

11th Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 22 June 2017

This is my eleventh Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 9 March to 8 June 2017.

London Bridge, Manchester and Westminster Attacks

Over the last few months the United Kingdom has witnessed the best and worst of humanity following the horrific attacks at Westminster, Manchester and most recently at London Bridge. These were truly evil acts of terrorism, carried out by cowards, whose perverse and twisted ideology has nothing to do with the true values of Islam. Our grief and anger at what has happened is matched only by our absolute determination to ensure that these cowards will never be allowed to win.

We will remember all those who have lost their lives or been injured. All of those affected are in our thoughts. In the immediate aftermath of such tragedy, it is essential that we support those people who have been injured, bereaved or traumatised, and I am sure we have all been lifted by the generosity and kindness shown by Londoners, Mancunians, and many others from around the United Kingdom and across the world, to those who need it the most.

The world also witnessed the heroism of our emergency services and many members of the public, who, in the face of the most terrifying of situations risked their own lives to save others. They did not turn their back on danger, they ran towards it.

These acts of selflessness only go to highlight that London remains united, strong and defiant in the face of such attacks, and our great cities and our great nation stands more united than ever before. Londoners, Mancunians and Brits across the country will never, ever be cowed by terrorism.

Following the attacks, I was in close contact with the emergency services. Extra security measures were put in place and additional armed, unarmed and covert police officers patrolled our streets to keep Londoners and visitors safe. Investigations are ongoing into the attacks and we will continue to review security. I also invited Londoners and visitors to attend candlelit vigils in Trafalgar Square and Potters Field, where they could lay flowers and leave messages of condolence to honour the victims.

We must now redouble our efforts to destroy the poisonous ideology held by these extremists and terrorists to stop another incident like this happening again. We must renew and improve the government's anti-extremism programmes, so that they are more effective at rooting out homegrown extremism. We must build stronger and more resilient communities that can resist the extremists. And we must give our police and security services the resources they need in order to keep us safe.

When we are faced with adversity, when we are tested on who we are and what we stand for, we always pull together. We stand strong for our values and our way of life. We always have, and I know, we always will. We will not be defeated.

Executive Summary

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New unit to tackle online hate crime

On 24 April, I convened London's first Online Hate Crime Summit at City Hall, to begin the discussion on how we tackle online hate. I also announced the launch of the country's first Online Hate Crime Hub – a dedicated police unit to work with communities and voluntary groups to investigate online hate crime.

Launch of the first Low Emission Bus Zone

On 9 March, I launched the first of my new Low Emission Bus Zones on Putney High Street, one of the most polluted roads in London. This is the first of 12 planned Low Emission Bus Zones which will target pollution hotspots.

First London Living Rent homes delivered

On 3 May, I visited County House in Beckenham to meet Londoners who have already begun moving into the first 76 homes made available for London Living Rent tenants. The new London Living Rent will help middle-income earners save for a deposit by offering below-market rents, based on a third of average local wages.

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Skills for Londoners is a new skills agenda for the capital, which will ensure that all Londoners have the opportunity to train in the skills that the capital's economy needs. £114m of funding is available for investment in high-quality equipment and facilities at London's further education colleges and other education and training providers.

No Mayoral guarantees for Garden Bridge project

On 28 April, I wrote to the Chair of the Garden Bridge Trust informing him that the GLA will not be providing Mayoral guarantees for the Garden Bridge project.

Having assessed all the information available to me including the findings of Dame Margaret Hodge's independent review, my view is that providing Mayoral guarantees will expose the London taxpayer to too much additional financial risk.

Policing, Crime and Security

New Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service

On 3 April, Cressida Dick formally took office as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service. The Metropolitan Police Service do an incredible job, working hard with enormous dedication every single day to keep Londoners safe, so it is vital that they have the best possible leader and I know we have found her in Cressida Dick.

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The safety of all Londoners is my first priority, and our city is one of the safest in the world thanks to the hard work and dedication of our police officers. But we need it to be even safer. I want every Londoner, regardless of age or background, to have trust and confidence in their local officers and feel that their local concerns are being met, wherever they are and wherever they live.

This Plan restores real neighbourhood policing and puts victims of crime and the most vulnerable Londoners at the heart of what we do. It also sets out our ambitions as we work with the Government to agree a criminal justice devolution deal which will allow us to finally get to grips with tackling the enormous problem of reoffending and ensuring that victims of crime get the support – and the justice – they deserve.

It is a Plan that is frank about the challenges we're going to face over the next few years. Crime is rising again, our population is booming, and our already tight budgets are in danger of further, potentially devastating, Government cuts. As we deliver this strategy over the coming years, I will continue to fight tooth and nail to protect our vital police services and make sure they have the funding they need to keep us safe now and in the future.

Core elements of the plan include:

- A better Police Service for London
- A better Criminal Justice Service for London
- Keeping children and young people safe
- Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls
- Standing together against hatred, intolerance and extremism

The new Police and Crime plan can be found here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac?source=vanityurl>

New unit to tackle online hate crime

On 24 April, I convened London's first Online Hate Crime Summit at City Hall, to begin the discussion on how we tackle online hate. The Summit heard powerful testimony from people who have faced the most awful abuse online, who spoke of the damage it had done to their lives. There is no place for this hate in London, online or offline, and I was pleased to announce the launch of the country's first Online Hate Crime Hub – a dedicated police unit to work with communities and voluntary groups to investigate online hate crime.

GPS tags to help drive down reoffending in the capital

On 22 March, I announced the launch of a £150,000 scheme to pilot the use of GPS tags to monitor some of London's most prolific offenders - the first scheme of its kind in the UK.

Magistrates in eight London boroughs can now order the wearing of GPS tags as part of a community or suspended sentence, enabling the offender's whereabouts to be known.

Adult reoffending costs London £2.25 billion a year, accounting for 69 per cent of the total criminal justice system spend. Overall reoffending rates for London stand at 24 per cent, but London's 4,000 most prolific offenders have predicted reoffending rates of around 82 per cent.

Transport

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Under the previous Mayor, a considerable amount of London taxpayers' money was spent on the Garden Bridge. I have always been clear that not a penny more of taxpayers' money should be allocated to the project.

Having assessed all the information available to me including the findings of Dame Margaret Hodge's independent review, my view is that providing Mayoral guarantees will expose the London taxpayer to too much additional financial risk.

With planning permission due to expire this year, many outstanding issues remain, including spiralling construction costs and doubts around funding the maintenance of the bridge.

The funding gap is now at over £70million and it appears unlikely that the Trust will succeed in raising the private funds required for the project. I am simply not prepared to risk a situation where the taxpayer has to step in and contribute significant additional amounts to ensure the project is completed.

New campaign highlights the importance of reporting unwanted sexual behaviour

On 10 March, a new hard-hitting campaign aimed at encouraging people to report unwanted sexual behaviour on public transport was launched by Transport for London in partnership with British Transport Police, the Metropolitan Police Service and the City of London Police.

The campaign forms part of a programme of policing activity to eradicate unwanted sexual behaviour on London's transport network

Building on the ground breaking 2015 'Report it to Stop it' film, which has been viewed more than 13 million times on YouTube alone, the new campaign underlines that every report matters, is taken extremely seriously and provides valuable information to help catch offenders. The film also warns potential offenders that they could be caught at any time.

Action on trainee bus driver pay

On 13 April, I demanded that all bus companies working with Transport for London immediately ensure all of their staff are paid the London Living Wage after the Unite union uncovered that some drivers in training were not being paid the full amount – directly in breach of their contractual obligations.

It was discovered that a number of the trainee drivers were actually being paid less than the wage of £9.75 an hour by their bus company, and then given a bonus when they qualified to drive the routes.

The number of trainees affected is likely to be several hundred. Some 2,500 people have been through six-week driver training courses in the last 12 months.

Last year, I announced an increase in the London Living Wage from £9.40 to £9.75 to help London workers. I also secured a fairer system for bus drivers' pay to ensure consistency for drivers working across all of London's bus companies and a new starter driver minimum wage of £23,000.

TfL invests £18m to deliver rapid charging network

Plans aimed at encouraging drivers to ditch the most polluting vehicles and go electric have been announced by Transport for London in a move to help clean up London's filthy air

TfL is working with the boroughs and investing £18m to unlock potential sites, including upgrading the power supply. Strategic hubs are also being evaluated on arterial roads, owned and maintained by TfL, and on private land, including Heathrow Airport and multiple Shell service stations. These are off-road locations that have potential to house a number of rapid charge points.

TfL has appointed the suppliers who will provide the rapid charging points. After a competitive bidding process, the Centrica Consortium, BluepointLondon, Chargemaster, Electricity Supply Board and Fastned were successful. They will fund, maintain, operate and install the network.

The operators will move quickly to install the charge points, with the first being operational within a matter of months. The initial aim is to see 75 charging points in the ground by the end of this year, with the network growing to 150 by the end of 2018 and 300 fully functioning by 2020.

'Please Offer Me a Seat' badge launched across TfL network

A new badge specially designed to make travelling easier for people who find it difficult to stand has been officially launched by Transport for London.

The blue 'Please Offer Me a Seat' badge is available to disabled passengers and those with hidden conditions, illnesses and injuries, to help them find a seat on public transport.

The badge, and accompanying card have been created following requests from customers who can struggle to get a seat as their need is not immediately obvious.

A six week trial with 1,200 people was held in autumn last year to test the new badge and card. More than 72 per cent of journeys were found to be easier as a result of the badge, and

98 per cent of people taking part in the trial said they would recommend it to somebody who needed it.

Plans to increase bus ridership across the capital

On 21 March, Transport for London and I outlined bold plans to encourage more people to use the capital's bus network.

The new measures to increase bus ridership include:

- Matching bus capacity with demand by reducing the underused services in central London and reallocating them to where they are needed.
- Investing £20m per year in bus priority measures. TfL will deliver around 170 schemes, many in outer London, saving passengers time on some of the most congested routes.
- Reviewing traffic signal timings at 1,200 junctions and at 200 sites to improve bus speeds.
- Ensuring TfL make 95 per cent of bus stops accessible to passengers.
- Improving customer service on the bus network by giving all 24,500 bus drivers, bus controllers and other operational staff new training in how to assist customers.
- Overhauling information provided to passengers to make it easier to understand where bus services go and how frequent they are, including new signage on the outside of buses.
- Continuing the transformation of the bus fleet into a low-polluting means of transport with new 'Low Emission Bus Zones' introduced, phasing out our worst polluting diesel buses and replacing or modifying all buses to meet the toughest air quality standards by 2020.

