

## **2nd Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 22 June 2016**

This is my second Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 12<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Executive Summary**

#### **Case for remaining in the EU**

On 26 May, I set out the 'positive, patriotic and values based' case for London and the United Kingdom remaining in the European Union in my first intervention in the referendum debate since being elected as Mayor.

Speaking to an audience of young Londoners and leading business experts at Second Home in Tech City, I argued that the capital and the United Kingdom are stronger, safer and better off in the EU, but I also emphasised the emotional argument for remaining in the EU.

Throughout our history, Britain has always been open to the world. Always looking outwards and trying to learn from others. It is our open attitude that helped to build our country. It is why London became the great city it is today and it is why we attract the best and the brightest from around the world to make their home here.

I will be campaigning for the United Kingdom to remain in the European Union right up until the referendum on 23 June.

#### **Key Appointments**

On 24 May, I announced key senior appointments to my top team, including my deputy mayors for policing, transport and housing.

The five new senior advisors will drive forward my pledges to make the capital a safer city, with a world-class transport network and affordable housing leading to shared prosperity for all Londoners.

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#### **Bold plans to clean up London's toxic air**

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### **Audit of London's housing crisis**

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I have already met with the Chancellor and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to discuss working together to build more homes for Londoners. The meetings have been very positive and I am hopeful we will conclude an agreement in the coming weeks that will have the backing of boroughs, housing associations, developers, and businesses in the capital.

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Following the recent attacks in Paris and Brussels, this London-wide strategic review was one of my key manifesto promises. The review will involve:

- The Metropolitan police, including its armed response capacity
- Other police services operating in London, including the British Transport Police and City of London Police
- The London Fire Brigade
- The London Ambulance Service
- Local government
- Transport for London
- The Port of London Authority

On 27 May, I also joined British Transport Police officers at Liverpool Street Station in a routine Project Servator deployment to deter, detect and disrupt a wide range of criminal activity on the rail network, while providing a reassuring presence for the travelling public.

I have formally approved the appointment of Lord Harris of Haringey to undertake the review and I approved expenditure up to a maximum of £15,000 (excluding VAT and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses) to procure the services of Lord Harris.

I also approved an exemption, under GLA's Contracts and Funding Code, from the requirement for a competitive process.

#### **400 more armed police posts**

On 12 May, I attended a Metropolitan Police armed response training exercise in central London and met the Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, to discuss London's ability to deal with major terrorist incidents. Nothing is more important to me than the safety of Londoners.

I welcomed the news that 600 police officers have volunteered to put themselves in the line of fire and undertake firearms training, as part of plans to boost the number of armed officers available to protect the capital from gun crime and terrorism. Around 400 newly trained firearms officers will be ready to be deployed as soon as April next year.

The announcement comes ahead of my full terror preparedness review, which was one of my key manifesto pledges. I then discussed with the Commissioner, the remit and scale of the review, with more details expected to be announced over the coming days.

The review will involve the Metropolitan Police Service, the London Fire Brigade, the NHS, local authorities, TfL, the Port of London and the RNLI, and will ensure London is ready to deal with a major terrorist incident.

#### **Taking action against anti-Semitism**

On 26 May, I joined Mayors from across Europe and the United States in signing a pledge to take action against anti-Semitism in their communities.

The pledge, which has been signed by more than 150 Mayors from 30 countries in Europe, is part of the Mayors United Against Anti-Semitism initiative, originally developed by the American Jewish Committee (AJC) in July 2015 and launched in Europe later that year. The Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, was the first European Mayor to sign the pledge, followed by those from Frankfurt, Madrid, Milan and Copenhagen. 300 Mayors from all 50 American states also supported the project.

I have consistently stated my zero-tolerance approach to anti-Semitism and all hate crime and I have promised to support police officers with the resources and training they need to investigate hate crime fully, and to promote neighbourhood police teams that understand and reflect the communities they serve. I will also work with Transport for London and the British Transport Police to protect people on public transport from hate crime.

## Transport

### **Night Tube services to launch on 19 August**

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It will help late-night revellers and shift-workers who currently have to rely on night buses or mini-cabs to get back to outer London after the Tube shuts down.

The start of Night Tube services on the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly lines will follow in two separate phases later in the autumn as new Tube drivers complete their training and final preparations are made. Around 200 part-time drivers are currently taking part in a 14-week training programme to make the Night Tube a reality.

### **Garden Bridge must be more accessible and transparent**

I used my first Mayor's Question Time to lay bare the finances of the Garden Bridge.

