had. Through these plans to attract businesses and talent into the Royal Docks, we are aiming to unlock this area's potential and lay the foundations to support the growth of innovative new businesses across all sectors of our economy.

## **Statement on Uber hearing**

Last September, I fully supported Transport for London's (TfL) decision not to renew Uber's operating licence. I believe everyone must play by the same rules, no matter how big or powerful they are

On 26 June, after years of operating poorly in London, Uber has now accepted that TfL's action in refusing to renew their licence was totally justified and now our stance has been vindicated by the court. As a result of standing up for Londoners, Uber has been forced to overhaul the way it operates not just in London but across the world, including completely changing its global governance structures and implementing new systems for reporting alleged crimes.

I'm working to ensure that London continues to be at the forefront of innovation and a natural home for new and exciting companies.

## **City Hall ceremony pays tribute to British Armed Forces**

On 25 June, I joined the London Assembly and members of the British Armed Forces at City Hall for a flag raising ceremony to honour the courage and commitment of the Armed Forces community.

This year, as every year, Armed Forces Day encourages us to reflect on the immense contribution made by men and women across the forces in service to our country. Our Armed Forces work tirelessly to keep us safe which is why I was proud to welcome their representatives to City Hall to acknowledge their bravery and dedication.

## **Eid Festival celebrations in Trafalgar Square**

On 23 June, I joined Londoners for the 13th Eid Festival celebrations in Trafalgar Square which once again united Londoners and visitors to the capital to celebrate the end of Ramadan.

As part of my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, we focused on the vital contribution of women to Muslim culture, with speeches and presentations from Muslim women and girls including performances from Maya Youssef's Ornina Ensemble and the Al-Sadiq Al-Zahra School Choir.

Eid al-Fitr is a time for celebration. I've thoroughly enjoyed breaking my fast with Londoners of all faiths and backgrounds across our city, and now, after the fasts of Ramadan, I can't wait to bring together families and neighbours to share our cultural traditions.

## **Londoners invited to enjoy London National Park City Week**

On 22 June, I invited Londoners to get in touch with their green side and to explore the capital's parks and green spaces as part of London National Park City Week which will take place from July 21 – July 29.

There are around 280 events during the week with exciting activities taking place in every borough for all the family. My ambition for London is to be declared the first ever National Park City in 2019. The initiative aims to connect more people to nature and the outdoors improving health, well-being and social cohesion, as well as making more than half of the capital green by 2050.

London is a busy, bustling city but it is also home to some truly beautiful green spaces. At City Hall, we're determined to protect, invest in and improve the capital's natural environment as we work to become the world's first National Park City.

### **New portal launched to help Londoners find an affordable home**

On 21 June, I launched a new online property portal, Homes for Londoners. The portal offers Londoners a one-stop shop to search and find an affordable home to buy in the capital.

Currently in its first phase, the portal already lists over 1,400 shared ownership and 230 Help to Buy properties. I want to make sure all Londoners are able to buy a good-quality, affordable place to live in the city to call home. I urge Londoners to get online, set up a free account, and start browsing.

### **Joining legal action against third runway at Heathrow**

On 21 June, I announced that City Hall will be joining legal action brought by local councils against Heathrow Airport expansion if Parliament voted in favour of a third runway.

While I believe in a better Heathrow, I do not believe a bigger Heathrow is the right answer for London and I remain committed to opposing such a short-sighted decision. There are no plans on how to deal with the valid concerns about Heathrow expansion.

This will be a critical moment, and for the sake of Londoners affected by poor air quality, disruption from noise and the costs needed to improve transport connections I will do what I can to stop these poor plans. The south east of England is in need of additional airport capacity, but I believe the Government is pressing ahead with the wrong decision to build a new runway at Heathrow. It is my view that a second runway at Gatwick is a better option

### **Air quality summit and London to have Europe's largest double-decker electric bus fleet**

On 20 June, I attended a historic summit where I met with a cross-party of leaders from across England and Wales to tackle our nation's growing air quality health crisis. The key asks from the City Leaders to the Secretary of State included calls for a new Clean Air Act; an enhanced Clean Air Fund, a targeted national vehicle renewal scheme, and the early phasing out of sales of new pure petrol and diesel vehicles. Michael Gove has made a good start as Environment Secretary but we need the government to match our ambition and help us urgently drive forward these improvements without delay.

In London we're helping to lead the way with my Ultra Low Emission Zone, and a Europe-leading new fleet of electric double-decker buses. Next year, TfL aims to have 240 electric buses running on the network and for all new double-deck buses to be zero-emissions or hybrid, with every single-deck bus in central London to be zero-emission by the following year. Ultimately, by 2037 all buses in London will be zero-emission.

### **Community-led housing projects to deliver 100 per cent affordable homes**

On 18 June, London Community Land Trust were confirmed as the successful bidder for building on sites at Cable Street (Tower Hamlets) and Christchurch Road (Lambeth). They will deliver around 70 new homes, 100 per cent genuinely affordable.

Making small plots of public land available for housing development is a key part of addressing London's housing shortage, and the fantastic response to the pilot of my 'Small Sites, Small Builders' programme which has shown that these small sites can be an important way to get new genuinely affordable homes built.

I'm proud to say that I've now extended the 'Small Sites, Small Builders' programme with £3.8 million of funding over the next year, and further funding over the next four years.

Tackling the housing crisis is complex and will take time, and we must use every tool at our disposal.

### **The roadmap to make London the world's smartest city**

A year ago, I announced my ambition to make London the world's leading smart city. On 11 June I was proud to unveil my vision by publishing Smarter London Together – the roadmap to make London the world's smartest city. This is a major city-wide initiative to harness London's tech talent in tackling some of the capital's most pressing challenges – including poor air quality, urban design and digital connectivity. To solve the biggest problems our great city faces, I am calling for an ever-more collaborative approach than ever.

As one of the world's leading technology hubs, we need to be bold and think big, to experiment and try things out that have not been done elsewhere. I see London's future as a global 'test-bed city' for civic innovation, where the best ideas are developed, amplified and scaled.

### **Ultra-Low Emission Zone to expand up to North & South Circular**

On 8 June, I confirmed plans to expand the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) up to the North and South Circular boundary from October 2021.

The new ULEZ will cover an area 18 times larger than the Central London ULEZ and will affect large numbers of polluting vehicles that don't comply with strict emission standards. These bold measures will deliver a major improvement to Londoners health by reducing the toxic air quality that is currently responsible for thousands of premature deaths and other serious conditions. Research demonstrates these effects disproportionately impact the poorest Londoners.

Following an extensive consultation, I'll also tighten the standards for the most polluting heavy vehicles including buses, coaches and lorries across the whole of London from October 2020, using the same boundary as the existing Low Emission Zone.

I promised hard-hitting measures to tackle our shameful air pollution. We're doing everything in our power to tackle this issue and are starting to see improvements in air quality with the wide-ranging action we've taken.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Violent Crime**

On 27 June, I hosted a pan-London working summit on tackling knife crime. The summit brought together senior leaders for local authorities, the probation service, Youth Justice Board, NHS England, young people, charities, senior police officers and London Assembly Members. It was an action focused event, looking at ensuring every agency and partner is doing all that is possible

to work together and focus on tackling serious violence. This includes building on existing action plans to tackle violence, working on developing consistent standards and sharing best practice.