Tube style colour approach to simplify bus network

A new trial of an innovative "Tube-style" approach to bus travel has begun in east London where more than 60 red buses are being given their own splash of colour to mark seven different routes. The changes aim to simplify journeys for passengers travelling in Barkingside and across the area including journeys to and from Romford, Walthamstow, Ilford, Loughton and Barking.

Individual routes have been given their own distinct colour and links to other TfL services have been clearly identified in a new approach that will give passengers travel information in a similar way to the Tube.

A further trial is planned for the summer in Hayes, in west London. If successful, the new designs could spread to other parts of the capital.

Cross-party MPs unite to back Crossrail2

On 21 April, more than 50 Members of Parliament from across the country and political parties wrote to the Chancellor, Philip Hammond, and the Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, urging them to urgently back Crossrail 2 and show the world that Britain is open for business.

The letter highlighted that the benefits of Crossrail 2 would be felt across the UK, boosting the economy by up to £150bn. Some 200,000 jobs and 200,000 new homes will be supported as a result of Crossrail 2, as well as 60,000 supply-chain jobs and 18,000 apprentices across the country, making a major contribution to solving the housing crisis and supporting key employment centres. More than 30 per cent of these new homes would be outside London.

The letter of support follows the calls of senior business leaders, homebuilding and property leaders and local authorities across the South East who have also written to the Chancellor and Transport Secretary about the significance of Crossrail 2.

Crossrail 2 will transform journey times and connectivity from the Solent to the Wash. More than a million public transport journeys every day will be significantly better as a result of Crossrail 2, with 40 per cent of the transport benefits falling outside London. It will relieve congestion on the overcrowded key rail lines from Portsmouth to Cambridge, and link with HS2 at Euston. It will also relieve pressure on the Underground, as the population of the South East region continues to grow rapidly.

But now the project needs a commitment from ministers - as recommended by the National Infrastructure Commission last year.

Future secured for award winning training centre

Crossrail's legacy of tunnelling and underground construction is set to continue after Transport for London signed a contract with Prospects College of Advanced Technology to run the Tunnelling and Underground Construction Academy (TUCA) in Ilford.

TUCA, established by Crossrail Limited in 2011, was set up to support the training needs of the Crossrail project as well as the wider underground construction and tunnelling industries.

Over 15,000 contractors and apprentices have trained at the academy.

As the Crossrail programme is now over 80 per cent complete, the training facility has now transferred to TfL to support future tunnelling and infrastructure projects.

Plans to restore and develop South Kensington Tube station

Transport for London is currently assessing bids from the open market to create a joint venture partnership to sensitively restore and develop South Kensington Tube station.

The station is an iconic gateway to one of London's most beloved cultural quarters and the future development will be respectful to the character of the local area. This scheme will provide vital funds to provide step-free access to the District and Circle line via a new station entrance on Thurloe Street.

The scheme will also deliver step-free access to the pedestrian subway leading to local destinations including the Science Museum, Imperial College, the Natural History Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

A partner is expected to be chosen later this year.

TfL sets out challenge to app designers to make the most of cycling data

On 6 April, Transport for London challenged app designers to improve services to cyclists after expanding the data it makes available to them.

TfL has added mapping information for eight Cycle Superhighways and one Quietway to their open data portal, allowing developers to make it even easier for Londoners to find and use the best cycle routes. New Superhighways and Quietways will be added as they open.

The information allows developers to accurately map out the existing network within apps and on websites. This can be combined with previously released open data, such as the location of cycle parking at London Underground stations and the location and availability of bikes from the 780 Santander Cycles docking stations across the city, to help cyclists plan their routes easily.

Tunnelling starts to extend the Northern line to Battersea

The Northern Line Extension moved a significant step forward in early April as the first of two giant tunnel boring machines embarked on a 3.2km tunnelling journey to extend the line from Kennington to Battersea.

The tunnel boring machines, named Helen (after Astronaut Helen Sharman) and Amy (after aviation pioneer Amy Johnson), were first lowered below ground in Battersea in February. Helen began her journey on 11 April, with Amy following in early May.

The extension, targeted for completion in 2020, is the first major Tube line extension since the Jubilee line in the late 1990s.

New roads targeted in updated Safer Junctions programme

On 19 April, new analysis was released by Transport for London identifying the 73 junctions in London with the worst safety record for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

Using the last three years of casualty figures on the TfL road network, these will be targeted for work to make them safer for road users. The analysis will now continue each year as part of a new approach that will see work continually monitored and the junctions with the most incidents prioritised.

TfL proposes changes to private hire operator licence fees

Transport for London has begun a consultation on proposals to change the fees private hire operators are charged for the costs of licensing, compliance and enforcement activity.

The proposals would see an end to the current system where 'small' operators, with no more than two vehicles, pay £1,488 for a five-year licence. 'Standard' operators, which have more than two vehicles, regardless of the size of their fleet, currently pay £2,826. Instead, it is proposed a five tier structure will be introduced to ensure operators pay a fee according to the resources required to regulate their operations.

With the growth of private hire services in the Capital, there has been a substantial increase in the cost of ensuring private hire operators fulfil their licensing obligations and in tackling illegal activity to keep passengers safe. It is estimated that over the next five years enforcement costs alone will reach £30 million from a previous estimate of £4m.

The consultation closes on 16 June 2017.

TfL appoints TSBA to license its brand globally

Transport for London has announced plans to expand the reach of its brand licensing programme to the global market.

Following a competitive tendering process, a five-year deal has been signed with the TSBA Group that will bring its internationally renowned symbols that embody the heritage and identity of London – such as the London Tube map and the roundel logo – to the global licensing market.

The appointment, structured on a commissioned-based framework, will generate funds for TfL to invest in delivering a modern and affordable transport network for the millions of people who rely on it every day. TfL and TSBA will develop a new brand licensing strategy to launch to the market during this May. This will ensure the integrity of the TfL brand is maintained while inspiring new partnerships and products across the globe.

TfL consolidates contracts for managing facilities to deliver savings of £34m

Transport for London has announced its intention to award five of six new contracts to manage TfL facilities, delivering savings of £34 million.

The savings have been made possible by consolidating 50 contracts into just six, and is part of TfL's wider approach to delivering improved transport in the Capital.

This includes becoming more efficient through the biggest ever overhaul of the organisation and continuing to reduce operating costs.

The contracts include a commitment for all employees to be paid the London Living Wage as well as the creation of an additional 300 apprenticeship positions throughout the life of the six contracts. TfL is committed to making sure that it represents the city that it serves and increasing diversity within the transport industry to encourage further innovation. As part of the procurement process, all of the bidders were required to submit an Equality and Diversity Plan and will be tracked on their delivery of this plan throughout the contract.

Keeping the capital's pavements welcoming and accessible for all

As part of a programme by Transport for London to improve the walking experience around the capital, more than 2,000 pavement obstructions have been removed in the last two years.

Launched in March 2015, Operation Clearway seeks to clear pavements from clutter and make it easier for everyone to walk around the capital, particularly for older people and those with visual or mobility impairments.

The operation involves officers visiting priority locations engaging with and educating local businesses about their responsibilities for keeping pavements clear and enforcing against those persistently blocking pavements.

Minicab driver prosecuted for refusing to carry assistance dog

Transport for London has successfully prosecuted a minicab driver for refusing to take an assistance dog.

By law private hire drivers must not refuse to carry a passenger because they want to travel with an assistance dog and operators are unable to charge extra on their fare.

Since TfL began prosecuting private hire drivers for not accepting assistance dogs in February 2015, 21 minicab drivers have been successfully prosecuted and fined a total of £7,055.

Plans to build a new generation of DLR trains

Customers on the Docklands Light Railway are set to benefit from new walk-through air-conditioned trains from 2022.

TfL has published a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) seeking expressions of interest from the train manufacturing industry to build the new trains with improved performance and reliability. A formal Invitation to Tender is expected to be issued later this year and a contract awarded in summer 2018.

The new trains, which will increase capacity by over 30 per cent, will be more reliable and provide customers with real time information, air-conditioning and mobile device charging points.

Concerns about Heathrow expansion

On 31 March, in written evidence to the Transport Select Committee, I expressed concern that the government's draft National Policy Statement (NPS) on expansion at Heathrow appears "to hope for the best" with unacceptable consequences for the capital.

The government has completely failed to demonstrate how Heathrow can be expanded without a severe noise, air quality and transport impact on London. It's simply not good enough for one of the country's largest infrastructure projects, and it leaves me even more concerned about the prospect of Heathrow expansion on London and the UK.

The Thames and London Waterways Forum

I have approved the merger of two existing groups, the Mayor's River Concordat and London Waterways Commission, to form a new group entitled the Thames and London Waterways Forum. The new group will advise me on all river transport and waterways discussions and bring all key stakeholders together in one forum.

The Economy, Business, Enterprise and Regeneration

Trip to Brussels and Paris 27 – 29 March 2017

I visited Brussels and Paris over two and a half days during which time I held 12 meetings and spoke at 3 events to approximately 500 people directly, whilst almost 29,000 people watched my speech in Brussels live via the internet.

In Brussels, I met with the Presidents of the European Parliament and Commission, two Vice Presidents of the Commission, the EU's Chief negotiator on Brexit and the EU lead on research funding. I also met with the UK Commissioner on Security and the Mayor of Brussels.

The focus of these discussions was primarily on Brexit and security issues. I was very encouraged to hear that none of the EU representatives expressed any desire to punish the UK for its decision to leave the EU, and there was recognition of the need to find a mutually

beneficial agreement in the negotiations. There was general agreement that London's continued success and prosperity was crucial to the whole of Europe.

There was also a clear priority to settle the issue of citizens' rights for those EU citizens living in the UK and UK citizens living across the rest of the continent – an issue of vital importance for the 1million plus EU nationals currently living in London.

On security I was similarly heartened to hear that there is a great deal of goodwill on the EU side to continue working closely, in particular on counter-terrorism and cybersecurity.

In a speech organised by Politico I laid out my position on Brexit and the need to reach an agreement that protects the rights of citizens and facilitates positive future relations, and maintains London's status as Europe's preeminent business and cultural hub.

In Paris I attended a business reception at the British Ambassador's residence where I spoke to around 200 business people directly, including participants in the trade mission organised by London and Partners. I also met with Vincent Bolloré of Vivendi who confirmed his commitment to future investments into London, even post Brexit.

I met with Mayor Hidalgo and Mayor Park of Seoul and spoke at the conference organised with C40 on Air Quality where I announced my new cleaner vehicle checker scheme to identify worst polluting vehicles.