TfL and the Government have previously committed £30 million each to the Garden Bridge Trust's £175m project - with the remainder raised through private donations. Of the £30 million pledged by TfL, £20 million is in the form of a loan to be repaid in full, and of the £60 million total of taxpayers money pledged, £37.7 million has already been spent by the Garden Bridge Trust. I made it clear that if the project was scrapped now, this amount would be lost in full with no benefit at all for Londoners or taxpayers.

Therefore, if the Garden Bridge is completed, not only will TfL be repaid its £20 million loan by the Garden Bridge Trust, but they will also pay approximately £22 million in VAT to the Treasury. That means the ultimate bill to taxpayers for completing the bridge will be £18 million – less than half the cost of cancelling the project now.

On this understanding, I have given my support to the completion of the Garden Bridge but I have insisted the Garden Bridge Trust make a series of amendments to its plans to make the Garden Bridge more accessible.

My demands include:

- The Bridge to be closed for fewer days each year for private fundraising events – the current plans are for 12 closures a year.

- The Bridge to be closed for fewer hours each time it has to close for fundraising events, so that the Bridge can still be used in the morning and evenings – the current plans are for it to be closed from midnight to midnight.
- A guarantee that children at local schools on either side of the river will get to visit the Garden Bridge and be involved in planting and maintenance – with a rolling programme of events for local school children.
- The Garden Bridge Trust to build a strong working relationship with all of London's parks, so that seeds and plants grown on the Garden Bridge can then be replanted in parks across the capital – ensuring it has a positive benefit for all Londoners.

The early days of this project, under the previous administration, clearly fell short of our expectations on transparency. As such, I have now published the previously undisclosed full business plan for the Garden Bridge alongside a list of the funders of the Bridge.

### **Safer, easier cycling for all Londoners**

On 20 May, I launched an incentive scheme to encourage London's businesses to get their staff cycling by announcing that businesses who sign up to the new Santander Cycles Business Accounts scheme before 1 July 2016 will receive a 10 per cent discount.

Following a successful pilot scheme, the initiative, which offers easy cycle-hire access, is now being targeted at businesses across the capital to encourage their employees to cycle to and from their offices or meetings.

I also reaffirmed my commitment to make cycling safer and easier for every Londoner by scrutinising major plans for new cycle superhighways and the transformation of key junctions in the heart of the capital.

I am committed to learning from previous schemes and improving the consultation process to create schemes that benefit pedestrian safety and improve public space, as well as protecting and encouraging cyclists.

### **First savings found to fund my fares freeze on TfL services**

On 8 June, along with the Transport Commissioner, Mike Brown, I announced a major efficiency savings programme to enable fares on Transport for London services to be frozen until 2020 without impacting vital investment on the transport network.

On my instruction, TfL is carrying out a root-and-branch review of its business to eliminate unnecessary duplication in its operations, obtain greater value from its vast procurement activity, significantly cut reliance on expensive agency staff and stop IT projects which only deliver limited benefits. This has already identified savings to cover the first two years of the fares freeze on TfL services through:

- A fundamental review of TfL's organisational structure to review management layers and eliminate wasteful duplication across all its functions, including bringing together engineering operations and IT departments (estimated saving £20-25m).
- Improved procurement and renegotiation of contracts from suppliers and other third-party spending which accounts for over two thirds of TfL's total budget (estimated saving £50-60m).
- The reprioritisation and consolidation of IT projects which delivered relatively low benefits (estimated saving £20-30m).

- Freezing recruitment for all but the most essential roles and significantly cutting the most expensive of the existing circa 3,000 agency contractors currently engaged by TfL. A reduction of over 100 IT contractors alone will save around £2m.

The value of a fares freeze – until May 2020 – is estimated by TfL to be around £640 million over four years. To tie in with this, the base pay of the Commissioner and other senior staff (around 70 in all) will be frozen for the full Mayoral term. I will personally review any future appointments with a base salary over £100,000 a year and I have ordered a review of free travel for the nominees of staff earning a base salary over £100,000 a year.

I will now work with TfL and the TfL Board to deliver a new, balanced 'Transport Plan for London', covering my full mayoral term that grips costs, will not impact on the delivery of TfL's huge £2 billion-a-year investment programme and looks for further ways in which to raise other revenue. This plan will deliver my manifesto commitments and include taking forward Crossrail 2, upgrades of London Underground lines, additional investment in cycling and improving London's road network. This plan will be published in the autumn.

As outlined in my manifesto, the fares freeze on TfL services will put money back into the pockets of Londoners. An average household will save around £200 over the four years. For example, regular users of the bus and tram 7-day pass will save around £400 over the four year term. In 2020, a bus journey will still cost £1.50 and a Tube journey from Finsbury Park to Oxford Circus will still cost £2.90 in the peak and £2.40 at all other times.