We know that London's hospitals are seeing first-hand the increases in knife crime and violence and we are clear that knife crime is not something that can be solved by the police or criminal justice system alone. I met with Dr Martin Griffiths, Trauma Surgeon at Royal London hospital, on 15 June and Dr Duncan Bew, Clinical Director for Trauma at Kings College hospital, on 21 June to discuss the role of trauma centres in a public health response to youth violence.

This month has seen a number of meetings with the Met and partners across the capital to focus how funding, partnership, engagement and enforcement can all be part of a multi-agency solution to the crimes we are seeing on London's streets.

- On 11 June, my Deputy Mayor and I attended the Home Secretary's Serious Violence Taskforce looking at how there can be clear working across central and local government.
- I chaired the London Crime Reduction Board on 15 June, bringing together the board to discuss how funding can be focused on solutions.
- On 4 July, my Deputy Mayor chaired the Tackling Violence Group again focusing on partnership working and ensuring the whole criminal justice system is working together.

On 26 June, I had my regular meeting with the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police where the enforcement action on tackling violent crime was discussed. While also holding fortnightly meetings specifically focusing on knife crime.

We discussed the work that the 150-officer strong violent crime taskforce is carrying out on tackling violent crime, weapon-enabled crime and serious criminality funded by the £15 million I made available for this work.

### **Finsbury Park Memorial**

On 19 June, I was honoured to join the family of Makram Ali at Islington Town Hall, to mark the anniversary of his murder. I spoke at the event and attended along with the Home Secretary Sajid Javid, the Commissioner of the Met Police Cressida Dick, Jeremy Corbyn MP and Emily Thornberry MP, representatives of Finsbury Park Mosque and Muslim Welfare House and others. We came together with Londoners of all backgrounds to make clear that those who seek to divide us will never succeed.

### **Countering Violent Extremism Engagement Grants**

On 22 June, I was pleased to invite community groups, charities and civil society organisations to bid for grants from my Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) programme. This programme will engage with Londoners to see what more we can all do to strengthen, integrate and empower communities to speak out and challenge extremist views and help keep London safe.

I am offering grants totalling up to £60,000 for groups to undertake a series of engagement and listening sessions with London's at-risk communities focusing on minority; marginalised and disengaged communities. Information and advice on how to apply is available at [www.london.gov.uk/CVE](http://www.london.gov.uk/CVE). The deadline for the grant is Friday 13 July.

## **MPS Workforce**

On 14 June, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime represented me at the annual Service of Remembrance held by the Metropolitan Police Service. The ceremony was an opportunity to honour the memory of the men and women of the MPS who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in their faithful commitment to the people of London.

On 29 June I met with a representative from the Metropolitan Police Federation (MPF). It's important that we continue to support police officers who perform such a valuable but often challenging role.

## **Post Brexit Security**

On 18 June, my Deputy Mayor and I met the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, David Davis MP, for a constructive discussion on ensuring that post-Brexit, everything possible is done to maintain the resources and relationships that our police and security services rely on to keep us safe.

# **Transport**

## **Transformation of Highbury Corner junction begins**

Construction work to improve a junction with one of the poorest safety records in London began on the 28 June.

The transformation of Highbury Corner will see the intimidating 1960s roundabout removed and replaced with two-way roads, with the installation of segregated cycle lanes on all three remaining sides of the roundabout. There will also be a new public space created for residents and visitors to enjoy. The improvements to the junction will improve safety for cyclists, pedestrians and all other road users.

The work at Highbury Corner is set to continue until late 2019 and TfL is advising residents to plan ahead and leave more time for journeys while the work is taking place. Full travel advice and information is available on the TfL website at [tfl.gov.uk/highbury-corner](https://tfl.gov.uk/highbury-corner)

The junction improvements are in line with TfL's Vision Zero ambition to create a road network free from death or serious injury by 2041. To achieve this goal, TfL is working with the police and London boroughs, developing a world leading bus safety standard for London, removing the most dangerous Heavy Goods Vehicles from London's roads and funding boroughs to create Liveable Neighbourhoods, which will transform neighbourhoods across the capital into greener, healthier, more attractive public spaces.

## **TfL and Siemens partner to deliver the next generation of urban traffic management**

On 28 June, TfL confirmed it has awarded Siemens Mobility Limited a 10-year contract to deliver a world leading upgrade to London's road network management system.

The cutting edge new Real Time Optimiser (RTO) system will revolutionise the current traffic light control system that has been keeping London moving for over 30 years. It will help TfL



make much better use of the road space by optimising the traffic light timings to enable more people and goods to move on the capital's road network with fewer delays.

The new RTO technology will be able to take in a range of new data sources, connect to new types of sensors and support innovation, including sharing data with connected vehicles, which could include autonomous vehicles in the future. Data generated by the system can then be used to better inform road users of current or expected road conditions to support improved journey planning.

This world-leading new traffic management system will be a game-changer for us in London. It will use new data sources to better manage our road network, tackle congestion, reduce delay for people choosing healthier travel options and improve air quality.

### **Celebrating Female Engineers for International Women in Engineering Day**

TfL has been profiling a number of its engineers across the Tube network with inspirational messages about why they got into the profession to mark International Women in Engineering Day (23 June). Customers have been able to see them at Canning Town, Cannon Street and Loughton Tube stations, as they make their journeys through the capital.

The vinyl displays are part of the Year of Engineering campaign, which is led by the Department for Transport and taking place over the course of 2018. The displays and campaign aim to debunk some of the myths around the profession, including it being a 'profession for men', and to inspire the next generation of engineers. Through the displays showcasing the range of female engineering talent at TfL, girls, and women looking for a change of career, have been able to read the tips and be inspired to consider engineering as a profession.

This showcasing of talents also coincides with my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, which champions the fact that it is the achievements and contributions of women, from all walks of life, that make cities like London great. It also coincides with the 100-year anniversary of the 1918 Representation of the People Act, which gave some women the vote, and was introduced thanks to the campaigning of suffragists and suffragettes.

### **First new state-of-the-art London Overground train unveiled**

The first new, state-of-the-art, British built and designed London Overground train was unveiled by TfL on 20 June. Hosting a range of new features, the first of the new trains will be in passenger service by November.

The new features of the 'Class 710' trains include the latest intelligent lighting and temperature control for more comfortable journeys, as well as Wi-Fi, USB charging points and digital information screens giving customers higher quality real time travel information while on board. In total, a fleet of 54 new air-conditioned trains will transform journeys for thousands of London Overground customers and come into service initially on the Gospel Oak to Barking route.

The trains are being built at Bombardier Transport's UK site in Derby where 120 local engineering staff have worked on the design and testing of the trains. A further 170 staff have been working on manufacturing the trains, with 50 per cent of these recruited specifically to fulfil this contract. Twenty apprentices have worked on the production of the trains. Around 50 per cent of the supply chain was with UK suppliers and worth £56m, indirectly supporting further jobs across the country.

This fleet of brand new train's forms part of my Transport Strategy, which aims to create a fairer, greener, healthier and more prosperous city by improving public transport and reducing reliance on car journeys.

### **Siemens Mobility Limited to be awarded TfL contract to design and manufacture a new generation of Tube trains**

On 15 June, TfL confirmed its intention to award Siemens Mobility Limited a contract of around £1.5bn to design and build 94 new generation Tube trains that will transform the experience of millions of Piccadilly line customers.

This long-term sustainable investment will support London's growing population which is set to increase to 10.8 million by 2041, supporting new jobs, homes and growth, benefiting the whole UK economy.