Finally I met with Emmanuel Macron who expressed his condolences following the attack in Westminster as we discussed security and Brexit, and he also expressed his personal commitment to maintaining a good relationship with the UK.

My full itinerary is attached as Appendix 1.

Launch of Skills for Londoners

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Further Education colleges and approved training providers can now apply for funding for capital projects that are responsive and adaptable to current and future requirements of employers, improve training for those most at risk of falling out of education, employment and training, and create new apprenticeships.

I have also established a Skills for Londoners Taskforce comprising business leaders and employers, skills and education experts and London government representatives. The Skills for Londoners Taskforce, working closely with the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP), will take an inclusive approach to post-16 education and skills, focusing primarily on further education and training but also looking at progression pathways from school and into higher education (HE).

I am also proposing to establish a Construction Skills Academy later in the year, in partnership with the housebuilding industry. This will aim to close the gap between the demand for new housing in the capital and the need for more skilled construction workers.

Crowdfund London

On 5 April, I launched Crowdfund London, and invited communities across the capital to pitch for funding to improve their local areas.

The projects can vary in scale – from transforming a small community garden and launching a pop-up comedy club to opening a community wood workshop and rejuvenating a forgotten lido.

The best will attract pledges of up to £50,000 from myself to help bring their ideas to life – an increase from £20,000 in the last round – from a total fund of £500,000.

Since May last year, I have supported 20 projects with more than £225,000 through the crowdfunding model, which attracted more than £400,000 in funding from other backers.

The London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) – which is the Local Enterprise Panel for London – is allocating £4 million in funding to pledge to crowdfunded projects during this Mayoral term. There will be a series of workshops across London, before a final crowdfunding event at City Hall later in the year.

Search begins for London's first ever Chief Digital Officer

On 3 May, I launched my search to find London's first ever Chief Digital Officer (CDO).

London is widely regarded as Europe's leading technology hub. There are now more than 40,000 digital technology companies in the capital, employing approximately 250,000 people. More than a third of these businesses have been set up in the last five years and it is forecast that a further 12,500 will have been created by 2025 (figures from Oxford Economics).

I want London to be the world's leading 'smart city' – with digital technology at the heart of making the capital an even better place to live, work and invest.

The new CDO will be tasked with ensuring that London's globally renowned reputation for technological innovation is used to transform the way that public services are delivered in London, making them more accessible, efficient, and better suited to the needs of Londoners.

Plans to boost London's markets

On 20 April, I announced plans to recruit a team of industry experts and business leaders to help preserve and grow London's vibrant markets.

The London Markets Board – the first of its kind in the capital – will ensure that markets continue to flourish, support growth in high streets and town centres, and remain vibrant attractions for all Londoners and visitors the capital.

As well as setting up the London Markets Board, I have tasked City Hall with examining the social and economic value of markets in London. A major report – 'Understanding London's Markets' – to be published later this year will outline the value markets bring to local

communities and London as a whole in relation to employment, skills and training, community cohesion, health and well-being and culture. It will include the first ever map of all of London's markets, which will be published online, allowing people to search for local markets and filter by functions such as market type and opening times.

Audit reveals number of pubs in London fell by 25% since 2001

On 19 April, I pledged to help halt the decline in the number of pubs in London, as I released a new report looking at London's public houses.

The shocking figures - which show 1,220 pubs have been lost in the last 15 years - are highlighted by an interactive map showing the net loss of public houses per London borough. In 2001, there were 4,835 pubs in London. By 2016, this had fallen by 25 per cent to 3,615 - an average loss of 81 pubs per year.

This audit of London's public houses is the first strand of my Cultural Infrastructure Plan for 2030 - which sets out to identify what is needed in order to sustain London's future as a cultural capital. As part of my commitment to the capital's pubs, I have committed to working together with the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) to undertake an annual audit, so that the number of pubs in the capital can be tracked more closely, and efforts can be made to stem the flow of closures in the city.

London's Night Czar, Amy Lamé has also launched a public consultation on 'Culture and the night time economy', which contains guidance on how boroughs across the city can use the current London Plan to protect public houses from closure. This encourages boroughs to implement the Agent of Change principle - putting the onus on developers that build properties next to pubs to pay for soundproofing, ensuring residents and revellers can co-exist peacefully.

Call to business leaders to help the UK avoid a 'hard Brexit'

On 5 April, I urged business leaders and representatives from cities across Europe to join me in calling on European political leaders and EU negotiators to ensure that the Brexit negotiations are conducted in the best interests of their cities and businesses as I hosted a summit on Brexit at City Hall.

I'm in no doubt that it's possible to secure a sensible Brexit deal that protects jobs, growth and investment across the continent. The notion that our cities should only compete with each other - or that European cities might benefit in the form of jobs, businesses and transactions moving away from London - is misguided.

Growth need not be a zero-sum game for our cities. London's global competitiveness supports the competitiveness of businesses in Frankfurt, Paris, Madrid - and all of Europe's great cities. And the damage of financial business moving away from London and Europe to New York, Hong Kong and Singapore would be bad for us all.

Despite Brexit, I'm optimistic about London's future and our place as the best city in the world to do business. I want businesses across Europe to know that they will always be welcome here and, now more than ever, we should be increasing our collaborations and fostering new business links that will benefit all of us. The truth is that London will always remain a key partner for European cities and countries long after Brexit is resolved.

Living Wage South Bank report launch

My Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney spoke at the Living Wage South Bank report launch hosted by the 3000th Living Wage accredited employer, Rambert.

There was a discussion and debate on the London Living Wage, its impact on business growth, competitiveness, and social and economic mobility.

Housing and Land

First London Living Rent homes delivered

On 3 May, I visited County House in Beckenham to meet Londoners who have already begun moving into the first 76 homes made available for London Living Rent tenants.

The new London Living Rent will help middle-income earners save for a deposit by offering below-market rents, based on a third of average local wages. Rents in the County House development – where all homes are affordable, managed and owned by Hyde Housing Association – are up to 30 per cent cheaper than local market rents and are based on one-third of median gross household income for Bromley.

On the same day I announced a new partnership with Hyde Housing Association to begin up to 5,000 new housing starts over the next five years. With £115m of City Hall funding, there is an ambition for 60 per cent of the new homes – 3,000 new homes on sites across London – to be genuinely affordable to buy and rent.

Londoners know that fixing the housing crisis will be a marathon and not a sprint, but I am determined to do everything in my power to deliver more new and genuinely affordable homes to buy and rent.

Landmark deal for 20,000 new homes

On 6 April, I announced a partnership with one of the capital's largest housing associations, L&Q, which will see £8bn invested in 20,000 new homes across the capital – of which at least 60 per cent will be genuinely affordable. L&Q has also indicated its commitment to making significant new investments in construction skills and training to build homes for Londoners. City Hall is contributing £400m towards the sum to help boost affordable housing delivery and to assist with land purchases and infrastructure costs.

The partnership with L&Q – the first of its kind between City Hall and a housing association – is the first agreement under my record-breaking £3.15bn affordable housing deal secured from government last November, which will see 90,000 new affordable homes started by 2021.

On the same day I announced that 100,000 Londoners now have access to the employers' housing pledge launched in January with business organisation London First – with 23 of the capital's employers now taking part, offering employees help with housing costs including access to a tenancy deposit loan scheme.

Boost for community-led housing to build more affordable homes

On 24 April, I set out plans for a £250,000 boost to set up the first-ever one-stop shop to help Londoners build their own genuinely affordable homes in the capital.

The Homes for Londoners Community Housing Hub will offer support to Londoners and community groups who want to build homes in the capital themselves. From this summer, the hub will offer advice including how to access funding and unlock land, as well as offering technical support for projects and a base for information sharing.

The first community-led housing project will be delivered by Naked House – a group of Londoners who strip developments back to their bare essentials allowing communities to design and shape the homes they live in. Naked Homes will receive £500,000 to deliver 22 custom-built new and permanently affordable homes for first-time buyers across three sites in Enfield. This is the first time a community-led housing group has received funding from City Hall.

I have also made available £3.1m of loan funding to support building and I want to support other community groups through my innovation fund.

Homes for Londoners – affordable homes programme 2016-21

The initial bidding period for this £3.15bn funding programme, aiming to deliver 90,000 starts of genuinely affordable housing by 2021 closed on 13 April 2017. Submitted bids are currently being reviewed with allocation announcements expected in the summer. In bidding our partners have shown encouraging levels of ambition. I expect that the programme will re-open for continuous bidding in the summer, albeit the remaining funding available is likely to be lower than initially expected.

Two key housing schemes approved

In March, I gave the go-ahead to two housing developments. Having carefully considered all the evidence available to me, I am confident both these high-density developments will deliver hundreds of the much-needed, genuinely affordable homes Londoners need in areas of the capital ripe for further development.

We have worked with the applicant on the Hale Wharf scheme in Haringey to increase the level of affordable housing and ensure the project will not encroach on our precious green belt, as was the case in earlier designs. Hale Wharf will deliver 505 homes, with at least 35 per cent affordable (177 homes) – an increase since I first saw the scheme from nine per cent affordable.

The development at Palmerston Road in Harrow includes 186 homes, of which 41 per cent will be affordable (74 homes).

Both schemes are close to transport links and this is one of the key factors in determining where major housing developments should be built. Building the homes Londoners urgently need will mean town centres and suburbs becoming denser, so we expect developers to continue to come up with high-quality designs which don't have a negative impact on their surroundings.

New database to “name and shame” criminal landlords

Criminal landlords and letting agents who exploit their tenants will be 'named and shamed' on a new online database to protect the two million private renters in the capital.

The new database, to be built in partnership with London Boroughs and published on the GLA website, will cite criminal landlords and letting agents who have been successfully prosecuted for housing offences. It will give Londoners greater confidence in renting in the capital, allowing them to check a prospective landlord or letting agent before moving into a property, and acting as a deterrent to the minority of landlords and agents who behave dishonestly.

Due to launch in the autumn, the database will enable councils London-wide easily to share information on landlords' criminal history and provide details of enforcement activity and investigations. As part of this new initiative, Londoners will be able to search the online database and report suspected criminal landlords or letting agents through London.gov.uk. The 'name and shame' database will be developed in the coming months with information from six councils – Newham, Brent, Camden, Southwark, Kingston and Sutton – with other boroughs across London set to join following its public launch in the autumn.

I have also announced plans for a new Homes for Londoners property portal on City Hall's website, which aims to bring together in one place affordable homes to buy and rent in the capital.

