

## **3rd Mayor's Report to the Assembly Mayor's Question Time 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

This is my third report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

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

### **Executive Summary**

#### **Covid-19 and Recovery update**

We continue to see an increase in infection rates in London, with the dominant strain being the Delta variant of concern. Thankfully currently this is not translating into a sharp increase in hospital admissions.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, Londoners have now received over 8.7 million doses of the vaccines. It is imperative that before the 19<sup>th</sup> of July decision point to reopen, we vaccinate as many adult Londoners as we can, and I am urging Londoners to come forward for their second dose, as appointments can now be brought to 8 weeks after your first jab.

It is vital that our Recovery activities are targeted at narrowing social, economic and health inequalities, many of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic. With Recovery Board partners, I am working towards establishing a Disproportionate Impacts subgroup to investigate the challenges these Londoners face and to ensure these issues are addressed. The subgroup will identify and track key actions aimed at addressing structural inequalities underlying the disproportionate impacts of Covid-19.

London's economic recovery is at a pivotal moment, and at the last Recovery Board meeting the partnership set out priority areas for intervention, based on the latest analysis of impacts on the economy and the labour market. This has included a series of short-term actions to address the crisis, including my Let's Do London campaign and an expansion of the Skills Academies Programme to include the Hospitality sector.

Following the 3<sup>rd</sup> June Recovery Board, I am working with London Councils to bring together our inaugural London Anchors Steering Committee which will provide leadership and champion collaboration on Anchor support to London's Recovery. My team are also mapping anchor initiatives across London, including those at the borough and sub-regional level, and continue to sign up new charter signatories.

#### **'Super Saturday' vaccine event**

I was pleased to be able to visit Stamford Bridge on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June where Chelsea FC were holding a pop up clinic as part of London's 'Super Saturday' vaccine activity. The event was one of several large pop-up vaccine events at stadiums across our city over recent weekends, and I want to extend my thanks to all the organisations, volunteers and clinicians who came together to make it happen – as well as to the thousands of Londoners who came forward to have their

vaccination. Every vaccination brings us a step closer to restrictions easing further and getting back to the things we love.

### **London Vaccine Summit**

On 25<sup>th</sup> June I hosted a Vaccine Summit in Stratford with the Vaccines Minister, Nadhim Zahawi, bringing together NHS officials, health, community, faith and business leaders to help accelerate the rollout and ensure that all Londoners take up both doses of the vaccine as soon as possible. The Summit noted the incredible achievement that more than 8.3 million doses of the life-saving COVID-19 vaccines have already been given to Londoners and raised the challenges the capital faces in the vaccine rollout. It highlighted that driving up the number of people getting vaccinated in the following three weeks would be crucial to ensure that restrictions are lifted on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

The Summit addressed the best ways to ensure Londoners are provided with the most complete information about where to receive their vaccine and reassured Londoners that they do not have to know their NHS number or be registered with a GP in order to get the vaccine. We urged all Londoners aged 18 and over to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible, and following the Summit I was pleased to visit the NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Centre at Westfield Shopping Centre to meet some of London life-saving vaccinators.

### **£32 million fund to get Londoners back into work**

On 1 July I announced a major new fund to give Londoners the skills they need to find employment as the capital emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our £32 million Good Work for All Fund is an unprecedented package of support to ensure Londoners of all backgrounds can pursue careers in areas vital to London's economic recovery. Figures show it is London that has been hardest hit by increased unemployment as a result of the pandemic. I warned that without bold action around employment and skills inequality of opportunity in London could be exacerbated hugely by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The fund will provide skills support for Londoners most impacted by the pandemic including young adults, Black and Minority Ethnic groups, women, disabled Londoners and older Londoners. Londoners will be able to access free training and courses up to level 3 (intermediate level) that will help them directly find jobs in sectors such as digital and green industries, health and social care, and our creative and cultural sector. The funding will be specifically targeted at Londoners who are unemployed or currently earning below the London Living Wage.

Working closely with colleges, skills and learning providers, London boroughs and businesses and civil society organisations, 39 organisations will be receiving funding from the Good Work for All Fund. Of these, 20 are receiving City Hall funding for the first time.

As we recover from the impact of COVID-19, my mission remains building a fairer, more equal and prosperous city. But this will only be possible if all Londoners can access the vital skills and training our employers and businesses say they need now, and over the coming years.

## **EURO 2020**

On 13<sup>th</sup> June, I attended the opening of Inside Out on Tower Bridge, a spectacular art installation to celebrate UEFA EURO 2020 coming to the capital. I was delighted to meet the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman William Russell and Deputy Catherine McGuinness from the City of London, and to have the unique experience of having my picture taken and being able to paste it onto the bridge alongside 1,000 other photographs of Londoners. I was also pleased to be able to meet and thank the Inside Out team and volunteers for creating such an incredible project.

The same day, I also visited the Trafalgar Square Fan Zone where I thanked our key workers for their dedication throughout the pandemic and was able to enjoy the England vs Croatia match on the big screen. The EUROs tournament is a catalyst for London's recovery from the pandemic, and it was great to be part of the action and witness the excitement across the city.

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, I attended the England vs Scotland match at Wembley Stadium. It was a wonderful experience being back in a stadium for a live event and to watch a very well fought game between the two sides. On 29<sup>th</sup> June, it was also a great thrill to be at Wembley Stadium to see England play Germany. It was truly fantastic to see England emerge victorious, and I'm backing them to go all the way.

## **Grenfell Tower fire anniversary**

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, we marked four years since the Grenfell Tower fire, when 72 people lost their lives. My thoughts remain with bereaved families, survivors and residents as they remember their loved ones. On the anniversary, the fountains at Trafalgar Square and London's Living Room at City Hall were lit green in solidarity, as we remembered all those whose lives were lost on that awful day. We owe it to the people who died, the survivors and the entire community to ensure that a tragedy like this never happens again. I will continue to hold those responsible to account, and do everything I can to ensure all Londoners are safe in their homes.