The announcement of the intention to award the contract to design and build a new generation Tube train is a huge milestone for London Underground. We are delivering the biggest investment programme in our history to continue to improve customers' journeys and support London's population and employment growth. It also demonstrates once again that investment in London creates jobs and apprenticeship opportunities right across the country. These trains will transform the journeys of millions of our customers, and provide faster, more frequent and more reliable trains for decades to come.

The continued modernisation of the Tube is a key part of my Transport Strategy to make London a greener, more accessible place. The investment in improving public transport will help reduce reliance on the car and contribute to my target of 80 per cent of journeys made by public transport, cycling or walking by 2041.

### **Rotherhithe Tunnel celebrates 110 years of transporting people across the Thames**

On the 12 of June, TfL marked the 110th anniversary of one of London's most important river crossings – the Rotherhithe Tunnel. Formally opened in 1908 by the Prince of Wales, George, who later became King George V, the Rotherhithe Tunnel now sees more than 30,000 vehicles passing through it each day.

The tunnel links Limehouse on the north of the river to Rotherhithe on the south. Built originally for horse-drawn carriages and pedestrians, the tunnel now carries far more traffic than it was designed for, which requires careful day to day management by TfL to ensure safety.

The Rotherhithe Tunnel is a vital part of London's transport network and is used by more than 12 million vehicles a year, despite the fact it was originally built for horses and carts. The restriction on vans and wider vehicles in the tunnel is important for its modern-day use, as it reduces the risk of collisions.

### **Talented young Londoners' artwork showcased in new TfL Rail trains from Paddington**

Creative students living and studying along the Elizabeth line route have had their work installed across TfL fleet of state-of-the-art new trains, which are now running on TfL Rail from Paddington station. The artistic young Londoners have had their winning entries made into train and station posters after submitting their creative designs to TfL as part of a competition.

Students from London primary and secondary schools, Special Educational Needs schools, colleges and universities near the Elizabeth line route were invited to take part, with 110 entries received. Five eye-catching new designs were selected for the TfL Rail network in the west, which will become part of the Elizabeth line in December.

These young Londoners are the future of our city and we are glad to share their original poster designs with thousands of people living and working in west London.

### **Contactless journeys now available to view on the go via free TfL app**

Customers using contactless payment cards in London can now view their journey history on the go following the latest update to the free TfL Oyster and contactless app.

Half of all Tube and rail 'pay as you go' journeys in London are now regularly made using contactless payment cards or mobile devices. More than 17 million 'pay as you go' journeys a week are now regularly made across public transport services, providing value, flexibility and convenience. The success of contactless in London is leading to more world cities introducing the technology as a convenient method of paying for travel.

I am delighted that so many Londoners have already downloaded our app to make it easier to check journey history and top-up on the go. This latest update follows feedback from customers and is part of our work to make travelling in London simple and convenient for everyone.

### **Virgin Media fined £3,000 for non-compliant street work practices**

TfL has successfully prosecuted Virgin Media for five street works related offences committed on the Transport for London Road Network. The works took place in Wandsworth High Street, Stonecote Hill and Wickham Road between October and December 2017.

TfL must be notified of works being carried out on its road network, which includes London's busiest 'red route' roads, so that disruption can be minimised and safety maintained. Virgin Media failed to provide details of the exact location, dimensions and other engineering information used in the work, breaching Street Works Regulations and causing a significant impact on the road network.

Failure to inform TfL when work is completed causes issues, as TfL is unable to accurately coordinate the road network, which can lead to increased levels of disruption. If full details are not registered, this can cause problems with inspecting the affected area for safety and engineering defects.

TfL issued Virgin Media with fixed penalty notices, which Virgin Media failed to pay within the statutory time periods. This left TfL no choice but to prosecute them. On 20 June, Virgin Media pleaded guilty to all five offences and were fined £3,000 and ordered to contribute £3,494 towards the legal costs incurred by TfL.

### **Crossrail Board appointments**

On 25 June, Crossrail Limited provided an update on appointments to the Crossrail Board.

- Crossrail Technical Director Chris Sexton was appointed to the Crossrail Board on 1 April 2018

- Andy Pitt has been appointed to the Crossrail Board as a Department for Transport nominated Non-Executive Director from 1 July 2018 until 1 September 2019
- Transport for London Board members Anne McMeel and Dr Nelson Ogunshakin OBE have been appointed to the Crossrail Board as TfL nominated Non-Executive Directors from 1 July 2018 until 1 September 2019
- Current Non-Executive Directors Pam Alexander OBE, Michael Cassidy CBE and Terry Hill CBE will step down at the end of their current term on 30 June 2018. Michael Cassidy CBE will continue to advise the Crossrail Board on issues relating to the City of London and the Crossrail Art Programme.

These governance arrangements support the transition of the railway to TfL and the opening of the Elizabeth line. I would like to thank Pam Alexander, Michael Cassidy and Terry Hill for their dedicated service and contribution to the Crossrail project over many years.

Construction of the Elizabeth line is now in its final stages. Testing of new trains and infrastructure is underway and continues alongside the remaining fit-out of the stations. Later this year, the first completed infrastructure will be handed over to TfL, who will lead the trial operations phase. The Crossrail Board will oversee the remaining programme through to 2019 when the project concludes.

The Elizabeth line is being delivered by Crossrail Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Transport for London (TfL), and is jointly sponsored by the Department for Transport and TfL.

### **Cutting-edge maintenance trains to keep Elizabeth line running smoothly**

New state-of-the-art maintenance trains that will be used on the Elizabeth line, to help keep it running for hundreds of thousands of Londoners and visitors, are being tested in Europe ahead of delivery to London later this year.

A new rail milling train and two multi-purpose engineering trains with bespoke machinery attachments will be delivered to London ahead of the Elizabeth line opening in December. Investing in this cutting-edge technology will reduce maintenance costs for the brand new railway infrastructure, providing savings for many years to come.

The Elizabeth line and its customers will rely on the track and tunnel infrastructure being maintained while they sleep to ensure we can keep London working and growing.

Most maintenance will be done overnight, out of sight of customers, but these great machines, with the help of our fully-trained staff, will also be able to act in case of any emergency repairs needed to keep the Elizabeth line running.

### **TfL's Victoria Harrison-Cook recognised in Birthday Honours for her work to increase diversity in Public Relations**

Victoria Harrison-Cook has been recognised as a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to diversity in Public Relations (PR). Victoria, who works as Head of Media in Transport for London's (TfL) Press Office, has been a champion for diversity, driving forward the careers of aspiring press officers from diverse communities and supporting them, so that they can take advantage of opportunities that may otherwise have been inaccessible.

Victoria has led TfL's Press Office internship scheme for people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities for eleven years, which was set up to help address the underrepresentation of people from BAME communities in PR. As a result of Victoria's drive and encouragement, the face of TfL's Press Office has been transformed. In 2007, only eight per cent of the team came from BAME communities, whereas now it is almost a third.

I am delighted that Victoria's dedication to nurturing the next generation of young Londoners has been recognised.

## **Fire and Resilience**

On Thursday 28 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, met Rt. Hon Nick Hurd MP, Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Services, during a visit to the London Fire Brigade to discuss a range of issues.

On Tuesday 26 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, met with Rt Hon John Healey MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, and members of the Shadow Housing Team to discuss a range of fire safety issues.