Environment

Launch of the first Low Emission Bus Zone

On 9 March, I launched the first of my new Low Emission Bus Zones on Putney High Street, one of the most polluted roads in London. This is the first of 12 planned Low Emission Bus Zones which will target pollution hotspots.

The Zone runs from Putney Station to Putney Bridge Road, and only buses that meet the toughest emission standards will be permitted to run within the Zone. Putney High Street will also have effective bus priority measures in place to keep bus delays to a minimum and reduce unnecessary pollution caused by sitting in traffic.

The zones are one part of a major transformation we are delivering to reduce emissions from London's bus fleet, including the phasing out of diesel-only buses and a commitment to purchase only hybrid or zero-emission double-decker buses from 2018.

New checker scheme to identify most polluting vehicles

On 29 March, I unveiled a new emissions scoring scheme with which motorists will be able to identify and avoid buying the dirtiest diesel and most polluting petrol cars and vans. The move forms part of my hard-hitting plans to tackle London's toxic air quality

The scheme will help restore public confidence following 'Dieselgate', where many motorists bought 'cleaner' cars in good faith but later found out they had dirty polluting engines because of manufacturers using 'cheat devices' or flaws in the official testing process.

The scheme, the world's first, will see purchasers able to check nearly all new car and most new van models on a special website. It will launch this autumn. Vehicles included on the website will be given a 'score' based on their emissions.

The Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, is set to introduce a complementary car-scoring scheme in Paris, while other international cities are working with C40, a coalition of leading world cities focussed on tackling climate change, on adopting similar schemes.

ULEZ Consultation Launch

On 4 April, I visited the Museum of London, where I met with school children who were learning about the Great Smog, to launch the third consultation on my air quality plans. This consultation is seeking views on my proposals to bring forward the implementation date for the central London ULEZ by 17 months to spring 2019. The consultation is live on the TfL website until the 25 June.

Top young green entrepreneurs awarded £20,000 prize

On 20 March, I presented Alborz Bozorgi and Ellenor McIntosh, two students from City, University of London, with my annual Entrepreneur Award. The students – creators of the winning entry Twipes – received a £20,000 investment from the Citi Foundation to take their idea to market.

Entrants were asked to come up with creative solutions to the environmental and social challenges London faces – and more than 300 entries from 37 institutions were whittled down to the final shortlist, with nearly 600 students involved. The 10 shortlisted entries – representing seven London universities – spent the day pitching their ideas to a panel of expert judges.

Twipes are eco-friendly, antibacterial toilet wipes which are dispensed from a roll similar to toilet paper. They are free from harsh chemicals and – crucially – disintegrate in water in just three hours.

Boiler Cashback Scheme

I have successfully delivered the London Boiler Cashback Scheme, which closed on 31 March 2017. The scheme has provided around 4,000 London homes each with £400 cashback when replacing an inefficient gas boiler with a new efficient low emissions boiler. The scheme has delivered annual savings of around 6,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide, and a reduction in annual energy bills of around £340 per household (over £1.36m per year off Londoners' fuel bills in total), while reducing the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Energy Efficiency team wins Greater London Energy Efficiency Award

I would like to congratulate my Energy Efficiency team who, along with the RE:NEW Support Team at Capita, won the Greater London Energy Efficiency Award for Regional Large Scale Project of the Year on 24 May.

The RE:NEW programme delivers specialist technical assistance expertise - instigating, facilitating and supporting low carbon energy efficiency retrofit of existing homes across London. Free at point of use, it is supporting 70 landlords across all 33 London boroughs, including local authorities, housing associations and universities.

RE:NEW was recognised for its efforts in delivering a successful large scale energy saving project, while maintaining excellent customer service that demonstrated a high standard of quality workmanship.

Financing Sustainable Cities Forum

On 4 April, I hosted the “Financing Sustainable Cities Forum” at City Hall, in partnership with C40, the Citi Foundation and the WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities. My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, delivered the opening address on facilitating investment opportunities to deliver sustainable growth, sharing examples from the ambitious and innovative work we have underway in London. The event was attended by 200 delegates from a range of sectors including cities, national governments, the finance sector, and technology providers who shared success stories and learnings that could be replicated by each other in city planning across the world.

The event enabled cities in attendance to identify new opportunities for collaboration and provided them with improved knowledge to overcome investment barriers for accelerating sustainable infrastructure. For example, following the event, 20 delegates from 11 cities (including London) are now working together on transitioning to clean bus fleets through city-to-city good practice sharing on planning and investment.

International climate networks

On 29 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues attended the C40 Climate Leadership Steering Committee in Paris, to represent me in my role as Vice Chair. The Steering Committee is comprised of mayors from all global regions, representing a network of over 90 cities and facilitates collaboration on city-led climate action. Outcomes from this Steering Committee included agreement on the programme of work for C40 for 2017. Shirley also participated in C40’s board meeting in May in New York and undertook bilateral meetings with representatives of the City of New York to share examples of London’s work and identify opportunities to work together on issues including air quality, sustainable energy, climate planning and green infrastructure

Our participation in the C40 networks is part of my ongoing commitment to partner with other cities on innovative climate solutions for London and strengthen London’s global leadership on climate action. Our engagement also enables London to contribute to the growing drive by cities globally to support the achievement of the Paris Climate Agreement.

CSCLeaders Group

On 9 May, City Hall hosted the 2017 CSCLeaders Group to explore ‘The Future of Energy’. CSCLeaders is an annual global leadership programme which assembles 100 exceptional senior leaders from government, businesses and NGOs from the 52 countries of the Commonwealth. The programme is a partnership between Common Purpose Charitable Trust and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh’s Commonwealth Study Conferences (UK Fund).

My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, presented London’s ambition to become a zero carbon city by 2050, along with the challenges London needs to address in order to achieve this, to the group which included HRH The Princess Royal. The event was the start of the participants’ two-day investigation into the challenge ‘What could be the future of energy in Commonwealth cities?’ which included learning from the work

underway in London, and which enabled us to share London's knowledge and experience with, and in support of, the cities of the Commonwealth.

UK needs diesel scrappage scheme and more to meet pollution limit

On 6 April, I wrote to the Prime Minister warning that the United Kingdom will fail to meet its legal obligations on air quality unless the government signs up to a series of major interventions.

In my letter I called on the government to:

- Introduce a national diesel scrappage fund – to help drivers who bought diesel cars in good faith. I previously wrote to the Chancellor proposing a targeted, fully-costed, city-led, time-limited approach.
- Introduce ULEZ-style schemes where needed in other towns and cities across the UK.
- Take action to ensure that national policies send the right messages to consumers. Vehicle excise duty (VED) and other fiscal incentives continue to encourage the purchase of diesel cars – and they need to be amended.
- Draft new legislation including a 21st Century Clean Air Act, which could provide the overarching framework for action. It should provide a legally enforceable right to clean air for all citizens and the Government should introduce new powers to better regulate all emissions sources, not just road transport.

Response to Government Air Quality Plan

The Government finally published its draft Air Quality Plan for consultation, after being forced to do so by further legal action by ClientEarth. I am disappointed that several key national measures, including a new Clean Air Act, a national diesel scrappage fund and reforming fiscal incentives to only encourage the cleanest vehicles, were not clearly committed to in the draft. I will now spend the coming weeks, until Government publishes the final plan on 31 July, working with cities and stakeholders to continue to make the case to Government for a bold plan which meets the scale of the air pollution crisis that London and the UK face.

Funding for Better Future Project

I have approved expenditure of up to £1,647,044 to establish the creation of the Better Future Project. The European Regional Development Fund will fund 50% of the costs £823,522. The remaining 50% match funding will be £206,194 from the GLA and £617,328 from project partners.

I have delegated authority to the Executive Director of Development, Economy and Environment, to sign the funding agreement and to agree and execute changes to the delivery of the programme within the above budget envelope.

Commercial Electric Vehicle Demonstrator

I have approved the receipt from Innovate UK of up to £292,093 in grant funding to manage and deliver the low emission freight and logistics trial. I have also agreed entry into a £100,000 sub-contract with ARUP to provide data collation and data analysis support.

Education and Youth

Getting Ahead London

On 23 May, the second year of Getting Ahead London opened for new applications for the 2017-18 school year. The deadline is 14 June for school senior leaders to apply.

This is my school leadership development programme to help create the capital's next generation of headteachers, which I am grant funding for delivery by Challenge Partners.

Getting Ahead London helps talented associate, acting, deputy or assistant heads in London schools to become future headteachers or principals of some of the most rewarding and challenging primary, secondary, special or all-through schools in the capital.

It will give senior leaders prestigious, bespoke training and support. They will be matched with a dedicated coach who will work to help them fulfil their leadership potential, find suitable leadership opportunities and networking events with leaders from education, business and cultural sectors.

In the pilot year, 20 experienced headteacher coaches delivered approximately 1,080 hours of coaching to 60 participants – and 10 of these have already been offered headships, with others securing promotions into other leadership roles.

More information on the scheme which is free to participants is on the GLA website at www.london.gov.uk/gettingahead.

Peer Outreach Team Partnership

On 5 June, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, welcomed and gave a speech to students and staff from New City College who came to City Hall to present their end of year 'showcase' event. This was the culmination of this year's partnership with my Peer Outreach Team who mentored eighteen learners on a level 1 introduction to the creative arts course as an alternative to attending a Pupil Referral Unit. These learners, aged 14-16, included looked after children and children with SEND who performed and spoke passionately about their new-found confidence and desire to continue learning. To date this partnership has supported 130 at risk children to complete the programme.

Youth Round Table

On 25 April, Deputy Mayors, Joanne McCartney and Sophie Linden, held a round table with representatives from London's youth sector and funders. This was an opportunity to hear about some of the great work taking place, as well as the challenges and opportunities for greater collaboration around youth provision in London, and understand better what City Hall can do in support.

This is the start of a series of conversations this summer to identify what more can be done at City Hall to ensure young people are given the opportunities to develop in and out of school, and stay safe.

My team will be working with London Youth and local authority partners to ensure young people and their families know about all the great summer activities taking place across London.

Social Integration, Social Mobility, and Community Engagement

Trust for London and Unbound Philanthropy Partnership

As part of my plans to improve social integration in the capital, I launched a new initiative which is the result of a partnership with independent charitable funders, Trust for London and Unbound Philanthropy. Aimed at tackling some of the main barriers preventing all Londoners from getting fully involved in their communities, the partnership will help people to access their citizenship and residency rights, increase civic engagement and celebrate diversity and shared identities across the capital.