## **Armed Forces Day**

I was honoured to hold an Armed Forces Day flag raising ceremony at City Hall on Monday 21 June 2021.

I was joined by Air Vice Marshal Edwards, Commodore Bellfield and Lieutenant Colonel David Utting, along with members of the London Assembly including Len Duvall AM OBE, my Armed Forces champion and advisor on the Armed Forces Covenant and Chief Officer Mary Harpley.

The Armed Forces were also represented by members of the Royal Woolwich Squadron, Royal Air Force Air Cadets, University of London Air Sqn Cadet Officers, London based Reserve Units and representative of the Royal British Legion City Hall Branch.

Armed Forces Day is a time to reflect on the immense contribution made by the men and women who serve and protect our country. We must never underestimate the sacrifice they make to keep us safe, especially over the last year after the military's largest ever peace time operation on homeland in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we were not able to gather together in our usual numbers for the event due to COVID-19, we were still able to reflect and pay tribute to the courage and commitment of our service personnel, past and present.

## **Windrush Day**

To mark Windrush Day and pay homage to the lasting legacy of the Windrush Generation, I was delighted that, for the first time ever, we flew a Windrush flag outside City Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The Windrush Generation hugely shaped our country's history, spirit and success, and it is important that we recognise this.

## **Anniversary of Finsbury Park attack**

On 19<sup>th</sup> June, Londoners remembered Makram Ali, his family and friends, and the innocent Londoners who were deliberately targeted while leaving Ramadan prayers at Muslim Welfare House in Finsbury Park four years ago. We are all entitled to feel safe in our place of worship, and the terror attack in Finsbury Park was an attack on our shared values of tolerance, freedom and respect.

Terrorists seek to divide us, but the response from our city has shown that our values will always be stronger than the hatred of extremists. I stand united with Londoners, in defiance of these attacks and celebrate the diversity and strength of our city.

## **State of London Debate 2021**

24<sup>th</sup> June saw the first ever State of London Debate (SOLD) online, where Londoners were given the opportunity to put live questions to myself and my Deputy Mayors, chaired by LBC's James O'Brien. This event was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, so I was delighted that we were able to hold this event digitally this year.

Broadcast from LBC's state-of-the-art Westminster Studio, audience questions were asked live via video, with registered audience members also able to put their questions to the panel via a live chat function. Questions covered transport, housing, policing and safety, air quality and the environment, and London's economic recovery.

## **Clean Air Day**

On 17<sup>th</sup> June, to mark Clean Air Day I visited the Royal London Hospital to meet staff, air quality experts and local schoolchildren from Canon Barnett primary school. The theme of this year's event was 'protecting children's health from air pollution'. Action to improve air quality delivers real world benefits for children's health, this exemplified by research from Imperial College London that found my air quality policies will help improve life expectancy for a child born in 2013 by six months. Royal London is one of ten to receive a Breathe London air quality sensor. Data from this shows the pollution impact of the surrounding busy roads, including high levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) which aggravates respiratory diseases. To help support monitoring at other sensitive locations I also announced that a further 131 sensors will be installed as part of my Breathe London air quality monitoring project, with borough support, taking the total number to over 320. Both the school and the hospital are located on busy roads and will benefit from the expanded Ultra Low Emission Zone.

## **Launch of Hydrogen Buses and refuelling station**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, I visited Perivale Bus Garage in Ealing to celebrate the arrival of London's first 20 double deck hydrogen buses. This brings my zero emission fleet of buses to over 500, one of the biggest in Western Europe. I met with the bus operator Metroline, and manufacturer Bamford Bus Company, to take a tour of the depot, including the buses in their new livery and

the newly installed hydrogen refuelling technology. I also heard about the various companies that are involved in the supply of the buses and generating the hydrogen fuel. This event highlighted my progress in delivering zero emission buses, a key part in my ambition for London to be zero carbon by 2030 and have the best air quality of any world city. The visit also demonstrates how London's investment in zero emission technologies is supporting high skilled green jobs and supply chains across the UK.

### **£6 million from City Hall for green spaces across London**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, I visited the Cookbook Edible Library in Tottenham to launch a new investment of £6m to create and improve green spaces across London. This includes the Grow Back Greener Fund, which in 2021 will be co-funded by Thames Water, to support community-led projects to improve access to green space and enhance climate resilience. It also included my Green and Resilient Spaces Fund, which will support major projects to transform existing parks and the public realm. This funding will be targeted where it is most needed to tackle the inequalities highlighted by COVID-19, and will prioritise neighbourhoods with poor access to green space and that will be most affected by climate change.

### **4G high-speed mobile coverage coming to the whole Tube network as concession partner announced**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June I welcomed the news that customers on London Underground will be able to access full mobile connectivity and internet access within every station and tunnel on the network.

Transport for London has awarded a 20-year concession to BAI Communications (BAI) which will enable mobile coverage on the whole Tube network, helping to remove one of the most high-profile mobile 'not-spots' in the UK.

I promised Londoners that if they re-elected me for a second term as Mayor, I would deliver 4G throughout the Tube network. It's already up and running on the eastern half of the Jubilee line and I announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> June that I am fulfilling that commitment and full internet access will be available across the Tube, with key central London stations such as Oxford Circus and Euston set to benefit before the end of next year.

The concession will see a backbone of mobile and digital connectivity established across London. Uninterrupted 4G mobile coverage has already been introduced on the eastern half of the Jubilee line and will be expanded in phases to ticket halls, platforms and tunnels on the Tube network over the next three years, with all stations and tunnels due to have mobile coverage by the end of 2024. This will allow customers to check the latest travel information, keep on top of their emails and the latest news, catch up on social media, watch videos or make calls throughout their journeys.