On 25 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, spoke at the Electric Infrastructure Security Summit in London. The Summit focussed on resilience to wide area power failures.

On Friday 15 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM attended and laid a wreath at the London Fire Brigade's Highgate Memorial Service. The annual service remembers firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty.

On Thursday 14 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM attended the minute silence with the London Fire Brigade to mark the first anniversary of the Grenfell Tower Fire.

## **Growth, Skills and Regeneration**

### **The Mayor's Prize at the New London Awards 2018**

On 4 July, I awarded my Mayor's Prize at this year's New London Awards Ceremony. The awards celebrate best practice in the fields of architecture, planning and development. My prize this year focused on celebrating diversity and promoting a built environment for all Londoners - a central pillar of my Good Growth by Design Programme.

I was delighted to award my prize to Karakusevic Carson, Henley Halebrown and muf architecture, for the London Borough of Hackney, for their Kings Crescent Estate scheme. This scheme is a great example of how estate regeneration works with existing diverse communities. From a high-quality shortlist, I highly commended Feilden Fowles and Jamie's Farm, for their inspiring Waterloo City Farm project that supports children at risk of exclusion.

## **Crowdfund London 2018**

I have launched the next round of Crowdfund London - my crowdfunding programme which enables Londoners to make a real difference to their community. In 2018, I have up to £1m to support creative local projects that benefit communities by bringing people together to improve our city.

Between 27 June and 18 July, a series of interactive workshops are taking place across London. Communities will be encouraged to *Create* – thinking about an idea for their local area – *Fund* – getting as many people as possible to show their support – and *Launch* – delivering their idea for their community. I will be pledging up to £50K to the best campaigns. Details on how to apply and to attend one of the workshops can be [found online](#).

## **Architecture Design + Urbanism Panel (ADUP)**

On 21 June the GLA, in partnership with TfL, officially launched the new Architecture Design + Urbanism Panel with an event at City Hall. The event was attended by over 200 suppliers and public-sector clients from across London, offering the chance for contracting organisations to build new relationships with high-quality architecture and urbanism specialists.

Forming part of my Good Growth by Design programme, the ADUP has been set up to promote the very highest quality architecture, public realm, urban regeneration and sustainable development in the capital, and to support my principles of Good Growth. The panel comprises a pre-approved framework of over 90 consultants who can be appointed to provide design services for public sector-procured projects, representing the very best of London's architecture and urbanism talent.

An important part of approved ADUP members' work will be to evaluate social value, equality, diversity and inclusion. Pressing these priorities at 'Mini Competition' stage represents an important opportunity to influence the diversity of the architecture and urbanism profession through procurement, and requires design teams to consider equality and diversity principles within both their practice and within the project that they are being invited to tender for.

London's world-leading architecture and urbanism sector has a crucial role to play in navigating the pressures of growth and in delivering 'Good Growth', and this launch marks the beginning of a greater effort to support and champion excellence in public procurement processes.

## **Increasing the representation of London Women on the internet**

On 12 June, my Chief Digital Officer, Theo Blackwell, welcomed 70 London teenage girls aged between 14 -16 and 25 women tech entrepreneurs to a Wikipedia edit-a-thon held at Bloomberg's central London office. At the event, which took place during London Tech Week as part of the #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, the teenage girls and tech entrepreneurs worked together to create new profiles of London women in order to increase the recognition of these women on the internet. Since then Theo Blackwell has written to London Schools calling on them to host their own edit-a-thon to increase the recognition of London women on the internet.

# The Economy, Business and Enterprise

## Promoting links with other UK cities

On 13 June, I travelled to Liverpool to attend the second ever gathering of the eight metro Mayors, where we discussed the importance of working together for greater devolution and infrastructure investment. Afterwards I gave the keynote address at the International Business Festival, held at the Echo Arena, where I stressed the importance of the metro Mayors working together to grow UK plc.

## Taking tech to the next level - London Tech Week

Last month we celebrated London Tech week, which each year showcases London's global strength in technology and innovation. With more than 200 events attended by 50,000 people from around the world, it was once again a fantastic celebration of our status as Europe's technology capital.

I opened the festival on 11 June, during a launch event at the Francis Crick Institute. This was an opportunity to publish 'Smarter London Together', our roadmap to make London the smartest city in the world.

I also announced that my Civic Innovation Challenge has opened for applications. Delivered in partnership with Bethnal Green Ventures, and part funded by LEAP, TfL, Climate-Kic and the GLA, the Civic Innovation Challenge calls upon innovative startups to work with the public sector, and bigger businesses, to provide solutions to some of London's most pressing problems. In its first year the challenge is searching for innovative solutions to help reduce inequality, tackle climate change and support London's ageing population.

I launched a piece of research I had commissioned on London's Artificial Intelligence ecosystem from CognitionX. This research shows that London is firmly established as a global AI hub. We are home to 758 artificial intelligence companies, more than twice as many as Paris and Berlin combined. The report sets out London's strengths in this area, and creates the evidential base on which I will support this important high-tech sector of London's economy.

As well as many other fantastic events, London Tech Week also featured the third in my TechInvest series of events, with a presentation by my Chief Digital Officer Theo Blackwell. The event featured 10 companies with solutions focused on data, infrastructure and smart cities, pitching to an audience of selected investors with an interest in smart cities technology.

## Brexit

I held my latest in a series of meetings with David Davis MP, focussed on the impacts of Brexit on security and policing. I made clear the importance of future co-operation with the EU to help keep the capital safe.

I also appeared in front of Parliament's Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee investigation into Brexit, where I warned that that the Government is wrong to only prioritise a deal on goods rather than a deal on services. I highlighted to MPs an EY report on foreign investment flows published earlier this month that showed Brexit is already damaging the UK's economy, after the UK's attractiveness as a destination for foreign direct investment (FDI) fell to third place in investor ratings, behind Germany in first and France in second.

## Environment

### **Solar Together London**

On 29 June, I announced the expansion of Solar Together London, the solar panel scheme for Londoners. The scheme uses group-buying to enable Londoners to have high quality solar panels installed on homes at a competitive price. The first phase of the scheme ran in five London boroughs and offered average savings of 35% on the market price of solar panel installations. Nearly 4,000 households registered in the first phase, with more than 1,100 accepting their personalised offer for affordable solar panels. The expansion sees 12 London boroughs participating in the scheme. There will be a 'reverse auction' on 22 August where a group of pre-approved solar panel suppliers will compete to win the contract for installations. This is part of my £34 million Energy for Londoners scheme.

### **Community Energy fortnight 2018**

On 28 June, as part of Community Energy fortnight, City Hall hosted 'Energising London's Communities', the annual conference from Community Energy London. My officers were on speaking panels and promoted my London Community Energy Fund which is already supporting 11 community solar projects in the capital.

### **EV Infrastructure taskforce meeting**

On 28 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, chaired the second meeting of my new electric vehicle infrastructure taskforce. The taskforce, comprised of representatives of stakeholders from across business, infrastructure, local government and transport, discussed quantifying the scale of the changes required to deliver electric vehicles on London's streets.

### **Energy for Londoners housing retrofit award**

On 27 June, the RE:NEW project, part of my £34 million Energy for Londoners programme, won the award for Energy Efficiency Project of the Year at the Business Green Leaders Awards 2018. RE:NEW provides support to public sector housing organisations, including London boroughs housing associations and universities to develop retrofit projects to make their housing stock more energy efficient.