Citizenship ceremony

On 26 April, I hosted my first Citizenship Ceremony, where 32 new British citizens - one for every London borough - swore their affirmation of allegiance to Queen and country in front of friends and family at City Hall.

At the ceremony I launched a ground-breaking new citizenship initiative, the first of its kind in the UK, to help Londoners become more engaged in the life of the capital. The programme will tackle social integration, including helping new migrants find a path to citizenship and getting existing London citizens more involved in democracy and the decisions that affect them.

Call for PM to give EU nationals the right to remain in the UK

On 16 March, I called on the Prime Minister to give an immediate cast-iron guarantee to EU nationals that they can stay in the UK after Brexit.

The one million European citizens who study, live and work in our great city contribute massively to its success and there is absolutely no doubt that London would suffer immeasurably without them.

European citizens, who have studied, lived and worked in London for years – contributing massively to our success – now fear that they may not have a future in the city they've made their home. Many of them have had and brought up children here.

My message to them is clear: You are Londoners, you are welcome here and you deserve a commitment from the government that you can stay.

CPPCC Shanghai Committee

My Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney hosted a delegation led by the Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Shanghai Committee. CPPCC is a political advisory body, similar to our House of Lords.

Health

New London Food Board

On 3 May, I announced the new London Food Board – chaired by Rosie Boycott – which will develop and deliver the new London Food Strategy, as well as cutting food waste and tackling food poverty across the capital.

London is one of the greatest cities in the world for food. We have vibrant restaurant and street food scenes which rival anywhere in the world. This sector is also an important part of our city's economy and a source of thousands of jobs, not to mention a major draw for the millions of visitors who come here from around the world.

But the reality is too often the food system does not work well for all Londoners. Food is a key part of my social fairness agenda – it has a direct impact on people's life chances in terms of health, academic attainment and economic productivity in adulthood.

My new London Food Board includes some of the best and brightest from across this sector. I'm looking forward to seeing how the members' wealth of knowledge and experience will help us make London a world-leader in effective food policy.

For more about the London Food Board, see: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/business-and-economy/food/london-food-board>.

Healthy Schools London

My Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, visited Gillespie Primary School, LB Islington on 20 April and Mayflower Primary School, LB Tower Hamlets on 18 May to see first hand the excellent work that they have been doing as part of my Healthy Schools London awards scheme.

Healthy Early Years London pilot

My Healthy Early Years London programme pilot (May–September 2017) is now underway in six boroughs: Croydon, Havering, Hounslow, Lambeth, Southwark and Tower Hamlets testing the framework and tools in at least 60 early years settings, in preparation for full roll out in 2018.

Meeting with London's clinical commissioning group chairs

On 26 April, I attended London's clinical commissioning group chairs' meeting to hear from some of London's doctor leaders about the challenges they face delivering health services in the capital. City Hall will host this important forum throughout 2017 and it will be an invaluable source of expertise for me and GLA colleagues working on health issues.

Raising awareness of mental health

My Statutory Deputy Mayor of London, Joanne McCartney represented me at the re-opening of the Brookside Adolescent inpatient unit East London NHS Foundation Trust. Joanne unveiled a new plaque to mark the re-opening and delivered the message that mental health is a top priority for City Hall. We want to ensure every opportunity is used to raise awareness of

mental health and to take action through all our policies – education, housing, planning as well as health.

Health Team work programme 2017-18

I have approved delivery of the Health Team’s annual work programme for 2017-18, and for two longer-term programmes, the Healthy Young London programme and the London Healthy Workplace Charter, both for 2017-18 to 2019-20, and for associated expenditure.

Culture and Events

Feast of St George

On 22 April, I was delighted to host our biggest ever Feast of St George in Trafalgar Square, inspired by its 13th century origins as a national day of feasting. It was a great opportunity to celebrate our proud history, amazing culture, creativity and innovation that has shaped and influenced the world – from the words of Shakespeare and Jane Austen to the ingenuity of Brunel and Tim Berners-Lee.

There was a diverse stage programme of traditional and contemporary artists including the Military Wives Choir, renowned folk singer-songwriter Ralph McTell, all-female Morris dancers Belles of England and 16-year-old 2016 Busk in London winner Clarissa Mae. Celebrity chefs Natalie Coleman and Theo Randall showed off their skills with live cooking demonstrations, and other entertainment at the event celebrated the anniversaries of great British literary icons, Jane Austen, Sherlock Holmes and Shakespeare. A specially curated St George’s walking trail around central London also proved popular with visitors, encouraging them to explore London.

I was also proud to see the English flag raised outside City Hall in the week leading up to St George’s Day and to host a special exhibition, *I am London*, reflecting the diverse and multi-layered history of London, its people and historic places.

For me, St George’s Day is about the phenomenal history of this country but also celebrating our modern diversity and the many different ways we can all feel proud to be English.

St Patrick’s Day Festival and Parade

I was delighted to host London’s newly expanded 3-day St Patricks Day Festival (from 17 – 19 March), which was an opportunity for Londoners and visitors to the capital to immerse themselves in Irish culture at its best.

Highlights of the festival included the annual parade through central London, which saw Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Dan Mulhall, Richard Bruton Ireland's Minister for Education and Skills, the parade Grand Marshall, TV presenter Dara O Brian, and members of the Irish community take part.

I spoke from the main stage at Trafalgar Square, and it was great to see people from all communities celebrating together, showing that London is truly open – to people, business and new ideas.

Other activities during the 3-day celebrations included a festival in Camden Market, a London wide children's art competition, a lecture night and an art exhibition, as well as animating London underground with live Irish music and poetry readings.

Vaisakhi

I'm delighted that Vaisakhi, as pledged during my campaign, returned to Trafalgar Square on 29 April, welcoming Sikhs and non-Sikhs alike, to a festival celebrating Sikh heritage and culture. The event gave Londoners from all backgrounds, and visitors to the capital, the opportunity to learn about Sikhism and the Sikh way of life.

Highlights of the event included performances by some of the best kirtan (Sikh devotional music) groups in the UK, an outdoor exhibition of work by Sikh artists, and langar (free vegetarian food) prepared and served by Sikh volunteers for thousands of visitors on the day.

I attended the event and spoke of Vaisakhi marking the birth of the Khalsa and the start of the modern Sikh identity, and of the important contribution that the Sikh community make to the capital – socially, culturally and economically. I also thanked fellow speaker, Gurmel Singh, Secretary General of The Sikh Council UK and the dedicated Sikh community steering group, who worked with the GLA to put together a great programme enjoyed by the estimated 20,000 people that attended.

Artist commissioned to create suffragist statue announced

On 13 April, I announced that Turner Prize-winning artist Gillian Wearing has been commissioned to create the statue of suffragist leader Millicent Fawcett in Parliament Square. Gillian will take this milestone project forward with funding from the Government, following the Prime Minister's announcement of support for the statue.

The statue will be both the first of a woman, and the first created by a woman, to stand in Parliament Square. It will be unveiled to coincide with the centenary celebrations of women's suffrage in the UK.

London's high streets under threat due to rising business rates

On 21 March, as business rate bills landed on doorsteps across the capital, I highlighted the plight of small, independent companies who could be forced to close for good as they face business rates bills that have risen by up to 45 per cent.

These dedicated business owners have dedicated their lives to running successful business that are part of their communities. They have toiled through thick and thin. Their stories highlight not only the impact these business rates hikes will have on London's economy, but the human cost too.

The very nature of London's high streets is under threat. What we need is full devolution of business rates to London with genuine protections in place so we can safeguard businesses like this which are part of the fabric of what makes London such a vibrant, diverse and successful city.

Business rates increase hit grassroots music venues and cinemas

On 11 April, new research, compiled for City Hall by Nordicity, revealed that twenty-one of London's much-loved grassroots music venues are at risk of closure due to business rates increases. Approximately one-third of grassroots music venues have seen their annual business rates increase by £10,000 or more.

A further 18 of London's 94 grassroots music venues are expected to experience significant financial challenges. In total, these 39 venues account for up to 530 jobs and generate up to £21.5m for the capital's economy.

This comes just as London's grassroots venues are getting back on their feet. After ten years of decline, 2016 was the first time that the number of venues across the capital remained stable.

In addition, research from the UK Cinema Association suggests that on average, London's cinemas face being hit by a 25 per cent business rate increase.

While I welcomed plans to alleviate the impact of the increases announced by the Chancellor in the recent Budget, I do not believe they go anywhere near far enough. I am calling on the Valuation Office Agency to review its valuation policy for grassroots music venues.

I will also be encouraging the 33 London billing authorities to ensure a share of the £72.5m of funding they will receive in 2017-18 from the Government to offer locally determined business rates reliefs is prioritised for cultural businesses, such as grassroots music venues.

Fourth Plinth Shortlist Announcement

On 21 March, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries Justine Simons announced the next two winners for the Fourth Plinth Commission at the National Gallery. The winners were Michael Rakowitz and Heather Phillipson, their sculptures will be shown in March 2018 and March 2020 respectively and will be the 12th and 13th sculpture commissions to be displayed on the plinth. An exhibition of the shortlisted proposals at the National Gallery received 670,000 visitors and almost 10,000 members of the public voted on their favourite sculpture.

This year's shortlist was the most international ever with artists from America, India, Mexico, Pakistan and the UK. Showing the growing international profile of the programme and confirming the Fourth Plinth Commissions as the most talked about public art prize in the world.

Fourth Plinth Schools Awards

On 27 April, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries Justine Simons hosted the Fourth Plinth Schools Awards Ceremony at City Hall. This annual competition invites London's primary and secondary schoolchildren to create artworks inspired by the commissions for the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. This year we received 3,400 entries by almost 4,000 students, a 25 per cent increase on the previous year, with entries from every London Borough. Once again, London's schoolchildren came up with original and imaginative ideas.

My Deputy Mayor Justine Simons and artist David Shrigley presented the 58 different awards, to 90 students. They were joined by their teachers, friends and family. The exhibition of the winning works is on public display until 30 June at City Hall.

Cultural Leadership Board

On 6 June, I attended the inaugural meeting of my Cultural Leadership Board. At this meeting, I set out my vision for culture and creative industries in London. I have tasked the Board to take forward the development of my Culture Strategy and oversee the delivery of my policy pledges including: Creative Enterprise Zones, the Cultural Infrastructure Plan and the London Borough of Culture Award programme. I announced Ben Evans, Director of the London Design Festival as Chair and Moira Sinclair, CEO of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation as Vice Chair. I have appointed 17 members with responsibility for particular policy areas.