Londoners currently pay some of the highest public transport fares anywhere in the world and my fares freeze on TfL services will make life easier for millions of people and will ensure that London becomes a more affordable city for all.

### **New freight air quality initiative to reduce harmful emissions in the capital**

The LoCITY programme has taken its first steps to improve air quality in the capital by publishing data to help increase the availability and uptake of low emission vans and lorries. Representatives from across the industry came together on 24 May for the first annual conference, as research from the programme's initial four months was published.

LoCITY is an industry-led programme helping the freight and fleet industry reduce its impact on air quality by increasing the use of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles. TfL is part funding and monitoring LoCITY to ensure it is a success. More than 600 organisations from across the commercial vehicle industry, government and academia are already working together on the programme to make the widespread use of low emission commercial vehicles a reality.

### **Increased evening services for London Overground**

To meet increasing demand for evening services, London Overground has added extra services on a number of routes on the network service.

The East London line schedule has been increased from two to four trains per hour between 22:00 and 23:30, on services between Dalston Junction to New Cross, Highbury & Islington to West Croydon, Highbury & Islington to Crystal Palace and Dalston Junction to Clapham Junction.

The changes follow improvements completed at the end of 2015 where much of the London Overground network went from four to five carriage trains, increasing capacity by 25 per cent.

Earlier this year TfL announced that Arriva will take over from existing operator LOROL in November 2016 to operate the London Overground network, and will support TfL in delivering further improvements for customers on the already hugely popular network

### **Android Pay accepted for pay as you go travel in London**

Since 18 May, customers have been able to use Android Pay on their mobile phone to travel on TfL services, including the Tube, buses and trams, as well as most National Rail services in London

The new payment app, developed by Google, supports MasterCard and Visa credit and debit cards from many of the UK's major financial institutions, with new banks being added all the time.

Customers can use the Android Pay app from the Google Play Store and set up their account with their bank card. They then simply touch in and out with the top half of their phone on the yellow card reader at a station, or touch in only on a bus or at a tram stop, in the same way they use their Oyster or contactless payment card.

The best fare for each day or week will be calculated, depending on where and when customers have travelled. The costs of all journeys a customer makes are then added together and, if appropriate, daily and weekly (Monday to Sunday) caps are applied.

### **Touch in and take to the Thames as contactless payment comes to the river**

Customers travelling on MBNA Thames Clippers River Bus services are now able to pay as you go using contactless payment cards, as part of Transport for London's continued investment in the river.

On 20 May, the payment method, which has already helped change the way people pay for bus, Tube, tram and most National Rail services across London, was introduced to all MBNA Thames Clippers River Bus routes, which cover around 28 kilometres of the Thames between Putney and Woolwich Arsenal.

Those customers using contactless payment cards are charged the same adult rate pay as you go fare as using an Oyster card. All they need to do is touch in on the card reader and then touch out again at the end of their journey, or when changing boats. They will be charged for their journey based on the three easy-to-understand river fare zones - West, Central and East.

Around 500,000 journeys have been made along the Thames using pay as you go on Oyster cards since it was introduced on MBNA Thames Clippers River Bus services last September. As well as being more convenient for customers, using Oyster also offers cheaper fares than buying a paper ticket from the ticket office and saves time on queuing.

### **Putting tram services on the map**

TfL's latest Tube map includes the capital's tram services for the first time. The addition is designed to make it easier for those travelling to Wimbledon, Croydon or Beckenham to plan their journeys.

London Trams has recently seen a number of improvements, including an increase in services by 50 per cent between Wimbledon and Croydon after an additional platform at Wimbledon was completed last year. Four additional trams were also introduced in February, increasing the total number operating across the network to 34, and service information has been added to the electronic service update boards at TfL stations across London.

The new map also illustrates where and when major upgrade works will take place on the London Overground route between Gospel Oak and Barking, as part of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan.

### **Favourite stops and stations added to tfl.gov.uk website**

A new function has now been added to the tfl.gov.uk site that allows customers to personalise the TfL home screen on their computer or mobile devices, to display preferred travel information.

The new 'favourites' menu lets them save their most frequently used Tube lines, tram line or river bus line, as well as receive updates about major roads, bus routes or specific bus stops. It will also highlight any disruptions on the network to help them to better plan their journeys in advance.

Future improvements to the website will include the ability to 'favourite' specific journeys so customers can tell if there is any disruption along their regular routes.

Updates to the Oyster and Contactless account webpages are also planned to make it easier for people to register their cards and get information about their recent journeys.