### **Ickenham becomes the latest step-free Tube station, raising total to 84**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June Transport for London announced that Ickenham Underground station had become step-free, helping people with accessibility needs to access the station and the wider transport network, significantly improving their journeys.

The completion of accessibility works at Ickenham brings the total number of step-free stations on the Tube to 84. This follows Debden station, which became step-free in April, with work continuing at Osterley, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Sudbury Hill and Wimbledon Park, all of which are

scheduled to become step free later this year. Additional improvements to accessibility will be made at Ickenham station next year, which will include a brand-new step-free accessible car park, comprising three blue badge spaces next to the station.

Making London's transport network accessible for all continues to be a key priority, and step-free access at Ickenham station will make a huge difference to the daily lives of passengers with mobility needs as well as the wider public. It's great news that 84 Tube stations are now step-free, with even more to come later this year.

### **TfL returns cash options to ticket machines**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June, TfL confirmed that it will be restoring the cash option to ticket machines at the vast majority of London Underground and DLR stations, as well as reinstating cash where it was removed from ticket offices on London Overground, TfL Rail and the Emirates Air Line.

The temporary cashless arrangements were introduced by TfL in response to the pandemic and have played an important role in protecting staff and passengers from handling cash, while also facilitating social distancing by reducing queuing and congregating at ticket machines and ticket offices.

With more Londoners and visitors making the most of what the capital has to offer, and the school holidays around the corner, it is important that we do everything we can to ensure public transport is open and accessible to everyone.

### **A new EWS1 Task and Finish Working Group**

At the 15<sup>th</sup> June Homes for Londoners Board meeting, members agreed to establish a new External Wall System (EWS1) Task and Finish Working Group. This working group was created as a result of research my team conducted to better understand the impact of the EWS1 inspection process on leaseholders and social sector landlords. The research found that there was great variation in how social sector landlords approach EWS1 requests, from their policies on offering them and covering the cost, to how these are communicated. I know that the building safety crisis has created an uncertain and stressful process for many Londoners, including shared owners unable to sell their property. I'm pleased that this early engagement did find some examples of best practice in how landlords are responding to this, and my team will now work to replicate that across the sector.

The working group will provide a forum for social landlords to share best practice and establish a policy approach on EWS1 that could be adopted across the social sector in London. Geeta Nanda, chair of the G15 and chief executive at Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing, has been confirmed as chair of the EWS1 Task and Finish Working Group. The working group is also composed by representatives from Network Homes, the National Housing Federation, LB Camden, LB Hackney and Westminster Council. The working group will engage with leaseholder groups, and we have confirmed representation from the UK Cladding Action Group, the London Cladding Action Group and the Leasehold Knowledge Partnership.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime**

On 11<sup>th</sup> June, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime Sophie Linden joined officers from the MPS Violent Crime Task Force on patrol in Wood Green, as they continue their determined efforts to get dangerous individuals and deadly weapons off the streets of our city. I have seen at first-hand how dedicated and professional the officers of the VCTF are, and I'm pleased that we are able to demonstrate our continued support to them as they go about this vital, lifesaving work.

Equally, efforts to prevent violence continue at pace. On 18<sup>th</sup> June, Sophie Linden visited one of the Violence Reduction Unit-funded MyEnds projects in Croydon, to hear more about the work they are doing. Investing in programmes like MyEnds is about putting communities at the forefront, supporting them and giving them the tools they need to drive down violence and make our city safer for all Londoners.

### **Government Rape Review**

On 17<sup>th</sup> June the Government published its long-awaited Rape Review, with an acknowledgement and apology from Ministers that systemic failures had led to many victims of rape and sexual assault being denied justice. I welcome this Review, which has set out recommendations to address low prosecution and conviction rates for rape, and to restore rape victims' trust and confidence in the justice system.

From City Hall we have been leading the way in developing and working on a pilot with Avon and Somerset Police, backed by the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, to improve convictions for rape cases, and to ensure victims are better supported through the investigation process.

Claire Waxman, London's Independent Victims' Commissioner, has also been leading efforts to tackle these issues in London since she was first appointed, including publishing the 2019 London Rape Review, which highlighted that only six per cent of rape allegations reached a trial. Claire has had my full support in calling for an end to the disproportionate focus being placed on discrediting a victim and their case, rather than robustly investigating the alleged crime, and on the importance of the police and the CPS recognising the impact of trauma and working closer together to build a strong case from day one.

I urge the Government to act immediately on the recommendations in the Review, and to tackle court backlogs which mean that victims can now wait as long as four years from reporting a crime to their case reaching court. There is no time to waste, and we stand ready to support those efforts in London.

### **Protecting London from extremism**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the second round of applications for funding via the Shared Endeavour Fund opened this funding are open. Last year, I invested in over 30 civil society led projects countering racism, hate, intolerance, extremism, and radicalisation that reached 25,000 Londoners. These projects strengthened communities against extremism, encouraged more Londoners to stand up to hate and better protected vulnerable people from radicalisation. The Shared Endeavour Fund is being managed by Groundwork federation of charities working nationally and locally to transform lives, often in the UK's most disadvantaged communities.

I was pleased that the first elements of the new Counter Terrorism Operations Centre (CTOC) in London were unveiled on 28 June, with a cutting-edge counter terrorism operations suite now fully operational, and with a dedicated, state-of-the-art counter terrorism forensics laboratory to follow soon. The new Counter Terrorism Operations Centre brings expertise and capabilities together in one place for the first time and I'm pleased the £412 million of investment from City Hall and the Met Police helped make this national hub a reality, working to keep London and all of the UK safe. It builds on the work London has already started to ensure our capital remains a world leader in counter-terrorism detection and response.



## Transport

### **TfL takes a stand against hate crime and abuse**

On 14<sup>th</sup> June Transport for London announced a series of measures to continue to improve how it tackles hate crime on the network, making public transport a more welcoming and safer place for everyone as more people return to the network.