### **Deputy Mayor air quality speech with local businesses**

On 21 June, Clean Air Day, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at an event for local businesses, community groups and other stakeholders, hosted by the Cross River Partnership. She highlighted the action we are taking to clean up London's air, and our plans to work with businesses across the capital to achieve our ambitions goals. My Deputy Mayor also spoke at the launch of a Smart Electric Urban Logistics project lead by UPS, UKPN and the Cross River Partnership which will test smart charging technology and energy storage solutions to support the wider transition to electric vehicles for larger commercial fleets.

### **Uniting leaders across the country on air quality**

On the 20 June I held a historic gathering of leaders from across the country, representing around 20 million people from towns and cities in England and Wales. The leaders – including Mayors and city leaders covering Bradford, Bristol, Cardiff, Greater Manchester, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Newcastle, Oxford, Sheffield, Southampton and the West Midlands, came



together with Secretary of State for Environment Michael Gove to discuss tackling pollution across London.

The event was held at Mansion House in the City of London and was jointly coordinated by myself, IPPR and UK100. The key asks from the City Leaders to the Secretary of State included calls for a new independently regulated Clean Air Act; an enhanced Clean Air Fund available to cities and towns across London; a targeted national vehicle renewal scheme to support small business and those on low incomes to switch to cleaner vehicles, and the early phasing out of sales of new pure petrol and diesel vehicles.

### **Largest double-decker electric bus fleet in Europe**

On 20 June, I announced the creation of the largest double-decker electric bus fleet in Europe, with 68 new electric double-deckers set to join the bus fleet next summer. This represents more than a tenfold increase in pure electric double-deckers, and that the two routes run by Metroline from Barnet to central London will be exclusively operated by electric double-decker buses.

Next year, TfL aims to have 240 electric buses running on the network and for all new double-decker buses to be zero-emissions or hybrid, with every single-decker bus in central London to be zero-emission by the following year. Ultimately, by 2037 all buses in London will be zero-emission.

### **Deputy Mayor speech at the Renewable Energy Association awards**

On 14 June, my Deputy Mayor for Energy and Environment, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at the Renewable Energy Association 13<sup>th</sup> British Renewable Energy Awards Gala Dinner. The event was attended by over 300 representatives from across the renewable energy industry.

### **Women in the cleantech sector**

On 13 June, the London Sustainable Development Commission as part of its 'Women in Cleantech' workstream held a workshop to find and discuss solutions to increase women's participation and leadership in the sector. Speakers included my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, Juliet Davenport, CEO & Founder, Good Energy; Dr. Hayaatun Sillem, CEO, Royal Academy of Engineering; and Louise Wilson, Founder & Managing Director, Abundance Investment. A final recommendations report and action plan will be published later in the year.

### **Deputy Mayor air quality speech with local groups in Tower Hamlets**

On 13 June my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues spoke to local parents, school children and community groups in Tower Hamlets about our work to clean up London's polluted air. She heard from school children at Bonner Primary School who had participated in a local monitoring project with Loop Labs, about how air pollution affects them and what more they would like to be done to tackle air pollution.

### **ULEZ expansion confirmed**

On 8 June, after receiving London's approval in the largest consultation TfL have ever held, I announced the expansion of the central London Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). The ULEZ, which applies to all vehicles, will be expanded up to the North and South Circular boundary from 25 October 2021 for light vehicles, including cars and vans.

The new ULEZ will cover an area 18 times larger than the central London Ultra Low Emission Zone and will affect large numbers of polluting vehicles that don't comply with new emission standards. In addition to this, from 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 ULEZ standards will apply to all heavy vehicles (such as lorries, buses coaches) across the whole of London. Together, these schemes will lead to emission reductions across London and more than 100,000 residents no longer living in areas exceeding legal air quality limits in 2021.

### **Air quality health study**

On the same day I announced the expansion of the central London ULEZ, I also announced the launch of a major new study into the health benefits of reducing toxic air pollution on more than 3,000 primary school children in polluted areas of London and Luton. Research has found that some children in London are breathing in air so damaging it is affecting the development of their lungs. The study will test how policies like the Ultra-Low Emission Zone can improve the growth of children's lungs and reduce chest symptoms, comparing London children whose schools are placed within the ULEZ zone with children in Luton whose schools are in traffic-restricted zones.

## **Education and Youth**

### **Healthy Schools London Gold Awards**

On 4 July, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney presented Healthy Schools London Gold Awards to 9 Southwark schools as part of a Southwark Schools' Excellence Awards event that was held at Ortus Learning & Events Centre, 82-96 Grove Lane, Camberwell SE5 8SN. The event was a networking and planning event for all Southwark Headteachers as well as a celebration of the 9 schools' achievements of achieving a Healthy Schools London Gold Award.

### **Getting Ahead London**

On 29 June, the 2017/18 Getting Ahead London programme concluded with an event at City Hall. My Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney, delivered welcoming remarks and Andria Zafirakou, teacher at Alperton Community School in Brent and Winner of the Global Teacher Prize 2018, gave a key note speech. The event brought together this year's participants, their coaches, the Challenge Partners brokers and members of the expert advisory group.

Getting Ahead London is run by Challenge Partners and grant funded by the Mayor. It helps talented senior school leaders to become future headteachers in London schools.

### **Healthy Schools London celebration event**

On 28 June, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney hosted the annual Healthy Schools London celebration event in The Chamber at City Hall. Over 250 people came together including 130 London schools to celebrate the achievements of London's school in supporting the health and wellbeing of their pupils. Ealing pupils performed original songs and dances. Speakers included ITV's This Morning's doctor, Dr Ranj and six London schools who shared their stories of how they are supporting pupils with their learning and skills around

Personal Social Health Education (PSHE). Two school presentations were delivered entirely by pupils.

### **Inspire Engineering**

On 22 June, Joanne McCartney, DM for Education and Childcare visited and spoke to girls from Sarah Bonnell School (Newham) and Plumstead Manor School (Greenwich) at an Inspire Engineering event on International Women in Engineering Day at the London Transport Museum Acton Depot. Inspire Engineering is delivered by the London Transport Museum (LTM) with TfL and Siemens STEM Ambassadors and is part of TfL's School Skills Programme. Inspire is one element of a collection of "Enjoyment to Employment" activities delivered by the LTM.

There is a lack of women in the engineering sector and according to Engineering UK in their 'State of Engineering' report, only 12 per cent of those working in core and related engineering roles are women. Research also shows that at every age boys are far more likely than girls to consider a career in engineering. Through the displays showcasing the range of female engineering talent at TfL, girls, and women looking for a change of career, will be able to read the tips and be inspired to consider engineering as a profession.

To date 3907 students have taken part in Inspire since 2011. In 2017/18, 55% of attendees were girls, creating targeted opportunities for girls to excel in STEM skills in particular.

### **RE:CODE London**

On 21 June, it was announced that my London Curriculum programme won the Cross-Sector Digital Collaboration of the Year Award for its RE:CODE London events. Through partnering with LEGO and the Institute of Imagination, RE:CODE London gives primary school children a real-life coding challenge, building their confidence and creative problem-solving skills.

Pupils get to design, build and code their own LEGO robot to meet modern-day challenges - from cleaning pollution from the Thames to creating electric vehicles of the future. By the end of 2018, we will have engaged over 3,000 children from across London schools.