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

### **Regeneration Fund**

On 25 May, the new technology business incubator in Croydon town centre was launched. The unit has been designed as a catalyst for the high growth tech sector in Croydon by fostering and supporting local tech SMEs and start-ups and providing a resource to help attract a significant inward investment. The 21,000 sq ft space offers space for up to 320 desks, meeting rooms, an event space, a publicly accessible café and a gallery for local artists.

Facilities are available at affordable rates to enable local start-ups, alongside a support offer including mentoring, investment, and business development opportunities. The project has received £927,940 from the Regeneration Fund for the refurbishment and fit out of the unit, and backing from Croydon Council in the way of a rent and rates relief period for the space.

The first phase of development of the Hackney Central Fashion Hub is also now drawing to a close. The project has received £1.5 million of investment from the Regeneration Fund for the refurbishment of 12 Network Rail owned railway arches for fashion outlet stores, two new infill buildings constructed, and associated public realm improvements create jobs for local people and support local businesses by attracting visitors to the town centre. This represents phase 1 of a wider ambition for Hackney Central.

### **High Street Fund**



Physical refurbishment of the Chrisp Street Exchange, a new co-working hub for local entrepreneurs, has now been complete. Based in the historic Chrisp Street Market district centre, the project provides over 5,300 sq ft of improved space set to support over 200 businesses by providing access to affordable workspace and business mentoring support. The project is funded by £283,000 from the High Street Fund. The Chrisp Street Exchange officially launches on the 9 June 2016.

The opening of Green Rooms in Wood Green took place on 19 May. A 60 bed arts hotel offering a range of accommodation for visiting artists, companies, and creative professionals – Green Rooms will also be a venue for local community events and small theatre production. The bar and restaurant will be run as an incubator space, creating an opportunity for local food businesses to emerge and grow.

## **Housing, Land and Planning**

### **Audit of London's housing crisis**

Immediately after taking office I asked officials to produce an urgent audit of City Hall's preparedness to tackle the housing crisis. The audit exposed the full extent of the capital's housing crisis and revealed that the previous mayor "left the cupboard bare" when it comes to delivering affordable housing in the city.

It showed:

- Affordable home delivery at near-standstill – last year, the previous mayor delivered the lowest number of new affordable homes since current records began back in 1991 – just 4,880 – and left a legacy of just 13 per cent affordable homes coming forward through planning permissions granted last year under his watch.
- An acute construction skills crisis – with annual construction apprenticeship starts in London averaging just seven per cent of the national total and with a total of 100,000 planned apprenticeships starts missed during the previous mayor's second term.
- A flawed process of identifying public land for homes – as it has been revealed the previous mayor's work to produce a digital 'Domesday Book' of public land in fact includes scores of sites that will never be built on, including 10 Downing Street, City Hall, and the British Museum.

On 16 May, I visited the Landmark Court site in Southwark, which is owned by Transport for London and could be used to build at least 120 new homes. I have pledged to build new homes on land owned by City Hall, including Transport for London land, and intend to fast-track scores of sites like Landmark Court that are suitable for development, but were not utilised by the previous Mayor. I also plan to work with Government ministers to ensure a far more active role for City Hall in identifying other surplus public land that can be used for the construction of the new affordable housing Londoners need.

I have a long-term strategic target for 50 per cent of all new homes in London to be genuinely affordable. From a starting point of just 13 per cent affordable housing last year that we inherited from the previous Mayor, it's clear it will take time to turn this ship around. We have begun to draft supplementary planning guidance to set out how we will start moving towards delivering more affordable housing in the planning system. We will set out these plans soon,

and will ensure they are implemented in a way that supports more development coming forward.

I have already met with the Chancellor and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to discuss working together to build more homes for Londoners. The meetings have been very positive and I am hopeful we will conclude an agreement in the coming weeks that will have the backing of boroughs, housing associations, developers, and businesses in the capital.

### **Full extent of previous Mayor's failure to help renters revealed**

I instructed officials to open up the books and carry out an audit of City Hall's recent work in the private rented sector, including the previous Mayor's flagship 'London Rental Standard' which was announced four years ago with the stated target of raising the number of accredited landlords to 100,000 by 2016.

Damning new statistics now show that not only has the London Rental Standard accredited fewer than 2,000 new landlords since its inception, but that the previous Mayor had ignored clear and repeated advice that it was doomed to fail.

I have set out my aim of improving conditions in the private rented sector, including supporting the extension of landlord licensing and 'naming and shaming' rogue landlords, but have warned there would be 'no quick fixes' given the scale of the problem left by the previous Mayor.

On 31 May, I therefore visited the Hackney Family Service – a support service run by the homelessness charity Shelter for families at risk of losing their homes. During my visit, I met families who have been suffering from poor conditions, high rents and insecurity in the private rented sector – exactly the people who it is so important we help.