Customers will see TfL's new campaign focused on tackling abuse on the network. Posters are displayed across the network encouraging customers and staff to stand in solidarity against hate and abusive behaviour. Messages include 'London stands together against abuse on our transport network', 'we won't tolerate hate crime', 'we won't stand for abuse of TfL Staff' and 'we won't accept drunken abuse of TfL Staff'.

TfL will continue to work closely with its transport policing partners to support the investigation of hate crimes on its public transport network to bring offenders to justice. Over 2,500 police and police community support officers patrol the network to improve the safety of customers and staff and reassure those who may feel vulnerable.

### **New data shows continued decline in deaths and serious injuries on London's roads during coronavirus pandemic**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June Transport for London published casualty statistics that show a continued decline in the number of people killed or seriously injured on London's roads in 2020, with a 21 per cent decrease over the year compared to 2019 data. Despite the decreases, 96 people were killed and 2,974 people suffered serious injuries on the capital's roads and continued action is needed to achieve the Mayor's Vision Zero goal of eliminating death and serious injury from the transport network.

TfL has been working closely with the boroughs since the start of the pandemic to create the extra space needed for people to walk and cycle safely. While there was a 12 per cent increase in the number of people killed or seriously injured cycling between 2019 and 2020, the overall risk to people cycling decreased, with six deaths recorded per billion kilometres cycled, compared to eight in 2019.

Fewer people were also killed while walking in 2020, with a 34 per cent reduction compared to 2019 data. More comprehensive data of the estimated injury risk across all transport modes will be available later in the year, once journey data for 2020 has been published.

Though the risk to people cycling has decreased, the number of people killed and seriously injured on London's roads remains unacceptable. Motorcyclists continued to be disproportionately involved in collisions resulting in fatal and serious injuries to themselves and to others, especially people walking. Motorcyclist deaths remained at the same number (31) from 2019 to 2020 and people riding motorcycles represented a quarter (25 per cent) of all people killed and seriously injured on the roads. TfL recently launched a campaign to urge riders and drivers to watch out for each other with the aim of tackling the high numbers of people involved in these collisions.

The number of people killed or seriously injured in or by a bus fell by 37 per cent between 2019 and 2020 to the lowest number on record. This means that the number of people killed or

seriously injured by or on a bus in London has fallen by 78 per cent against the 2005-09 baseline, exceeding TfL's Vision Zero goal of a 70 per cent reduction by 2022.

### **TfL's new Works for London programme set to make the capital's roads safer, greener and more efficient**

Transport for London has brought together all of the maintenance of roads, tunnels, and assets such as bus stations and streetlights that are essential for Londoners making journeys around the city under a new 'Works for London' programme, which will ensure that London's road network is more efficient, safer and greener.

Three leading infrastructure companies - Ringway, FM Conway Limited and Tarmac Kier JV - will partner with TfL over the next eight years on the Works for London programme, which is one of the UK's most prestigious highways contracts worth up to £1.7 billion. The new programme will oversee the maintenance of TfL's road network (TLRN), which consists of 5 per cent of London's road space, but carries 30 per cent of the traffic. It will support more than 600 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs through TfL's supply chain.

TfL is determined to ensure London has a green recovery from the pandemic and its new Works for London programme will ensure sustainability is at the heart of its roads maintenance, while supporting more walking and cycling everywhere. From making our vehicle fleet fully electric to planting more trees, Works for London will ensure the capital's roads are efficient, green and safe for years to come.

## **Fire and Resilience**

### **London Strategic Coordinating Group**

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

### **London COVID-19 Leaders Committee**

Alongside my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, and my Chief of Staff David Bellamy, I continued to attend regular virtual meetings with London Councils Leaders and representatives of London's Strategic Coordinating Outbreak Control Group to consider London's response to COVID-19.

### **London Resilience Forum**

On 17<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, chaired a virtual meeting of the London Resilience Forum. The forum discussed some of the initial learning from COVID-19 in relation to future protracted incidents and received updates from members with regard to their ongoing preparedness for COVID-19 and other incidents.

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

On 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, held virtual meetings on behalf of London's SCG to update London's MPs on the city's response to COVID-19.

### **COVID-19 Assembly Member Leaders updates**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, held a virtual meeting to update Leaders of the London Assembly political groups on London's response to COVID-19.

### **PHE/NHS conference call**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, I attended a virtual meeting with Regional Directors of PHE and NHS London to receive an update on London's response to COVID-19.

## Growth, Skills and Regeneration

### **Publication of draft Adult Education Roadmap for Consultation**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June I launched a public consultation on my draft Adult Education Roadmap for London. The draft Roadmap sets out how we plan to build on the success of adult education budget delegation and the work of London's skills providers to create an even more accessible, impactful and locally relevant system that can better serve London's communities and economies.

The public consultation will run for seven weeks from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021, and includes funding for 'Community Conversations' to engage Londoners directly, targeting key groups who are underrepresented in learning. The consultation builds on the programme of early engagement run through February and March, which reached over 100 different organisations including colleges, learning providers, local authorities, community organisations, and employers and business groups. Following the consultation, we will aim to publish the final Roadmap in December 2021.