This innovative partnership delivers on my manifesto pledge to champion opportunities for young Londoners to get an early start with coding skills.

### **Southwark Teaching Schools Alliance: Women in Leadership event**

On 19 June, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney, gave an opening address at the graduation ceremony for participants of the Southwark TSA Leading with Confidence and Leadership Beyond One School Programmes. Both projects are year-long leadership development programmes for women in senior positions in London schools. The programmes are in their second year and are fully funded from the NCTL Leadership Equality and Diversity Fund.

### **The Great Science Share**

Also on 19 June, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney visited the Great Science Share event in the Great Hall at the London Metropolitan University. Islington Primary School children showcased their science as part of a national Science Share day. The event was led and run by children; groups of children from 15 Islington schools demonstrated their science investigations.

## Communities and Social Policy

### **Age-friendly Cities Announcement**

This month I signed up to the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities. This was announced on 15 June, by my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder, in his key note speech at Age UK London's conference on Tackling Loneliness.

### **London Housing Refugee Resettlement meeting**

On 18 June, during Refugee Week, my officers convened housing providers from across London, including housing associations and letting agents, to discuss how to overcome challenges and barriers to providing housing for refugees resettled by local government and through community sponsorship.

### **Roundtable on supporting European Londoners to secure their status**

On 13 June, my officers hosted a roundtable for London boroughs to discuss how to support European Londoners to secure settled status after the UK leaves the European Union. The meeting included representatives from the Home Office, Cabinet Office and MHCLG.

### **Chasing Status event**

On 3 July, my officers hosted an event to bring together young Londoners with experience of growing up in the capital without secure immigration status or citizenship, and launched new guidance for young people on pathways to securing their citizenship and residence rights.

### **Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month event**

On 22 June, to celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month City Hall hosted an event called 'Histories and Futures: Challenging stereotypes, celebrating cultures'. 100 guests from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities and representatives from Local Authorities listened to a panel of young people talking about their personal experiences as part of the community and Community groups and schools presented case studies of community work with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller groups.

## Health

### **London Health Board**

On 27 June, I chaired the quarterly London Health Board meeting. The LHB welcomes two new members: Cllr Ray Puddifoot, Leader of the London Borough of Hillingdon and London Councils Executive Leader for Health and Social Care and Cllr Danny Thorpe, Leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich who had given apologies for this meeting. The board thanked Cllrs Denise Hyland & Kevin Davis for their work as members of the board and Sachin Shah for his leadership of Thrive LDN. The Board offered strategic direction to the emerging London Estates Strategy. Members received proposals on work to develop a public health approach to serious youth violence and will be updated at the December meeting. The Board welcomed London's

successful bid to become a Local Health and Care Record Exemplar. £7.5 million funding will be used to develop a range of demonstrator projects across London over the next two years.

The Board noted progress on dementia-friendly London summit on 21 May, Thrive LDN and its forthcoming campaign, and progress on the Better Health for London conference planned for 9 October.

### **Healthy Schools London annual celebration**

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## **Team London and Volunteering**

### **Major Events Volunteers**

On 10 June, my Team London Ambassadors provided support to PROCESSIONS. The event saw thousands of women walk together as part of a celebratory mass participation artwork to celebrate one hundred years of votes for women and honour the suffragette movement. Volunteers were on hand to distribute shawls in suffragette colours and to support participants with guidance and signposting services.

### **Big Advice Day 2018**

On 19 June, as part of Small Charities week, City Hall welcomed business volunteers from across the capital. The volunteers shared 458 hours of expert advice with small charity staff. This fantastic figure was all achieved in just 6 hours. This included phone calls, Skype sessions and the largest face to face mentoring surgeries session held at City Hall to date.

### **Team London Small Grants**

On 25 June, the application process for my Team London Small Grants programme was opened. The £100,000 fund will be awarded to up to 15 organisations to deliver projects that promote Social Integration in London, linking to my social integration strategy All of Us. All projects will also promote volunteering and social action. The closing date for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> August and projects will run from November 2018 to October 2019.

## **Culture and Events**

### **Pride Reception**

On 4 July, I was delighted to welcome over 200 guests from the LGBT+ community to my Pride reception at City Hall. This networking event brought together community and business stakeholders to celebrate the achievements of the LGBT+ community.

It is a great occasion to mark the wider Pride in London and Black Pride Festivals, a series of LGBT+ events will run throughout the capital between 24 June and 9 July 2018, including the annual London Pride Parade and Festival on 7 July and UK Black Pride on 8 July.

### **LSO on the Square (Sir Simon Rattle)**

On 1 July, I attended the BMW Classics concert by the London Symphony Orchestra on Trafalgar Square, along with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE. These popular annual concerts provide free access to the world-class culture London has to offer. Composer Kate Whitley's world premiere *Sky Dances* saw young musicians from East London play alongside the professional musicians of the orchestra. I was delighted to join Sir Simon Rattle on stage as he took charge of the orchestra for the first time in Trafalgar Square, and to reiterate my support for the value of music education and that it should be available to all, not just the privileged few.

### **State of London Debate**

On Thursday 28 June, I held my third annual State of London debate at Indigo, O2, where Londoners had the opportunity to question me on their thoughts and concerns for London. LBC radio broadcast the debate live and their presenter, James O'Brien, chaired.

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

### **Armed Forces Day**

On 25 June, we were able to reflect on the immense contribution made by men and women across the forces in service to our country at our annual Armed Forces Day flag raising ceremony. Now more than ever it is vital we acknowledge their bravery and dedication. Our Armed Forces work tirelessly to keep us safe which was why I was so proud to be able to welcome their representatives to City Hall.

Along with Naval Commodore David Elford OBE, who spoke on behalf of all the Armed Forces, I was joined by Chairman of the London Assembly, Tony Arbour and other military senior representatives from the Navy, Army and RAF, cadets, veterans, Chelsea Pensioners and members from the Royal British Legion City Hall branch.

The Armed Forces are a tight-knit community so, as well as honouring current service personnel, we remembered the families, charities, reservists and cadets who support our military throughout their careers and beyond.

The flag was hoisted by air cadets Cpl Aaron Harmsworth and Charlotte McCarthy, whilst the Royal Band of Yeomanry played the National Anthem.

### **Eid Festival**

On Saturday 23 June, I was delighted to host Eid Festival in Trafalgar Square, where I joined presenters Sameena Ali-Khan and Remona Aly, as well as inspirational Londoner Mariah Idrissi, onstage to wish everyone Eid Mubarak. This hugely popular celebration marked the end of

Ramadan for the many different Muslim communities in London. The event, which was attended by around 20,000 visitors, was an opportunity for people from all backgrounds, faiths and communities to come together showing the world that London is open and united.

This year, Eid Festival followed the themes of my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, presenting a diverse and exciting stage programme showcasing work from Muslim women performers such as Simona Abdallah, Maya Youssef and the Pearls of Islam.

The global food festival, with cuisines from a wide variety of Muslim cultures, was a huge success, as was the wonderful programme of children's workshops, crafts, theatre, poetry and storytelling.

### **#LondonUnited – Finsbury Park**

Tuesday 19 June marked the one-year anniversary of the Finsbury Park terror attack. I attended and spoke at a commemoration event organised by Islington Council. I also took part in a one-minute silence to commemorate the victim, Makhram Ali, and pay tribute to those affected. The event was attended by local residents, local business owners, invited officials, first responders, and representatives from the Muslim Welfare House and Finsbury Park Mosque.