## **Environment**

### **Bold plans to clean up London's toxic air**

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The proposals in the consultation will include:

- Extending the ULEZ to the North Circular Road and the South Circular Road and the possibility of bringing forward the introduction earlier than 2020.
- Implementing an extra charge only for the most polluting vehicles entering central London using the Congestion Charge payment and enforcement system from 2017.

- Introducing ULEZ standards for heavy vehicles London-wide from 2020
- Giving the go-ahead for TfL to start work on the costs and challenges of implementing a diesel scrappage scheme
- Proposals to work with the Government to tackle air pollution on a national and international level.

In addition there are proposals for TfL to lead by example through:

- Introducing self-imposed ULEZ standards a year earlier for TfL double decker buses
- Implementing clean bus corridors – tackling the worst pollution hotspots by concentrating cleaner buses on the dirtiest routes
- Expanding the ULEZ retrofit programme to 3,000 buses outside the central zone
- Purchasing only hybrid or zero-emission double-decker buses from 2018.

A public consultation on air quality generally will take place in summer 2016 and implementation of the first four proposals would be subject to statutory public and stakeholder consultation.

I visited John Cass's Foundation Primary School, in Aldgate, as it has delivered a number of green initiatives, including a green roof garden, as the school is close to busy roads and in an area known for high pollution levels. Pupils at the School are also taught about the environment and as well as helping plant flowers, they are encouraged to walk to school and have helped decorate an air pollution monitoring station in their playground.

### **Pledge to oppose building on green belt at launch of London Tree Week**

On 26 May, I pledged to oppose building on London's green belt and instructed my planning officers to ensure this view is reflected in all planning decisions made by the Greater London Authority, as I officially launched the start of London's Tree Week, a series of events designed to highlight London's beautiful green spaces.

During London's Tree Week, twenty-five organisations and individuals organised 40 events across the capital, including tree walks, talks and children's activities. A highlight of the week was the installation of CanopyStair in Highgate Wood, with over 800 people having the chance to climb an innovative spiral staircase up an oak tree over the Bank Holiday weekend.

More information can be found at: [www.london.gov.uk/events/2016-05-28/london-tree-week-events-2016](http://www.london.gov.uk/events/2016-05-28/london-tree-week-events-2016).

## **Social Inclusion and Community Relations**

### **Pledge to make social integration a 'core' priority**

Social integration is the key to a more productive, healthier and ultimately more prosperous city for all Londoners and I have pledged to do everything possible to strengthen London's social fabric and tighten the bonds between Londoners from different backgrounds.

I made improving social integration a key part of my election campaign, focusing on the role it can play in tackling extremism and radicalisation, and keeping Londoners safe.

On 1 June, during a visit to an Age UK inter-generational volunteering event in Southwark, I stressed that the benefits of social integration are even broader than that, highlighting the role that better inter-generational integration can play in improving health outcomes for older Londoners, and the role that better integration of people from different economic backgrounds can play in improving social mobility for all Londoners.

I have outlined a series of plans to improve social integration and ensure more Londoners develop strong relationships with people of different faiths, race, economic background and age. This includes supporting volunteering projects, promoting mixed sports teams and using design and planning to ensure people spend more time meeting people from different backgrounds, for example by ensuring all schools have a sheltered space at the entrance so parents can stop and talk as they drop their children at school.

## **Education and Youth**

### **Getting Ahead London**

On 24 May, I began a new scheme for helping talented senior leaders to become future heads or principals of some of the most rewarding and challenging schools in London.

Successful participants on Getting Ahead London will have free, personalised coaching as well as formal training, support with job applications and networking events on leadership with the business sector. The scheme is being piloted in the new school year and will run from September 2016 to July 2017. Current deputy, assistant and associate heads of primary and secondary schools have until 19 June to apply to Getting Ahead London. Full details are at [www.london.gov.uk/gettingahead](http://www.london.gov.uk/gettingahead).

The scheme has been developed with pan-London agencies and groups including Boroughs, Teaching Schools, headteacher groups and DfE, and is being run with support from PwC and Challenge Partners. Research undertaken last year showed that many London schools are struggling to recruit great leaders. We also know that many talented senior leaders would like to step-up to headship, but need extra support and guidance to get there. This initiative will complement and add value to existing leadership development programmes and qualifications, and followed extensive stakeholder consultation last summer and autumn.

## **Volunteering**

### **Big Recruit**

On 8 June, Team London partnered with Greater London Volunteering to host the Big Recruit. Volunteer Centres across London opened their doors and volunteers took to the streets to inspire new people to engage and build skills and confidence through volunteering.