London Borough of Culture Award

I have agreed the funding of my new flagship project London Borough of Culture Award up to a maximum of £3.537m for the next four years. Inspired by the European and UK City of Culture this award will be a new competition for the 32 London boroughs to apply for funding to lead a game changing cultural programme. London Borough of Culture will put culture at the heart of the community, celebrating the unique and distinctive creativity, character and diversity of London's people and places. Two winning boroughs will be named London Borough of Culture, one in 2019 and one in 2020. And up to six other boroughs will receive support to deliver bespoke cultural projects. I will be launching the programme later this month.

Gigs – Busking Academy Day

On 3 June, my Busk in London team ran the first Academy Day, held in partnership with Wembley Park. This free day was delivered by industry professionals, offering training and professional experience to young performers and supports Gigs, my competition for young musicians which has offered opportunities to over 2,000 young musicians to date.

Thames Estuary Production Corridor Partnership Meeting at City Hall

On 24 March, my Culture and Creative Industries Unit hosted a workshop to take forward the Thames Estuary Production Corridor Vision. The event was attended by 35 representatives from Greater London Authority, Transport for London, London & Partners, South East LEP, seven east London boroughs, Essex & Kent County Councils, plus various district councils from Essex and Kent, the National College for Creative and Cultural Skills, developers and colleges.

Big Dance Shorts India

My Culture and Creative Industries Unit presented two events about Big Dance Shorts India, a new film commissioning programme on 3 April and 19 April at Rich Mix, London and Sampad in Birmingham. The events encouraged filmmakers and choreographers to collaborate and apply for the funding programme. Big Dance Shorts India is delivered in partnership with People Dancing and Channel 4 as part of UK/INDIA Year of Culture 2017 – led by the British Council and the Indian High Commission. Four outstanding 3-4 minute dance-film ideas inspired by of the collaboration between the UK and India have now been commissioned as part of Channel 4's Random Acts strand.

London History Day

On 26 May, to celebrate London History Day, my Culture and the Creative Industries Unit, Historic England and Museum of London encouraged schools to bring to life London's unique

characters, past and present, with a dress-up day supported by my London Curriculum programme, London History Day encouraged young Londoners to learn more about the city's cultural heritage and its communities. As part of this initiative, I published the London Curriculum primary unit 'Rebuilding London' downloadable for free on the London.gov.uk website

Mayor's Music Fund Fundraising Lunch

On 15 May, I attended the Mayor's Music Fund spring fundraising lunch at The Mayfair Hotel, with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons, and my Night Czar, Amy Lamé which raised in the region of £70,000 for the Music Fund's programmes.

Industrial Strategy roundtable for the creative industries

On 14 March, my Culture and Creative Industries Unit co-hosted an industrial strategy roundtable with the Creative Industries Federation. Government identified the creative industries as a priority sector to receive an early deal. The roundtable aimed to develop the big ideas that will unlock the growth of the creative industries to present to Government as part of the green paper response.

Attended by 80 representatives from across the sector, my Senior Cultural Strategy Officer presented the Thames Estuary Production Corridor as one of the bold visions led by my team and the South East LEP. I am delighted to see that Creative Enterprise Zones (part of my manifesto pledges) was put forward to Government in the Creative Industries Federation response.

Discover Your High Streets Event

On 10 April, my Culture and Creative Industries Unit co-hosted an event with music producers Serious, the Heritage Lottery Fund, London Borough of Richmond and The Streets Consortium (7 London boroughs) to launch 'Discover Your High Streets'. This is a new publication highlighting cultural projects across London's high streets and culture's role in strengthening communities and building greater civic pride.

London Craft Week

On 3 – 7 May, members of my Culture and the Creative Industries team attended the launch of London Craft Week at the Victoria and Albert Museum. This annual event showcases and celebrates craft, making and design, turning a spotlight on the immense talent that is often hidden in workshops across the city. Incoming Victoria and Albert Museum Director, Tristram Hunt presented and designer Hussein Chalayan presented Edmund de Waal with the London Craft Week Medal, for exceptional skill, innovation, originality and contribution to craftsmanship.

Photo London

I provided a video message of support for Photo London, an international photography event taking place from 16–20 May at Somerset House. Now in its third year, Photo London is an established a world-class photography fair and a far reaching public programme.

Culture Programme activities

I have confirmed my commitment to ensuring London remains a world leading cultural capital by agreeing funding of £1.551m for the programme activities of my Culture & Creative Industries Unit which will include: research to underpin of the world's first Cultural Infrastructure Plan, the development of a Creative Enterprise Zone Pathfinder, research into Love London, further research into the Thames Estuary Production Corridor, the second phase of delivering the Illuminated River Project and development of the World Cities Cultural Forum.

Music Programme

I have approved funding to continue to support London as a music city and address the issues currently facing grassroots music venues – including 35 % closures on the past decade. My funding will support London's music infrastructure, champion London as the global music capital and celebrate London's music history and heritage. The music industry is valued at £4.1 billion in the UK and music tourism alone contributes nearly £1 billion every year to the capital's economy.

Creative Industries funding

I have approved continued funding for Film London, The British fashion Council and the London Design Festival over the next four years. The creative industries are London's fast growing industries and are critical to ensuring economic prosperity and job creation. They reinforce both London's reputation and position as a global leader for culture and creativity. It is critical that continued investment helps the creative sectors and London's creative talent flourish, reaffirming the capital as a world leader in these industries as well as attracting significant investment.

Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy

New £400,000 athletics funding programme launched

On 17 March, I launched a new £400,000 fund that aims to encourage more Londoners to take part in athletics-based activity as the IPC World Para Athletics Championships and the IAAF World Championships head to London this summer. Half of the funding is being made available for disability-focused athletics in celebration of the World Para Athletics.

This is the first time both championships have been held in the same city in the same year and I want the biggest global sporting event of 2017 to inspire generations of Londoners to become future sporting stars, and to encourage them to live healthier, more active lives.

Events at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Alongside community events running throughout spring, the Park hosted some brilliant and high profile events including the Vitality Netball Superleague on 11 March when Surrey Storm beat Hertfordshire Mavericks to win back the title in front of a 6500 strong crowd. Over 11,000 runners took part in the Hackney Half Marathon on 30 April, with the starting gun going off at Hackney Marshes, past Hackney Downs and Broadway Market, and through Victoria Park and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Less than a month later, on 20 May, the Copper Box was back in action, playing host to World Championship Boxing and broadcasting live on BT Sport, where Gervonta Davis knocked out Liam Walsh to defend his IBF Super-Featherweight title.

In early April, LLDC held a launch event to celebrate the newly redeveloped Lea River Park which has opened up 45 acres of new space creating walkways and cycle paths stretching from the Park to the historic Royal Docks. From 6 - 27 April, New London Architecture (NLA) hosted an exhibition exploring the history and future plans of the Lea River Park.

From 25 - 28 May, the Park played host to Make the Future Live, a free festival of ideas and innovation. Visitors were able to experience bright ideas from school children, students, entrepreneurs and industries coming together to explore what a lower-carbon energy future might look like. At the heart of the festival was the Shell Eco-marathon Europe, which challenged students to design and build ultra-energy efficient cars, then drive them on a purpose-built track at The Park to see which can travel the furthest on the least amount of energy; attendee numbers were 14,749 across the 4 days.

The final West Ham FC home-game for the season was played against Liverpool on 14 May after which the London Stadium transformed into concert mode and after a successful seat move, Depeche Mode played to a packed out arena on 3 June.

Hackney Wick Masterplan

In April, the Planning Decisions Committee approved the Hackney Wick Central Outline Planning Application. This will mean a more secure future for Hackney Wick's creative industries as LLDC and Hackney Council will look to safeguard low cost workspace, alongside the delivery of over 800 new homes with associated retail, office, community buildings set against high quality streets and public spaces.

Hackney Wick Station

The redevelopment of Hackney Wick station is now well underway with a new pedestrian subway installed over the Bank Holiday weekend in April. The subway is part of a £25 million scheme to transform the station to allow passengers to get to their trains quicker and easier when the new station is completed next year. Network Rail is delivering the project as part of its Railway Upgrade Plan, on behalf of London Legacy Development Corporation, which is funding the scheme.

UCL East consultation

In May, UCL East, with support from LLDC, undertook a detailed design consultation on the Phase 1 Pool Street West site. The consultation involved a session with LLDC's Youth Board, and two public pop ups at Bloomsbury, and a further two at Stratford. The Planning Policy and Decisions Team will now be undertaking their statutory consultation on the outline application.

Volunteering

Team London Young Ambassadors

On 22 March, Team London Young Ambassadors from four schools in Croydon joined Deputy Mayor Matthew Ryder on stage at WE Day UK. WE Day is part of WE - an organisation that brings young people together and gives them the tools to change their local communities and the world. The event brought together 12,000 young people alongside inspirational speakers

and world-renowned performers to celebrate their commitment to taking action on issues globally and in their own communities.

Team London Young Ambassadors Youth Summit

On 25 May, Team London hosted a Youth Summit at City Hall for Young Ambassadors. The event brought together 150 young volunteers to plan their local social action projects around the themes of the environment and sustainability. The morning session included a keynote speech by Solveiga Pakstaite who won the Mayor's Entrepreneur Award in 2013 and the afternoon was closed by #iwill ambassador Luke Rees.

Team London Ambassadors win Tourism Society Award 2017

On 29 March, my Team London Ambassadors programme won the Tourism Society Award for 2017. The award recognises those who make an outstanding contribution to the development and success of tourism in the United Kingdom. The Team London Ambassadors programme was presented with the award in recognition of the successful volunteering legacy we have built since the 2012 Games.

HeadStart London

Team London hosted an event at City Hall on 19 April to celebrate 100,000 hours of volunteering by HeadStart London young people. Set up in 2013 by Team London and The Challenge, HeadStart London gives 16 to 18-year-olds in full-time education an interview with a leading employer and workshops that prepare them for the workplace. In return, participants volunteer in their local community for at least 16 hours over a two month period.

Team London at Virgin London Marathon 2017

On 23 April, Team London supported this year's Virgin London Marathon. Over 200 Team London volunteers were on hand at locations throughout London including St James's Park, Tower Bridge and Green Park. Volunteers distributed spectator guides and answered questions from the 750,000 members of the public who watched this iconic event.

London 2017 Runners Training Launch

On 1 June, Deputy Mayor Matthew Ryder, alongside Lord Sebastian Coe and Sir Philip Craven, launched the London 2017 Runners Training Centre. Over 4,500 volunteers have been recruited by Team London to support World Para Athletics Championships and the IAAF World Championships. All volunteer Runners will participate in a training session before the Championships launch in July 2017.