The event provided an opportunity for the community to reflect and come together to remember the attack. It was also a celebration of the strength and spirit of the borough's community. The event reflected on the way the community has remained united and supported each other in the face of tragedy.

On 18 and 19 June, as part of the ongoing tribute to those affected, the hashtag #LondonUnited was projected onto the Muslim Welfare House. A digital book of hope was also placed at Islington Town Hall for the public to sign.

### **Christo and Jeanne-Claude commission and the Serpentine Summer Party**

On 19 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and I attended the Serpentine Summer Party at the Serpentine Galleries, hosted by Michael R. Bloomberg and Lady Elena Foster. This event celebrated the Serpentine Gallery's annual architectural pavilion – this year by Mexican architect Frida Escobedo – and a new exhibition and ground breaking free public artwork by Christo and Jeanne-Claude. The Mastaba project is the first major public commission by world renowned artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude in London, and will bring thousands of people to Hyde Park, highlighting London's significance as an international centre for artistic excellence and participation.

### **London Irish Centre**

On 19 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and I attended a fundraising event at the London Irish Centre. Hosted by charity patron Dermot O'Leary, this event launched a campaign to revitalise the Centre and secure its long-term future. Ed Sheeran, who is also a patron of the centre, performed for 400 attendees, along with other Irish artists. Sean Kennedy, CEO of the Centre, launched the campaign with the auction of a guitar donated by Ed Sheeran.

The London Irish Centre has played a central role in providing care, culture and a place of community to the Irish population in London for over 60 years. It is the largest Irish community centre outside of Ireland and the largest Irish welfare charity in the UK.

## **PROCESSIONS**

On 10 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, took part in PROCESSIONS, along with the GLA Women's Network also led a group of 40+ staff who were joined by representatives from MOPAC, TFL and the Assembly. This project was produced by Artichoke and commissioned by 14-18 NOW. This mass participation artwork, and portrait of women today, included tens of thousands of women and girls from across the UK who came together to walk the streets with decorated banners in London, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast, marking 100 years of voting rights for women. The event was a part of my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign.

## **BP Portrait Award 2018**

On 11 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the BP Portrait Awards at the National Portrait Gallery. The awards, in their 39th year, are one of the longest running and most prestigious international painting prizes. The winner of the first prize was Miriam Escofet, a London-based, Catalan painter who won with a portrait of her mother drinking tea. It was selected from 2,667 entries from 88 countries, with a prize of £35,000.

## **London Fashion Week Men's and Breakfast Launch**

On 8 June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the launch of London Fashion Week Men's at Store Studios on the Strand. Menswear now accounts for 27 per cent of the UK market, is worth almost £15 billion to the UK economy, and continues to grow. Supporting London's fashion industry is an important goal in my draft Culture Strategy. London Fashion Week Men's generates £100 million in sales each year, and the capital is at the leading edge of innovation, attracting rising fashion entrepreneurs in the fields of e-commerce and wearable tech. The capital is home to iconic global menswear brands like Oliver Spencer, Ben Sherman and Barbour International.

## **Latin American Festivals – La Clave and Plaza Latina**

During June we have supported two Latin American events, La Clave (9 June) and Plaza Latina (30 June) as part of broadening our engagement with the Latin American community.

La Clave, held at The Scoop and More London Estate, London Bridge, was a free multi-arts and culture festival with dance lessons, theatre workshops, art exhibitions, talks and film screenings. With over 4,000 people attending, the event brought together London's Latin artistic community, Latin American, Spanish and Portuguese communities, London-born Latinos and London's wider communities. Supporting the positive benefits of social integration, this event showed that London is open to all.

Plaza Latina took place as part of the Bermondsey Carnival at Southwark Park, which attracted over 10,000 visitors, with a higher proportion being from Latin American communities as a result of this collaboration. The authentic Latin American area at the festival had a live-music stage focussing on grass roots and emerging London-based young artists, as well as known international artists. Southwark is home to one of London's largest Latin American communities. So staging Plaza Latina at Bermondsey Carnival has helped connect a community that is often missed, with a mainstream and long-standing community festival.



## Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy

### CIC Sport Tech Launch

On 11 June, I launched my Civic Innovation Challenge as part of London Tech Week, which is now open for applications. I have invested £50,000 for two sport challenges as part of this initiative. The Civic Innovation Challenge will match start-ups and SMEs with leading corporates and public organisations to solve some of the city's biggest challenges. The Civic Innovation Challenge is about using tech to improve life for Londoners, grow the economy and give tech start-ups the opportunities to test innovation directly with their market

### London Stadium

The London Stadium continued its successful run of concerts with two nights from Beyoncé and Jay Z (15 & 16 June), and the Foo Fighters (22 & 23 June) who played to 150,000 people over two nights – a record for a concert at the venue. The Park also hosted The Great Get Together (24 June), an annual, free community event organised in partnership with the Jo Cox Foundation, to bring communities together through music, dance and food, and I'm delighted to report that 12,000 people attended on the day. For the third year in a row, Shell have returned to the Park to host Make the Future Live (5 – 8 July), a four-day festival of events looking at smarter, cleaner energy solutions.

Last month I launched my vision for the East Bank project, a new cultural and education district based at the Park which will see new sites for the V&A, Sadler's Wells, UCL, BBC Orchestra, and UAL's London College of Fashion. Following on from the launch event, LLDC held a number of public exhibitions which kicked off on 9 June. This gave local communities an opportunity to see and comment on the design proposals for the new site and this activity sat alongside a very successful schools outreach programme which culminated in the Stratford Waterfront schools design challenge event where the best design for 'playable landscape' and a piece of street furniture were selected (19 June). For those who were unable to attend, there has been an online platform which people can comment on up until 8 July.

## Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

### OPDC draft Local Plan public consultation

The [OPDC draft Local Plan public consultation](#) launched on 14 June. The consultation for these documents runs from Thursday 14 June to midnight on 30 July 2018 and people can provide comments by email, post or in person. The public can also register to attend Local Plan events.

### OPDC Community Review group recruitment

On the 14 June, [OPDC launched their Community Review group recruitment](#). The Community Review Group will be part of OPDC's plan to ensure that new developments are of the highest possible quality, whilst also empowering local people to have their say about the urban design process, including housing, transport, public spaces and environment. This will help to ensure that new development serves the needs of people living and working in the area, both now and in the future. The Group will meet to discuss development proposals and to give its views. These discussions will be turned into a formal report and will feed into decisions made by OPDC and

the OPDC Planning Committee. The Group can invite OPDC, or architects and other professionals, to talk to the group. Applications to be part of the Community Review Group opened on Thursday 14 June and close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 25 July 2018.

## Planning

### Planning and Development Control 30 May 2018 to 26 June 2018

#### Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

*Addington Golf Club, Addington, LB Croydon*

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

*Copley Close Estate, LB Ealing*

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

*Peel House Car Park and 22 Palmerston Road, 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.

*Former Richard Cloudesley School, Golden Lane, Islington, LB Islington and City of London*

I have written to the London Borough of Islington and the City of London Corporation stating that I am content to allow the Council and Corporation to determine the application themselves.

*23-37 Blagdon Road, New Malden, RB Kingston upon Thames*

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

*Former Tidemill School, 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.