You can access the consultation here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/skills-and-employment/adult-education-roadmap-consultation>

### **Skills for Londoners Board**

My Skills for Londoners (SfL) Board met for the first time this Mayoral term on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. At the meeting, members approved the new governance arrangements for the Board's subordinate bodies, including the re-establishment of the SfL Recovery Task and Finish Group that will have an important role in shaping the recovery work related to the 'Helping Londoners into Good Work' recovery mission and parts of the 'Digital Access for All' mission. The Board also received an update on the London Recovery programme, specifically on the Adult Education Roadmap for London, the Sector Skills Academies and 'No Wrong Door' approach. Finally, they received an update on the Adult Education Budget (AEB) Programme, specifically noting the AEB Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime audit report awarding the GLA a 'substantial' rating for ensuring AEB funding allocations were fair, efficient and transparent, my approval of c.£32m through the AEB Good Work for All Fund across two academic years (2021-22 and 2022-23) to 40 AEB providers and the launch of the London Learner Survey Pilot on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### **High Streets Data Service**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June, we launched the High Streets Data Service, which brings together essential information about the economic and social health of high streets and town centres. The service aligns with our work to support London's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic by sharing footfall and spend data with boroughs, as well as cultural, environmental, planning and business information, and specialist analysis.

### **Make London project out of the blocks**

Partly funded through my Make London programme, the Sitopia Farm project has already planted on third of its overall target of 5,000m<sup>2</sup> of new growing space, with the input of over

150 community volunteers. Located in Greenwich, the project is a newly established community interest company with a mission of hosting community activities, events and training, as well as tackling local food insecurity and waste. Sitopia is one of 39 projects supported through my Make London programme, which delivers on the London Recovery Board's High Streets for All and Building Strong Communities missions by supporting creative, locally-led proposals which bring people together, improve public spaces and support community hubs and high streets.

### **Recovery resourcing**

The past year has seen London's government working closely together to tackle the severe economic challenges that we face in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. With support from the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP), I am making £500,000 match funding available to fund 16 roles across London's boroughs and sub-regional partnerships for one year, starting in autumn, to support our collective and local economic recovery work. Working closely with London Councils, borough lead officers and Public Practice we have devised a resourcing programme that will boost capacity across London to deliver Recovery Board and local priorities across the Good Work for All, Green New Deal and High Streets for All missions.

### **Levelling Up Fund applications**

When I was signed-in for my second term as Mayor, I pledged to build bridges between the different communities in our city, with the Government and with the rest of the country, to demonstrate how London can help the national recovery and the levelling up agenda. With £600 million available from the Government's Levelling Up Fund this financial year, I was pleased to see a strong slate of projects coming forward from across London, demonstrating the need and delivery capability in the city. Securing London's fair share of funding is critical not only to London's recovery, but also to help drive the national recovery and level up regions across the country. I was pleased to endorse all projects that sought City Hall endorsement, given their alignment with the priorities of the London Recovery Board.

## Housing

### **New community homes for Lewisham**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, visited Brasted Close in Sydenham, Lewisham to celebrate the start of construction on London Community Land Trust's first direct development. The 11 homes are receiving funding through my Community Housing Fund. In preparation for the event, students from Sydenham School spent recent weeks painting a mural on the hoarding of the site. As part of the visit Tom Copley met with local community land trust members who have been involved with the project.

### **Tonic Housing visit**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, visited the Tonic Housing scheme at Bankhouse in Lambeth. In March this year I was proud to announce support for Tonic in creating the UK's first LGBTQ+ retirement community, with a loan from my Community Housing Fund. Older Londoners deserve to be able to enjoy their later years in comfort and security, surrounded by a thriving, supportive community and I look forward to seeing this realised at Bankhouse.

## The Economy, Business and Enterprise

### **London Covid Business Forum**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, chaired a meeting of the London Covid Business Forum, through which we have been working with business to progress the 'Roadmap to the Safe and Full Reopening of London's Economy' and developing our plans for getting people back to London safely.

### **Business Engagement**

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, I met with Adar Poonawalla, CEO of Serum Institute of India, to discuss how London's science and technology sectors could play a vital role in vaccine manufacturing.

On 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, I visited a number of businesses around Piccadilly. Along with Kate Nicholls, Chief Executive of UK Hospitality and Ros Morgan, Chief Executive at Heart of London Business Alliance, I urged the Government to continue its full package of finance support for businesses beyond the end of June or until the final lifting of restrictions. The area around Piccadilly still has 44 per cent less footfall compared to normal levels in 2019 – whether as a result of office workers still working at home, or the huge drop off in international tourism that will continue throughout the year.

On 16<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, met with Omkar Nisal, Managing Director UK & Ireland, Wipro, to discuss Wipro's continuing commitment to London following their announcement in early May 2021 that they will invest £16 million over the next four years to set up a 20,000 sq. ft. innovation centre in Holborn.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, met with Andrew Howie and Chandru Iyer at Grant Thornton to discuss my renewed focus on jobs and recovery, as well as opportunities for collaboration on key initiatives.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, gave a keynote speech at the annual conference of the UK Innovation Corridor. The audience of around 200 people included public and private sector members of the Innovation Corridor along with leading organisations and businesses operating across the science, R&D, technology and innovation sectors.

On 27 June, I visited Borough Market with Marina Ahmad, Assembly Member for Lambeth and Southwark and Adrian Bunnis, Chair of the market trustees to launch the first regular Sunday trading day and will help to attract Londoners, visitors and tourists back to Borough Market.

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, met with Rajay Naik Chief Executive Officer, Skilled, to discuss opportunities for collaboration on delivering upskilling and reskilling programmes for London.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, I spoke to 100 senior business leaders at the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Summer Reception. I participated in a panel discussion with Tony Danker, Director General, CBI and Ranjit Blythe, Chief of Staff, Cadent on opportunities for the growth, promotion, revival and protection of London. The event took place during London Climate Action Week. I therefore used the opportunity to re-iterate my call for London businesses to decarbonise as quickly as possible and commit to being net-zero by no later than 2030.

### **Small Business Support**

The London Business Hub has secured £300k from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to deliver much needed support for small businesses through 'peer networks' of businesses collaboratively working together. The programme will be delivered in partnership with 13 organisations ranging from business improvement districts to faith organisations. The London Peer Networks programme will deliver support to over 200 businesses through 20 networks.