Run To Do Good

On 2 June, in celebration of Volunteers' Week 2017, Team London hosted this year's 'Run to Do Good'. Organised in partnership with GoodGym, the event saw 200 runners take part in volunteering opportunities at 15 local organisations. Those who benefited from the help of the volunteers included Providence Row in Shoreditch who provides support services to the homeless and Historic Royal Palaces. Deputy Mayor Matthew Ryder launched the event and ran with the volunteers. Many of the runners came from Team London corporate partners including Citi, Twitter, Zendesk and Google.

Team London’s “Volunteering as a Route to Work” programmes

I have approved the reduction in expenditure for the 2work sub-programme from £944,000 to £884,000. I have also approved expenditure of £81,000 in staff project support costs from the GLA’s programme budget.

Appointments

New Chair of OPDC

On 30 March, I announced the appointment of Liz Peace CBE as the new Chair of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation – tasking her with spearheading the delivery of tens of thousands of new homes and jobs at the West London site.

Liz Peace has more than 35 years’ experience in government and the property sector. She was Chief Executive of the British Property Federation and has also been Honorary President of the Property Litigation Association, Chair of the Centre for London think tank and Chair of the Shadow Government Property Agency.

Old Oak and Park Royal is one of the most important regeneration projects in London, with a new High Speed 2 (HS2) and Crossrail Station due to be constructed at Old Oak by 2026.

Redevelopment of the area has the potential to deliver 24,000 new homes and 55,000 jobs in Old Oak and 1,500 new homes and 10,000 jobs on the adjoining Park Royal industrial estate.

New LSDC Chair

Ashok Sinha has been appointed the new Chair of the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC) to help the city meet the challenges of a rapidly growing population, rising inequality and the effects of climate change.

Ashok – the current Chief Executive of the London Cycling Campaign – has been a researcher, policy advocate and campaigner on sustainability issues for more than 25 years and will lead a refreshed LSDC.

The new look Commission will focus on promoting good growth of the economy that improves quality of life for all Londoners while respecting the environment and promoting social cohesion and inclusion. It is made up of experts from the economic, social, environmental and London governance sectors.

Budget and Governance

Updates to the GLA’s corporate governance documents

The GLA’s corporate governance policies and procedures are reviewed and updated periodically. A review was recently undertaken of four of these documents sitting at the heart of our governance arrangements:

- the Mayoral Scheme of Delegation (now ‘Mayoral Decision-Making in the GLA’)

- the Contracts and Funding Code
- the Financial Regulations
- the Expenses and Benefits Framework

Further to this review, the documents have been updated and approved. The fundamental basis and provisions of the four documents have not been altered significantly. Each does now, however, benefit from an improved and more consistent layout, streamlining, and updates to certain details.

GLA Marketing Budget 2017/18

I have approved a centralised marketing, planning and budgeting process which will allow the GLA to effectively plan resource requirements and communicate the work and priorities of the Mayor of London and the London Assembly in a more integrated, cost effective way, with much greater impact.

I have delegated the decision on whether to allocate paid-for advertising to a campaign and the proportion of funding to be allocated to each campaign to the Assistant Director, External Relations in consultation with the Mayoral Director for External & International Affairs.

Planning and Development

Old Oak and Park Royal has been chosen as one of 16 ‘Great Places’

Old Oak and Park Royal has been awarded a grant of £1,489,255 from Arts Council England and Heritage Lottery Fund’s Great Place Scheme to ensure that art, culture and heritage are at the heart of the major developments planned for the area.

The money will support Made in Park Royal, an ambitious and community-focused project from Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC).

Plans for the three-year project include working directly with a pool of 2,000 local volunteers, an engagement programme designed to reach all school children in the area, and community-led research into local heritage.

Old Oak Masterplanning Contract

Following an OJEU-compliant procurement process, seven short-listed bids were evaluated and the preferred bidder AECOM was awarded the Old Oak masterplanning contract on 23 May.

The objectives include:

- 1) creating a masterplan that is deliverable and reflects the quality and sustainability aspirations set out in the OPDC draft Local Plan and supporting studies; and
- 2) establishing a new benchmark and approach for successful long-term placemaking in Old Oak shared by partners and stakeholders, which delivers social and economic benefits for local communities.

The development of a clear delivery strategy, funding and financing strategy, land assembly strategy and business plan for Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) as a future landowner is expected in Spring 2018.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Vicarage Field Shopping Centre, Barking, LB Barking and Dagenham

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

101 Byng Road, High Barnet, LB Barnet

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

National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, LB Barnet

I have written to the London Borough of Barnet stating that I will act as the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the planning application.

Peel Precinct, South Kilburn, LB Brent

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

South Suburban Co-op Society, Beckenham, LB Bromley

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

Maybrey Works, Beckenham, LB Bromley

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

Footzie Social Club, Sydenham, LB Bromley

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

West End Lane, West Hampstead, LB Camden

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

1 Leadenhall Street, City of London

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

Purley Baptist Church, Purley, 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.

Fair Field Masterplan, 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.

Cambridge House, Croydon, 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.

Malgavita Site, 25-27 Merrick Road, Southall, LB Ealing

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

Bollo Lane, Chiswick Business Park, 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.

Former GlaxoSmithKline Site and Sunblest Bakery, Greenford, 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.

100 Bollo Lane, South Acton, 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.

Meridian Water, Upper Edmonton, LB Enfield

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

Building 10 and 11, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, RB Greenwich

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

Ogilby Housing Society Site, Woolwich, RB Greenwich

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

Hackney New School, Kingsland Road, LB Hackney

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

Stamford Bridge Stadium, LB Hammersmith and Fulham

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

Keston Centre, West Green, LB Haringey

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

Station Square West, Tottenham Hale, LB Haringey

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

Dovers Corner Industrial Estate, Rainham, LB Havering

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

The Arena, Bennetsfield Road, Stockley Park, LB Hillingdon

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

Bridge House, Uxbridge , LB Hillingdon

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

Edison Primary School, Vicarage Farm Road, Hounslow, 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.

Finsbury Tower, Clerkenwell, LB Islington

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

Lidl, Former Hook Venturer Sports Club, Chessington, 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.

36-46 Albert Embankment, Vauxhall, LB Lambeth

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

Days Inn, 54 Kennington Road, North Lambeth, LB Lambeth

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

Grand South, Wyvil Road, Vauxhall, LB Lambeth

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

High Path Regeneration, South Wimbledon, LB Merton

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

All England Lawn Tennis Club, Wimbledon, LB Merton

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

1 Knights Road, Silvertown, LB Newham

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

93-97a Scrubs Lane, North Kensington Gate, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

I have written to the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation stating that I am content to allow the Corporation to determine the application itself.

115-129a Scrubs Lane, North Kensington Gate, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

I have written to the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation stating that I am content to allow the Corporation to determine the application itself.

ATAM Academy, Chadwell Heath, LB Redbridge

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

133 Park Street & 105 Sumner Street, Southwark, 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.

Victoria House, Malden Road, Cheam, LB Sutton

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

Castle Wharf Filling Station, Orchard Wharf, LB Tower Hamlets

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

Sainsbury Foodstore, Cambridge Heath Road, Whitechapel, LB Tower Hamlets

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

Ferry Lane Industrial Estate, Blackhorse Road, 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.

Bywaters Site, Gateway Road, Leyton, 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.

3 Culvert Road, Battersea, LB Wandsworth

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

Cringle Dock, Battersea, LB Wandsworth

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

Shell Savoy Filling Station, Battersea, LB Wandsworth

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

Ergon House, Horseferry 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.

22 Hanover Square, Mayfair, 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 1 referrals)

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

- Crowlands Heath Golf Club, Dagenham, LB Havering
- Waste Depot Southall Lane, Hayes, LB Hounslow
- Cringle Dock, Battersea , LB Wandsworth
- Former Sutton Hospital Site, Sutton, LB Sutton
- Maybrey Works, Beckenham, LB Bromley
- 14-17 Paddington Green, Paddington, City of Westminster
- Rectory Farm, Heston West, LB Hounslow
- Lambeth Palace Library, Lambeth Palace Road, LB Lambeth
- Landmark House, Hammersmith Bridge Road, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Steel Wharf, 24-28 River Road, Barking, LB Barking and Dagenham
- Becontree Heath Masterplan, Dagenham, LB Barking and Dagenham
- St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, City of Westminster
- New Scotland Yard, 8-10 Broadway, City of Westminster
- 1-3 Corbridge Crescent And 1-4 The Oval, Bethnal Green, LB Tower Hamlets
- 23-37 Blagdon Road, New Malden, RB Kingston upon Thames
- Capital Interchange Way, Brentford, LB Hounslow
- 585-603 London Road, Thornton Heath, LB Croydon
- Taberner House, Croydon, LB Croydon
- Royal Docks Service Station, Silvertown, LB Newham
- Westfield Stratford City, London Legacy Development Corporation
- 60 The Highway, Wapping, LB Tower Hamlets
- Bury Lodge Depot, Bury Street West, Edmonton, LB Enfield
- Gibbs Road, Edmonton, LB Enfield
- Allianz Park, Copthall, LB Barnet
- Hackney Wick Central, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Footzie Social Club, Sydenham, LB Bromley
- Castlewood House and Medius House, New Oxford Street, LB Camden
- 1 Triton Square, Euston, LB Camden
- 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn, City of Westminster
- 35-87 New Road, Rainham, LB Havering
- Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, LB Hillingdon
- Shoreditch Village Phase 2, LB Hackney
- Forest Works Site, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest
- 44 Clapham Common South Side, LB Lambeth
- The Avenue Public House and Ford Motor Garage, Eastern Avenue, Ilford, LB Redbridge
- Springfield Park, Clapton, LB Hackney
- 1 Westmoreland Road, Bromley, LB Bromley
- Parsloes Park, Becontree, LB Barking and Dagenham
- 86-96 Garratt Lane, Wandsworth, LB Wandsworth
- 73-77 Commercial Road, Whitechapel, LB Tower Hamlets
- Addington Golf Club, Addington, LB Croydon

Delegated Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

The Deputy Mayor has asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- Former Nufarm UK Ltd, Burts Wharf, Belvedere, LB Bexley
- Standard Wharf, Manor Road, Erith, LB Bexley