*Land at Clockhouse & Access House, Imperial Street, Bromley-by-Bow, London Legacy Development Corporation*

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

*Abbeyfield Estate, LB Southwark*

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

*38 Havelock Terrace, Nine Elms, 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.

*One Neathouse Place, Victoria, City of Westminster*

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

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

*Town Hall Annexe, Barking Road, East Ham, 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.

*London Road/Valetta Grove, Plaistow, 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.

*West London College, Unit 1 Nucleus, Park Royal, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation*

The Deputy Mayor has written to the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation stating that he is content to allow the Corporation 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:

- Footzie Social Club, Lower Sydenham, LB Bromley
- Coombe Road Playing Fields, LB Croydon
- 233-236 Nestles Avenue, Hayes, LB Hillingdon
- 276 Bath Road, Sipson, LB Hillingdon
- Surrey House, Eden Street, RB Kingston upon Thames
- Etap Accor Hotel, North Woolwich, LB Newham
- 19 Abbey Road, Park Royal, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation
- Ruby Street, Old Kent Road, LB Southwark
- Burgess Business Park, Camberwell, LB Southwark
- Ruby Triangle, Sandgate Street, Peckham, LB Southwark
- Whitechapel Central (Safestore Site), Stepney, LB Tower Hamlets
- Wells House, Oxford Street, City of Westminster
- 7-11 Cavendish Place, Oxford Circus, City of Westminster

### **Delegated Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)**

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

- SKIPC Community Centre + Sports Ground, India Gardens, Northolt, LB Ealing
- Land at Havering Road, Romford, LB Havering

## **Delegated Planning Decisions (Stopping Up Order)**

The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, has sent a letter giving comments about the following stopping up order referral:

- Green Man Lane Estate, LB Ealing

## **Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning**

- Brent House, LB Brent
- Cookham Road Compost Facility, LB Bromley
- Former Honda Garage, LB Ealing
- Kidbrooke Village Centre (Phase 3), RB Greenwich
- Waste Management Resources Ltd, RB Greenwich
- Thrayle House, LB Lambeth
- Site known as Stratford Waterfront, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Gallions Quarter, LB Newham
- 1-11 & 15-25 Howie Street 1-4 Elcho Street 7-9 & 15-25 Parkgate Road and Southern section of Radstock Street, LB Wandsworth
- Former American Embassy, City of Westminster
- Whiteleys Centre, City of Westminster
- Kensington and Chelsea Local Plan Partial Review - Further Modifications Consultation, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Brent Local Plan - Issues and Options, LB Brent
- City of London Article 4 Direction - Office to Residential, City of London
- Consultation on Wood Green Area Action Plan - further preferred stage, LB Haringey
- Kennington Oval & Vauxhall Forum - Draft Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14) Consultation, Kennington Oval & Vauxhall Forum
- Southwark Article 4 Direction - Office to Residential, LB Southwark
- Lambeth Article 4 Direction - Office to Residential, LB Lambeth
- Camden Article 4 Direction - Office to Residential, LB Camden

## **Key Engagements**

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

- I visited Netley Primary School on 8 June to announce the expansion of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone for all vehicles up to the North/South Circular road from 25 October 2021
- I attended the dedication of the Grenfell Garden for Peace & Healing at St Clement's Church on 10 June
- I attended the Serious Violence Taskforce hosted by the Home Secretary on 11 June
- I visited the Francis Crick Institute on 11 June to launch London Tech Week
- I had an introductory meeting with Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Leader of Malaysia's governing Pakatan Harapan coalition, on 11 June

- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 11 June
- I chaired the Homes for Londoners Board meeting on 12 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Cllr Peter John, the new Chair of London Councils, on 12 June
- I attended the second meeting of the Metro Mayors (M8) hosted by Steve Rotheram, the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, in Liverpool on 13 June
- I addressed the International Business Festival at the Echo Arena in Liverpool on 13 June
- I attended the Memorial Service hosted by Grenfell United on 14 June to mark the first anniversary of the Grenfell Tower Fire
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 14 June
- I attended the silent walk for Grenfell on 14 June
- I chaired the London Crime Reduction Board meeting on 15 June
- I met with Dr Martin Griffiths, Consultant vascular, endovascular and trauma surgeon at Barts Health NHS Trust, on 15 June
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 18 June
- I met with the Rt Hon David Davis MP, the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, on 18 June to discuss the implications of the vote to leave the EU
- I attended the minutes silence at Islington Town Hall on 19 June to mark the first anniversary of the Finsbury Park Mosque terror attack
- I addressed Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business UK Alumni Convening on 19 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Cllr Nesil Caliskan, the new Leader of Enfield, on 19 June
- I attended the Serpentine VIP Reception on 19 June
- I addressed the London Councillors reception hosted by London Councils at the Guildhall on 19 June
- I attended the London Irish Centre fundraising event on 19 June
- I attended the City Air Quality Summit at Mansion House on 20 June
- I met with Guy Verhofstadt MEP, Brexit Chief Negotiator for the European Parliament, on 20 June, to discuss Brexit
- I had an introductory meeting with Cllr Danny Thorpe, the new Leader of Greenwich, on 20 June
- I attended Val Shawcross' Retirement Reception at City Hall on 20 June
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 21 June
- I met with Dr Duncan Bew, Clinical Director for Trauma at Kings College Hospital, on 21 June
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 21 June
- I attended the Spirit of Windrush - Contributions to Multicultural Britain: A Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey on 22 June to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the arrival of the Spirit of Windrush
- I attended the UK-India Awards on 22 June
- I attended Eid on the Square on 23 June
- I attended the Memorial Service for Judge Khurshid Drabu CBE on 23 June
- I attended the Multi-faith Memorial Service on 23 June in memory of the Choukair family who passed away in the Grenfell Tower
- I attended the Armed Forces Day flag raising event hosted jointly with the London Assembly at City Hall on 25 June
- I had my regular meeting with Dany Cotton, the Fire Commissioner, on 25 June

- I met with Manuel Cortes, General Secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, on 25 June to discuss transport issues
- I appeared before the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee (PACAC) inquiry on devolution and exiting the EU at the House of Commons on 26 June
- I attended the opening of the new Aga Khan Centre in Kings Cross on 26 June
- I had my regular update with Craig Mackey, the Deputy Police Commissioner, on the work of the Violent Crime Taskforce on 26 June
- I opened the Knife Crime Strategy Summit at Friends House on 27 June
- I chaired the London Economic Action Partnership Board meeting on 27 June
- I chaired the London Health Board meeting on 27 June
- I met with Louise Haigh MP, Shadow Minister of State for Policing, on 2 July to discuss policing and tackling crime in London
- I met with Mark Prince, Kiyan Prince Foundation, on 3 July, to discuss tackling youth violence
- I attended the FT Women's 125 event on 3 July
- I met with Ada Colau, the Mayor of Barcelona, on 3 July to further develop cooperation between London and Barcelona on housing
- I addressed L&P staff on 3 July
- I attended the Unison NHS lunch taking place at City Hall on 4 July
- I attended the New London Awards at the Guildhall on 4 July
- I attended the Royal British Legion City Hall Branch reception taking place at City Hall on 4 July
- I attended the Pride reception taking place at City Hall on 4 July
- I hosted a breakfast meeting with representatives of London's Black Majority Churches on 4 July to discuss how we can work together to tackle violent crime in London
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 5 July
- I addressed GLA staff on 5 July and formally welcomed Mary Harpley as the new Chief Officer
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 5 July

**Ends**