### **Youth Summit**

On 16 May, Team London hosted a Youth Summit at City Hall, where young people took part in leadership and skills based workshops to enable them to tackle the issues which they feel are affecting their local community.

I was delighted to meet some of the young people who attended the summit and hope they came away from the day feeling that they can bring about positive changes in their local communities.

## Health

### **Mental Health Awareness week**

From 16 to 22 May, I helped the Mental Health Foundation spread the word about Mental Health Awareness Week 2016. It is something I pledged to support in my manifesto. This year's theme was about relationships and their importance to mental health.

To help spread the word, I shared my own 'relationships resolution' on Twitter. My video reached 108,000 and was viewed 35,000 times. I wanted to share my commitments to improving mental health services too, so I also wrote a blog post about how relationships have been important to my life, and shared that on London.gov.uk and the Mental Health Foundation's website. In total, my Twitter activity cumulatively reached 417,000 people, and this will help to promote this important matter to the wider public.

### **Vow to tackle air pollution and health inequalities**

On 6 June, new figures revealed that Londoners living in the capital's most deprived boroughs are up to twice as likely to die of lung cancer, asthma and other lung diseases than those who live in more affluent parts of the capital.

The statistics, published as part of a wider study on lung health from the British Lung Foundation, show the need for more urgent action to tackle the capital's air quality, which fails to meet the legal requirements for pollutants such as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>).

According to the new figures, residents of Tower Hamlets, Barking and Dagenham and Newham are up to twice as likely to die from lung cancer and other lung diseases than those who live just a few miles away in some of London's most well-off boroughs, such as Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster and Barnet.

This deeply concerning report shines a light on the huge health inequalities in London, and shows how poor air quality is a ticking time-bomb for our health, especially Londoners in the most deprived parts of the city

I am determined to get to grips with health inequalities in harder-to-reach groups and in London's most vulnerable communities - something the previous Mayor dismally failed to do.

One of the best ways to do this is to tackle London's dangerously polluted air and make sure that breathing clean air is a right, not a privilege.

## Culture and Events

### **Call for artists to light up the River Thames bridges**

I am calling on the world's brightest minds to come up with ideas to create a permanent light art installation, extending across 17 bridges that span the Thames between Albert Bridge in Chelsea and Tower Bridge in the City.

On 2 June, I launched a global competition inviting proposals from artists, designers, architects and engineers to create *The Illuminated River*, an elegant and charismatic light installation for London's celebrated bridges, harnessing the most innovative, green and sustainable technologies. Breathing new life into the river each evening, the project will be the world's longest free, permanent outdoor river gallery, creating a ribbon of light through the city at night and revitalising public spaces along the river's banks. The winner will be announced at the end of the year.

I have made protecting and promoting London's position as a capital of culture one of my priorities. The Illuminated River will encourage new investment, increase use of the river, bridges and riverbanks at night and strengthen partnerships across the public realm between the public and private sector landlords. It will encourage the expansion of a vibrant night-time economy, something I am keen to support through plans to appoint a Night Czar, to help protect London's live music venues, clubs and pubs, and the introduction of a 24-hour weekend Tube service on key lines from August.

### **Stars back London's quest to become top street performance city**

Some of the music industry's top names have thrown their weight behind London's plans to become the most busker friendly city in the world.

Billy Bragg, Corinne Bailey Rae, CC Smugglers, Danny Goffey, Fatboy Slim, Hugh Cornwell, Jack Savoretti, Kiko BUN, King Charles, KT Tunstall, Andrew Patrick from STOMP, Todd Dorigo, The View, Whinnie Williams and 'Whispering' Bob Harris have all signed up as Ambassadors of the Busk in London scheme, which aims to make busking on London's streets as easy as possible for performers.

Although great strides have been made in recent years, busking musicians and street performers continue to face obstacles in many cities as a result of confusing rules, unnecessary red tape and even the threat of arrest – despite it being popular with Londoners and tourists alike. This high-profile support for busking builds on the work being done by Busk in London to counter misconceptions, make street performance as easy and straightforward as possible in the capital and highlight its significance in the life of cities.

I have pledged to strengthen London's position as the world's artistic and cultural capital and, at the first ever International Busking Day on 23 July, the capital will lead fifty cities across the UK, along with major world cities including New York, Sydney, Barcelona, Hong Kong, Paris and Toronto for the most ambitious celebration of busking and street performance ever staged.

### **Creative London Reception**

On 18 May, I welcomed over 300 representatives from the creative and cultural industries to an evening reception at City Hall. I announced that the arts, culture and the creative industries would be a top priority. I outlined the importance of growing our reputation as the creative capital of the world and my pledge to ensure every Londoner has the opportunity to benefit from the city's rich cultural offer.