Earlier this month my team also met with over 40 business support providers from across London to discuss plans for a pilot to test my manifesto commitment of providing a single 'front door' for business support in the capital. The pilot will commence later in the summer across Lambeth, Wandsworth and Southwark, with business support providers and boroughs working with City Hall to help businesses navigate the support they need to start, sustain or grow their business.

### **Mayor's Entrepreneur competition winners announced**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June I announced the winners of the 2021 Mayor's Entrepreneur competition, the GLA's annual competition for student business ideas. This year there were 5 categories: Environment, Health, Creative Industries, Tech and Judge's Choice. The winning ideas cover tech woven into clothes to aid rehabilitation from strokes and injuries, innovative processes to recycle textiles and their dyes, devices to allow remote monitoring of the sewerage network, and new generation Electric Vehicle charging designs. The winners each receive £20,000 start-up funding to make their ideas reality. The programme and prize money are funded through support from Citi Foundation.

## Environment

### **Circular Economy Week launch**

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, presented at the launch of ReLondon's 'Circular Economy Week.' The event brought together experts to explore how our consumption contributes to the climate crisis and how the circular economy is part of the solution. Contributors also discussed how cities can lessen the impact on the climate by changing the way that businesses, government and citizens produce and use materials. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues highlighted London's progress and action on circular economy and my plans in the lead-up to COP26.

### **Meeting with Baroness Jones / Baroness Hayman**

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy met with Baronesses Jones and Hayman to discuss the Environment Bill, which is currently in the House of Lords. The Baronesses are proposing a series of amendments to the Bill with cross-party support. They were particularly keen to understand how my Mayor's air quality programmes can deliver compliance with the World Health Organization targets for PM<sub>2.5</sub> by 2030. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues offered to provide them with detailed evidence to support the case for amending the Bill. They also discussed other proposed amendments to the Bill around biodiversity and species loss and the reduction of single-use materials, where London is leading the way nationally.

### **Meeting with Richard Burge, Chief Executive, LCCI**

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy met with Richard Burge, Chief Executive of London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to discuss how best to work together in tackling the climate emergency, specifically for emissions related to businesses. This included a discussion around both my ambitions for London's Green Recovery and a just transition to a net-zero economy as well as how to work together in the lead up to COP26 and beyond.

### **Meeting with Bloomberg**

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy met with Adam Freed, Principal at Bloomberg Associates, to discuss the climate change projects which his team are supporting and to identify immediate and longer-term priorities for projects. This includes my Business Climate Challenge pilot, Cool Spaces work and development of a business case for a programme for solar PV on large roofs in the capital.

### **Roundtable with Peter Hill, Chief Executive of COP 26**

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy joined a policy roundtable held by Circle Briefing and led by Peter Hill, Chief Executive of COP26. Peter Hill initiated a discussion on COP26 and set out expectations of what will be achieved when world leaders meet in Glasgow in November. My Deputy Mayor set out my ambitions to tackle the climate emergency, deliver a green and fair recovery and how London and cities can contribute to the success of COP26.

### **Submission of response to Coroner's Prevention of Future Deaths Report**



17<sup>th</sup> June was the deadline for Interested Persons to submit their responses to the Coroner's Prevention of Future Deaths Report following the inquest into the death of Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah that concluded in December 2020. I have submitted my response to the Coroner and will publish this once given permission to do so. I am fully committed to addressing the areas of concern raised within his report. My response sets out all that I have done to ensure that all Londoners are aware of the dangers of air pollution and what they may do to manage their exposure to it and my commitment to do everything in my power to increase awareness.

### **Holyrood event, Climate Emergency**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy gave a short speech at an event that was part of the Climate Emergency Series: The Future of the Circular Economy in Scotland. The event examined what the circular economy could mean for Scotland and how sectors can work together to better manage resources. My Deputy Mayor spoke on London's pioneering circular economy policies as an example of best practice that could be applied in Scotland and elsewhere and took part in a discussion on the strategic challenges and opportunities of this approach.

### **UN-Led Ministerial Thematic Forum**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy spoke on a panel at the UN's Ministerial Thematic Forums for the High Level Dialogue on Energy. This Forum provided the opportunity to highlight the need for national governments to collaborate with cities and support their efforts to lead the energy transition. It also provided an opportunity to highlight some of the initiatives deployed by London over the last few years to demonstrate how cities are already using all the tools at their disposal to accelerate renewable energy deployment.

### **Ripple Greenway opening**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy officially launched the Ripple Greenway project in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, one of six projects funded by my Green Capital grants programme. This project has created a new 1.3km walking and cycling route, opening up a previously unloved and underused green space, and improving its quality with new seating, play features, planting and wayfinding. Co-designed with local residents, who also helped plant over 100 new trees and thousands of bulbs, the Greenway provides a key link between long-established communities in Thames Ward and residents at the newer Barking Riverside area. This is exactly the kind of project that I want to encourage to deliver on my manifesto pledge for no Londoner to live more than a 10-minute walk from a green space. Projects like the Ripple Greenway help to tackle the inequalities in access to public green space, create new community connections and encourage healthy, active travel.

### **UNFCCC Race to Zero, London Climate Action Week Discussion**

On 24<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy participated in a recorded discussion hosted by the UNFCCC's Race to Zero Editor, Charlotte Owen Burge. The discussion also included Catherine McGuinness, (Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee at the City of London Corporation) and Cllr Georgia Gould (Leader of Camden Council and co-chair of London Councils) and reflected discussions happening across London Climate Action Week on climate action being taken in London. The broadcast highlighted the powerful actions being taken by London and the leadership the city has shown.

## **Strategic Partnership & ES London Rising Panel**

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy took part in a panel discussion hosted by the Evening Standard as part of their 'London Rising' series as part of London Climate Action Week. This free online series of events aims to bring the capital's brightest and best people together to discuss ideas and emerging trends across business and technology, fashion, retail and hospitality, sport and fitness, and the arts and culture. Along with Joss Bleriot from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and Wayne Hubbard of ReLondon, my Deputy Mayor discussed the circular economy as a post-Covid recovery strategy and highlighted my priorities and programmes in this area.