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Lovell's Granite, Badcocks and Pipers Wharves, RB Greenwich
- Britannia Music Development Site, 60-70 Roden Street, LB Redbridge
- Packington Estate, LB Islington
- Kidbrook Village Centre, Phase 3, RB Greenwich
- Southall Gas Works site, LB Ealing
- Queen's Park Station, LB Brent
- Padcroft Works, LB Hillingdon
- Curtain Road/ Hewett Street/ Great Eastern Street/ Fairchild Place/Plough Yard/ Hearn Street, LB Hackney
- 1-3 Uxbridge Road, Hayes, LB Hillingdon
- Garden Bridge, LB Lambeth
- Holbrook House, LB Ealing
- Castle House and Rome House, LB Ealing
- 117-125 Bayswater Road, City of Westminster
- Apex House, LB Haringey
- Whiteleys Centre, City of Westminster
- 46 Ponton Road, LB Wandsworth
- Bromley Football Club, LB Bromley
- 285-329 Edgware Road, City of Westminster
- Harrow College, LB Harrow
- Land at Rick Roberts Way, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Wyevale Garden Centre, LB Hillingdon
- The Arena, Stockley Park, LB Hillingdon
- Land adjacent to Langdon Park Station, LB Tower Hamlets
- Burnhams, LB Barnet
- Former VDC Site and Ex Adams Bridge Business Centre, LB Brent
- 80 River Road, LB Barking and Dagenham
- Old Post Office Site, Ashdown Road Car Park, RB Kingston upon Thames
- British Library Newspapers, LB Barnet
- Islington Local Plan, Scope of Review (Regulation 18) Consultation, LB Islington
- Local Plan for Slough, Issues and Options Consultation, Slough Borough Council
- Sutton Local Plan - Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Consultation, LB Sutton
- Draft Hackney Central & Surrounds Masterplan SPD Revisions, LB Hackney
- Development Viability Supplementary Planning Document, LB Tower Hamlets
- Camden Local Plan Proposed Main Modifications, LB Camden
- Newham Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation DPD Proposed Main Modifications, LB Newham
- Draft Charlton Riverside SPD 2017, RB Greenwich
- Newham Local Plan Review - Issues and Options (Regulation 18) Consultation, LB

Newham

- Development Options - Local Plan Consultation, Medway Council
- Draft South Kilburn Supplementary Planning Document, LB Brent
- Isle of Dogs Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum
- Wandsworth Local Plan: Employment and Industry Submission Document, LB Wandsworth
- Consultation on preferred option stage Wood Green Area Action Plan, LB Haringey
- Preferred Options - Local Plan Consultation, Chelmsford City Council
- Consultation on the New Southwark Plan: Area Visions and Site Allocations Preferred Option (Regulation 18), LB Southwark

Key Engagements

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

- I launched the Low Emission Bus Zone in Putney on 9 March
- I had an introductory meeting with Dr Ibrahim & Hadeel Ibrahim on 9 March
- I visited the Transport for London offices at Palestra on 9 March
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 9 March
- I chaired the Palmerston Road Representation Hearing at City Hall on 10 March
- I chaired the Hale Wharf Representation Hearing at City Hall on 10 March
- I met with the London Councils Devolution Group on 13 March to discuss a devolution deal for London
- I had lunch with Amol Rajan on 13 March
- I addressed the Better Community Business Network Annual Dinner on 13 March
- I appeared before the ExEU Select Committee on 14 March
- I chaired my regular planning decisions on 14 March
- I met with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner Designate, on 14 March
- I visited Hounslow with Cllr Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow, on 16 March to see housing development in the Borough
- I had my regular meeting with Dany Cotton and Fiona Twycross, LFEPA, on 16 March
- I had an introductory meeting with Paul Embery, London Regional Secretary for the Fire Brigades Union, on 16 March
- I had my regular meeting with Craig Mackey, the Acting Police Commissioner, on 16 March
- I addressed the 20th Annual Asian Business Award Ceremony on 17 March
- I addressed the St Patricks Day Festival taking place on Trafalgar Square on 19 March
- I launched my Police & Crime Plan at City Heights Academy on 20 March
- I attended the Mayor's Entrepreneurs Awards Ceremony at City Hall on 20 March
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 20 March
- I met with the London Councils Labour Group on 21 March
- I co-chaired the London Councils Congress of Leaders on 21 March
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 22 March
- I attended COBRA on 22 March
- I visited New Scotland Yard on 23 March
- I met with Faith Leaders & the Home Secretary on 23 March
- I attended the Trafalgar Square Vigil on 23 March

- I visited the London Ambulance Service Control Room in Lambeth on 24 March to meet with the first responders to the Westminster Bridge terrorist attack
- I visited the London Fire Brigade at Union Street on 24 March to meet with the first responders to the Westminster Bridge terrorist attack
- I visited the Special Operations Room in Lambeth on 24 March
- I visited New Scotland Yard on 24 March
- I laid a wreath at the England v Lithuania International football match taking place at Wembley Stadium on 26 March
- I visited Brussels on 27 and 28 March
- I visited Paris on 29 March
- I attended the Teenage Cancer Trust Concert taking place at the Royal Albert Hall on 31 March
- I had an introductory meeting with Mr Won Soon Park, the Mayor of Seoul, on 3 April
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 3 April
- I launched the third air quality consultation and announced the ULEZ expansion dates, at the British Museum, on 4 April
- I met with the Rt Hon Nick Hurd MP, Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, on 4 April to discuss the Industrial Strategy and also HS2 in his parliamentary constituency
- I had my regular meeting with Craig Mackey, the Acting Police Commissioner, on 4 April
- I had an introductory meeting with Sigmar Gabriel, the German Foreign Minister, on 4 April
- I addressed the LCCI European Metropolitan Chambers Summit on 5 April
- I chaired the Mayor's Business Advisory Board on 5 April
- I attended the Service of Hope in Westminster Abbey on 5 April
- I had a meeting with Paul Clark former MP for Gillingham on 5 April
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 6 April
- I attended the Vaisakhi Procession in Southall on 9 April
- I attended the funeral of PC Palmer at Southwark Cathedral on 10 April
- I met with Cressida Dick, the new Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 10 April
- I attended Sarah Sands', Editor of the Evening Standard, farewell dinner on 20 April
- I addressed the St George's Day celebration on Trafalgar Square 22 April
- I addressed the annual Ceremony of Yom HaShoah at the Barnet Copthall Stadium on 23 April
- I opened the Online Hate Crime Summit taking place at City Hall on 24 April
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 24 April
- I chaired the London Crime Reduction Board on 25 April
- I attended Sarah Sands', Editor of the Evening Standard, leaving drinks on 25 April
- I attended a criminal landlord enforcement raid in Newham on 26 April
- I attended the annual Citizenship Ceremony taking place at City Hall on 26 April
- I met with the London Clinical Commissioning Council on 26 April
- I launched Skills for Londoners at South Thames College, Merton on 27 April
- I visited Merton with Cllr Stephen Alambritis, Leader of Merton, on 27 April to see key regeneration sites in the Borough
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 27 April
- I met with Ashok Sinha, the new Chair of London Sustainable Development Commission, on 27 April

- I attended the opening of the Mehman Restaurant in Tooting & the relaunch of the Tooting Shopping Mall on 28 April
- I visited Graveney School, Tooting, on 28 April
- I addressed the Vaisakhi on the Square event taking place on Trafalgar Square on 29 April
- I attended the world title fight between Anthony Joshua and Wladimir Klitschko taking place at Wembley Stadium on 29 April
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 2 May
- I visited County House in Beckenham on 3 May to meet tenants at the first homes being delivered for London Living Rent in the capital
- I had an introductory meeting with Guy Fletcher, Chair of the Mayor's Music Fund, on 3 May
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 4 May
- I addressed the Asian Awards on 5 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 8 May
- I met with Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley on 10 May to discuss policing and security
- I had lunch with Paul Waugh on 11 May
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 11 May
- I had my regular meeting with Cllr Claire Kober, Leader of London Councils, on 12 May
- I attended the Mayor's Music Fund Lunch on 15 May
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 15 May
- I visited Croydon Fire Station on 16 May to meet firefighters from Woodside, New Addington and Croydon Fire Stations who were among the first to respond to the Croydon Tram Crash on 9 November 2016
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 18 May
- I had lunch with Evgeny Lebedev on 18 May
- I chaired a meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Group on 24 May
- I visited the Hyderi Nursery School on 26 May
- I had my regular meeting with Anne Rainsberry, NHS England Regional Director for London, on 31 May
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 1 June
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 1 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Milind Deora, India's former Minister of Telecom, IT & Shipping, on 2 June
- I attended COBRA on 4 June
- I attended COBRA on 5 June
- I visited the London Bridge & Borough Market cordon on 5 June
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 5 June
- I attended the Potters Field vigil on 5 June
- I visited the London Ambulance Service Headquarters in Lambeth on 6 June to meet with the first responders at the London Bridge terrorist attack
- I had an introductory meeting with Laura Citron, Chief Executive, London & Partners, on 6 June
- I met with the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board on 6 June
- I met with Jennette Arnold AM, the new Chair of the Assembly, on 6 June
- I visited Brixton Police Station on 7 June to meet with the first responders at the London Bridge terrorist attack

Ends

Appendix 1

Mayoral visit to Brussels and Paris March 2017

Day 1 - Monday 27th March

London – Brussels

Time	Activity
12.58 – 16.08	Train London St Pancras to Brussels Midi
18.00-18.30	Sir Julian King, UK Commissioner– Security
	Overnight in Brussels

Day 2 - Tuesday 28th March

Brussels-Paris

Time	Activity
08.00 – 09.00	Keynote speech at “The New European Order” hosted by Politico
	Meeting with London MEPs
09.30 – 09.55	Guy Verhofstadt MEP – European Parliament lead on UK withdrawal
10.00 – 10.30	Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament
11.10 – 11.40	Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union
12.15 - 13.00	Yvan Mayeur, Mayor of Brussels
13.30 - 14.00	Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the European Commission
14.15 - 14.45	Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research
15.00 – 15.30	Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission
16.13 – 17.44	Depart Brussels for Paris (train)
19.30 – 20.00	Meeting with Edward Llewellyn, British Ambassador
20.00 – 21.00	Business Reception at British Ambassador’s Residence
	Overnight in Paris

Day 3 - Wednesday 29th March

Paris-London

Time	Activity
0815	Vincent Bollore (Chairman and CEO) at Vivendi office
09.30 – 11.00	Air Quality event at Paris city hall with Mayor Hidalgo and Mayor Park

11.45 – 12.15	Emmanuel Macron
15.13 – 16.39	Return to London (Gare du Nord to London St Pancras)