## **Big Dance**

On 19 May, I launched the Big Dance 2016 Pledge with choreographer Akram Khan and a number of dance groups from University of Roehampton, Walthamstow and Croydon. This launch was followed by 42,000+ people in 44 countries worldwide performing Akram's dance simultaneously to music by Nitin Sawhney on 20 May.

## **World Cities Culture Forum**

On 17 May, my Culture team welcomed representatives from Moscow's Department of Culture. At Shakespeare's Globe Sam Wanamaker Theatre, Alexander Kibovsky, Moscow Government Minister, Head of the Moscow Department of Culture announced that the World Cities Culture Forum annual summit for 2016 will be held in Moscow from 5 to 7 October 2016.

## **Appointments**

### **Key Appointments**

On 24 May, I announced key senior appointments to my top team, including deputy mayors for policing, transport and housing.

The five new senior advisors will drive forward my pledges to make the capital a safer city, with a world-class transport network and affordable housing leading to shared prosperity for all Londoners.

### Transport

I have appointed Val Shawcross CBE as Deputy Mayor for Transport and Deputy Chair of Transport for London, subject to a confirmation hearing by the London Assembly. Val Shawcross has extensive experience of all issues relating to London's transport, having served as a London Assembly member for 16 years, including eight years as chair and Deputy Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee.

I intend to secure London's future transport needs by having appointing Lord Andrew Adonis as Chair of the Crossrail 2 Board. Andrew Adonis brings a wealth of experience delivering major London and national transport projects. Lord Adonis will continue his role as chair of the National Infrastructure Commission.

### Policing and Fire

I intend to appoint Sophie Linden as Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, subject to a confirmation hearing by the Assembly Policing and Crime Committee. Sophie Linden is former government special adviser to Lord David Blunkett at the Home Office. She is currently Deputy Mayor of Hackney Council, with lead responsibility for crime and community safety, neighbourhood and civic engagement.

I also intend to appoint Fiona Twycross as Chair, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA), subject to a confirmation hearing by the London Assembly. Fiona Twycross, an Assembly Member since 2012, has first-hand knowledge of this brief having served as Vice Chair of LFEPA since July 2013.

## Housing

Finally, I am appointing James Murray to spearhead my ambitious housing programmes as Deputy Mayor for Housing. James Murray was the lead councillor for housing and development at Islington council, a role he held since 2010, having first been elected in 2006.

During May I also made the following appointments to my mayoral team:

Patrick Hennessy, Mayoral Director, Communications will act as my official spokesperson, and advise me on media and communications. He will lead the development of communications strategy and policy across the GLA Group.

Leah Kreitzman, Mayoral Director, External and International Affairs will oversee public engagement, international relations, marketing and brand strategy. An important element of her role will be developing the dialogue with Londoners and other key stakeholders on my priorities for London.

Nick Bowes, Mayoral Director, Policy will cover policy advice across the full range of mayoral responsibilities. He will act as the interface between the teams in City Hall and the GLA group on policy development, working with the Chief of Staff, other mayoral appointees and senior managers. He will also oversee performance across the wider GLA group.

Jack Stenner, Mayoral Director, Political and Public Affairs will work on strengthening relationships with central and local government.

## **Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy**

### **Park events**

It has been a busy month for Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park with a number of high-level events. 20 May marked the end of the European Aquatics Championships 2016 where 32,000 spectators visited the London Aquatics Centre to watch swimmers from across Europe compete for medals ahead of Rio 2016. Team GB were big winners, with Tom Daley winning a gold medal on the final day of diving and GB taking 5 medals home on the final day of the Championships.

The Park also hosted the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry for the launch of their new Heads Together charity campaign, in aid of mental health. The event, which took place at the Podium and ArcelorMittal Orbit at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, was an opportunity for the royals to discuss their personal interests in launching this campaign and their long-term goals for Heads Together.

The Park also celebrated 100 days to go to the Paralympic Games by launching the second phase of Motivate East, east London's flagship Paralympic legacy project, with a range of activities for people of all ages and abilities; the success of the project has attracted an additional £270,000 funding to enable the second phase to be launched.

### **Awards season**



LLDC's Local Plan 2015-2031 won the Excellence in Plan Making Practice category at the prestigious Royal Town Planning Institute's Awards for Planning Excellence 2016. The Local Plan sets out the strategy for the future of the Park and surrounding areas.

The East Wick and Sweetwater Development Project, a joint venture of LLDC and Balfour Beatty Investments/Places for People, also took first place in the 'Best Social Infrastructure Project' category at the Partnership Awards 2016 – beating off some stiff competition in the process, including schemes from Australia, Ireland and Holland.