## **Earthshot Prize Announcement**

On 25<sup>th</sup> June I supported the announcement that London will be the first host city of the Earthshot Prize awards. The ceremony will be held on 17 October in Alexandra Palace and will showcase London's environmental credentials and its world-leading policies on climate, nature, waste and air quality.

## **Opening address for London Climate Action Week 2021**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June, I opened London Climate Action week with a video address to introduce the week and set out London's ambition for the week of activity at a vital time ahead of COP26 in November. In this introduction to the week, I outlined my ambitious goal for net zero by 2030, how we will deliver a green recovery from the pandemic and my desire to continue to work closely with organisations, community groups and Londoners in tackling the climate emergency.

## **Schools Climate Summit - keynote address**

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy opened the Schools Climate Summit as part of London Climate Action Week. Schools and the education sector have a vital role in helping to deliver London's ambitious climate agenda. The summit discussed the role primary and secondary schools, as well as early years settings, could play to help meet the city's ambitious 2030 net zero climate goals, improve London's air quality and adapt to climate change.

## **Countdown to NetZero**

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy provided a short introductory speech for the Centre for London's "Countdown to Net-Zero London Event" that brought stakeholders together to discuss how to ensure London is seen as a global exemplar for innovative and inclusive urban sustainability. The speech highlighted London's climate ambitions, my Green New Deal, actions being taken to reduce emissions in the built environment, and adapting London's built environment to the climate emergency. The panel discussion which followed explored how London could adapt existing buildings and streets to remain resilient against the inevitable impacts of climate change and how to design and build new developments more sustainably.

## **WRI Prize for Cities Award Announcement**

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, the winner of the prestigious WRI Ross Center Prize for Cities competition was announced at an international online ceremony, which I spoke at along with representatives from the four other shortlisted cities. The WRI Ross Center Prize for Cities is a global award that

celebrates transformative urban change. The prize seeks to inspire cities around the world by highlighting pioneering initiatives and sharing stories of sustainable urban transformation. London was nominated for the Ultra Low Emission Zone and its impact on tackling air pollution and inequality in the city. Although London didn't win the prize it is a great achievement to be shortlisted from over 250 applicants, and an important recognition of our work on tackling air pollution and inequalities through the ULEZ. As one of the five shortlisted cities, we won a cash prize of \$25,000.

### **Climate Innovation Forum**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy joined the Climate Innovation Forum with Nigel Topping, UK High-Level Climate Action champion to discuss the actions London is taking to become carbon neutral by 2030. The discussion focussed on how cities can lead the non-state actor response to the climate emergency by investing, developing and deploying low carbon technologies and green infrastructure at scale. The Climate Innovation Forum is organised during London Climate Action Week as a critical part of our roadmap to COP26. The event aimed to connect leaders in policy, finance and innovation to drive the UK's net zero transition

### **London Business Climate Action Summit**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, I provided a keynote address to open the London Business Climate Action Summit, hosted by the GLA in partnership with the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) as part of London Climate Action Week. I called on businesses to decarbonise as fast as possible and commit to net-zero by no later than 2030. I also highlighted our leadership in advancing London's Green Economy through my retrofit, skills and business support programmes. My speech was followed by another keynote address from the Director General of the CBI, Tony Danker. The event featured case studies from my London Business Climate Leaders: Sky, Derwent London and Morgan Sindall Group; as well as a CBI member business Estee Lauder.

### **WRI Prize for Cities Award Roundtable**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy presented at an international online Roundtable hosted to celebrate the five initiatives shortlisted for the WRI Ross Center Prize for Cities. London received a \$25,000 cash prize after being shortlisted for our work on reducing pollution and tackling inequality through the delivery of ULEZ.

## Education and Youth

### **Inclusive and nurturing schools project**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June, the first practice sharing event of my inclusive and nurturing schools project was hosted by The Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). The aim of the project is to provide practical resources which can be used by London boroughs, schools and trusts to help them be more inclusive and nurturing - supporting those children most at risk of exclusion or going missing from school.

The event followed RSA's call out, in February, to help them identify promising inclusive and nurturing practice in local education settings. Through this process, they found 51 unique models of inclusive practice being led by schools, multi-academy trusts, local authorities, and charities. Attendees heard presentations from six shortlisted models of inclusive practice at school level and were invited to a second event, on 28 June, where they were welcomed by my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney, and had a chance to hear in more depth from two short-listed boroughs - Hackney, and Barking and Dagenham. Insights from these events will form part of a toolkit that will enable London boroughs, as well as school and trust-leaders to learn from existing practice and adapt it to achieve success in their own unique contexts.

### **London Early Years Stakeholder Group**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney, welcomed guests to the latest virtual meeting of our London Early Years Stakeholder Group. Through this group, we bring together key strategic stakeholders from across the regional and national early years sector. This latest meeting was a chance to galvanise support for my Strong Early Years London programme, launched earlier in June. Our delivery partners from Early Years Alliance and CEEDA shared more information about the programme, which is already providing essential business support to nurseries and childminders across London.

We also discussed other emerging priorities for the sector and Joanne thanked attendees for continuing to work closely with us through such challenging recent circumstances. There's no doubt that London's early years sector has been hit hard by the pandemic, and it's essential that we keep working in partnership in this way to support its sustainability.

I spoke more about this in a guest column I wrote for Nursery World magazine at the end of June. We've seen the toll that lockdown has taken on our children's education and development, as key opportunities for learning and social development were missed. Parents have also endured high levels of stress as they were forced to juggle their careers with providing childcare, with much of the burden falling unfairly on women. As we emerge from this pandemic and look towards recovery, it's more important than ever that we have a thriving early years sector.