## Planning and Development

### **New office-space protection for small business**

On 3 June, I announced that I will put new measures in place to help protect and expand office space for small businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurs in London.

I made the announcement following the publication of new City Hall figures which show that since 2013, over 1.47 million square metres of office space could have already been converted into residential units in London using the Government's 'permitted development rights', which allows uncontrolled office-to-residential developments. This means space for nearly 94,000 jobs in London could be lost through this process.

The new measures I plan to put in place include:

- Amending the London Plan so that there is stronger protection for small businesses and start-up workspace.
- Delivering new spaces for small businesses, the creative industries, artists and the fashion industry within new residential and mixed-use developments.
- Promoting schemes to provide linked affordable housing and business space in new housing developments.
- Working with the Government on changes to permitted development rights.

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

*Waste Depot, Southall Lane, 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.

*South Grove, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest*

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

*Ilona Rose House, Charing Cross Road, City of Westminster*

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

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

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

- St George's Hospital, Suttons Lane, LB Havering
- 100-136 Cavell Street, Whitechapel, LB Tower Hamlets
- 16, 18-25 & 26 Park Crescent & 77-81 Portland Place, City of Westminster
- Howbury Park, Slade Green, LB Bexley
- Stonebridge Site 29/30, Winchelsea Road, LB Brent
- Bywaters Site, Leyton, LB Waltham Forest
- The Arches Business Centre, Southall, LB Ealing
- Holbrook House, Victoria Road, North Acton, LB Ealing

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

- Wedge House, 36 Blackfriars Road, LB Southwark
- Plots N0205, N0206 and N0207, Greenwich Peninsula, RB Greenwich
- Land adjacent to 114 Coppetts Road, LB Barnet
- 181-187 King Street, Town Hall Extension, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
- Revised Regulation 123 List and Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document, LB Tower Hamlets
- 195 Warwick Road, 213-215 Warwick Road, RB Kensington & Chelsea
- Former London Arena, LB Tower Hamlets
- 804-834 Bath Road, LB Hounslow

## **Key Engagements**

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

- I attended a Metropolitan Police armed response training exercise in central London on 12 May
- I had an introductory meeting with David Goldstone & David Edmonds, London Legacy Development Corporation, on 12 May
- I visited Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School in Aldgate to see their initiatives to improve air quality on 13 May
- I visited the TfL owned Landmark Court site in Southwark on 16 May to look at a possible new housing site
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 16 May
- I had an introductory meeting with Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley on 17 May
- I attended the opening of the Khazanah office at the Shard on 17 May
- I hosted a Culture and Creative Industries Reception at City Hall on 18 May
- I attended a Big Dance event outside City Hall on 19 May
- I met with Michael Bloomberg, CEO Bloomberg PLC, on 19 May to discuss the ties between London and New York
- I signed the Mayor's United Against Anti-Semitism Pledge on 20 May
- I had an introductory meeting with the Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP, First Minister of Scotland, on 23 May
- I had an introductory meeting with the Rt Hon George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for the Department for the Communities and Local Government, on 23 May
- I had an introductory meeting with the Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Home Secretary, on 23 May

- I attended the 100 Years of Vogue Dinner on 23 May
- I hosted an informal meet and greet with London Assembly Members on 24 May
- I had an introductory meeting with Tony Arbour AM, Chair of the Assembly, on 24 May
- I attended my first Mayor's Question Time on 25 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 25 May
- I attended the Evening Standard Londoner's Diary 100th Birthday Reception on 25 May
- I attended the London Tree week launch on 26 May
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 26 May
- I visited London Liverpool Street Station with Lord Toby Harris of Haringey on 27 May to announce the Terror Preparedness Review.
- I visited the Hackney Family Service run by Shelter for families at risk of losing their homes on 31 May
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 31 May
- I met with the Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for the Department for the Communities and Local Government, on 31 May to discuss housing
- I visited an Age UK inter-generational volunteering event in Southwark on 1 June
- I opened the RHS Garden at Angell Town Estate, Brixton, LB Lambeth, on 3 June
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 6 June
- I had an introductory meeting with David Higgins, Executive Chairman of High Speed 2, on 6 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Steve O'Connell AM on 7 June
- I met with Mike Brown, Transport Commissioner on 7 June ahead of the London Assembly TfL Plenary meeting
- I attended the London Assembly TfL Plenary meeting on 8 June to answer questions as the Chair of TfL
- I had an introductory meeting with the US Ambassador to the UK, Matthew Barzun, on 8 June
- I hosted a BAME Media Roundtable on 8 June.

**Ends**