Read my full column at: <https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/opinion/article/investing-in-the-future-sadiq-khan-mayor-of-london>

## Communities and Social Policy

### Legal advice on the EU Settlement Scheme

On 19th June, I arranged for our legal partners to provide free legal advice on the EU Settlement Scheme at the EURO 2020 football village. With the Settled Status application fast approaching for European Londoners and their families, it was important than ever to reach those who had yet to apply before the 30 June deadline.

### Workforce Integration Network's Design Lab programme second cohort launch

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, launched the second cohort of the Workforce Integration Network's Design Lab alongside industry leaders. The Design Lab is a year-long programme providing in-depth support for construction and infrastructure businesses to help design and test approaches to building diverse and inclusive workforces, with a focus on young Black men. The event celebrated the nine additional businesses who have joined the programme and their commitment to building inclusive workforces. The nine businesses forming the second cohort are:

1. Ground Control
2. McGinley Support Services
3. Skanska
4. Kier
5. Morrison Water Services
6. ISG
7. Jacobs Engineering Group
8. Affinity Water
9. Northumbrian Water Limited

### GLA-funded research on immigration legal advice

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, spoke at an event to launch new GLA-funded research that identified a large gulf between supply and demand for immigration legal advice in London. The report was funded by the GLA as part of a contribution to the Justice Together Initiative, a multi-funder collaboration which aims to increase the capacity of advice organisations to support people with accessing their rights and entitlements, and the findings from the report will shape future investment in the sector.

### Festival of Ideas launch

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, launched the Festival of Ideas. The festival is a month-long programme exploring Londoners' collective visions for the future of their communities. Insights from the festival will support in the development of the Building Strong Communities mission. More than 100 events, run by community organisations, volunteers and partners will be taking place as part of the Festival between 28 June and 23 July.

## Health

### **London Health Board**

On 29<sup>th</sup> June I chaired the first meeting of the London Health Board (LHB) of my new mayoral term. The Board discussed the latest COVID situation and welcomed the considerable progress being made on London's vaccination programme. Dr Tom Coffey and Professor Kevin Fenton updated on progress to refresh the Health Inequalities Strategy Action Plan which I intend to publish in the autumn and discuss in detail at the next LHB in November. Professor Fenton also updated on progress made in the year since Public Health England's 'Beyond the Data' report into COVID disparities affecting BAME groups. Richard Murray, Chief Executive of the King's Fund, presented his research into progress and challenges in London's Integrated Care Systems. The board welcomed the increased focus on health inequalities and considered ways in which to address the challenges in the areas of health and care workforce, digital and NHS estates. Finally, the Board discussed progress and outstanding challenges for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. A further discussion looking at solutions is being planned for a future meeting.

### **Meeting with the Minister for COVID Vaccine Deployment, Nadhim Zahawi.**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June I was pleased to meet with the Vaccines Minister, Nadhim Zahawi, and Dr Nikita Kanani, Medical Director of Primary Care for NHS England and NHS Improvement, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross. We discussed the extensive work that London is doing to increase the number of people vaccinated in London and the challenges that London faces including its younger, more mobile and diverse population, with a higher proportion of people who are not registered with a GP. We discussed the need for a simple system for Londoners to find the most convenient walk in vaccination centre and the need to reassure Londoners that they do not have to have an NHS number or be registered with a GP to come forward for a jab. I committed to continuing to work closely with their teams to maximise vaccine uptake in London.

## Team London, Sports and Volunteering

### **Strategic Volunteering Group for London**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, Team London along with London Plus, London Boroughs Faiths Network and London Councils convened a group of charity, community and public sector leaders to form the London Strategic Volunteering group. The group is comprised of representatives from organisations that support and champion volunteering, of any kind, from across the capital. Its purpose will be to support and promote all types of volunteering in London and will provide a space for information sharing, sparking collaboration and galvanising action. The group will share their learning and plans publicly and invite collaborators as a part of the Building Strong Communities mission.

## Culture and Events

### **V&A East Programme Launch**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, spoke at the launch of V&A East's new creative and collections strategy. The event was attended by national and international arts media and included announcements of new acquisitions by the museum by Mawuena Kattah, Ranti Bam and Molly Goddard. V&A East Director, Gus Casely-Hayford also announced the project's ambition to engage with every schoolchild in the 4 Olympic boroughs by 2025. V&A East is one of the world-leading partners which make up East Bank, a new powerhouse for innovation, creativity and learning on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The remaining partners are University College London, University of the Arts London, BBC, and Sadler's Wells.

## London Legacy Development Corporation

### **London Stadium vaccinations**

On 19<sup>th</sup> June, London Stadium joined four other football stadiums across the capital in setting up a mass vaccination centre for what was one of the biggest vaccine rollouts over one weekend in London. The vaccination drive allowed residents across north-east London to pre-book appointments and receive a first vaccine dose, supporting many who may have otherwise not received their vaccine as quickly. London Stadium has been committed to supporting local communities during the Covid-19 pandemic and I am delighted it was able to support Londoners and the brilliant work of the NHS by making the venue available and ensuring the event ran smoothly.

### **Copper Box Arena**

The 2021 Vitality Netball Superleague came to an end on 27<sup>th</sup> June, with the grand final hosted in Copper Box Arena. The venue was one of only two used to host matches this season and while much of the season was held behind-closed doors, up to 1,000 netball fans have been able to watch in-person since Government guidance permitted. Nine years on from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, it's fantastic to see that this iconic venue continues to host major sporting events, helping cement London as one of the top sporting capitals in the world.

### **Here East Impact Report**

Here East – London's fastest growing tech and innovation campus based at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – published its 2021 Impact Report on 24<sup>th</sup> June. The report celebrates the range of economic and social impact initiatives undertaken to support the local community as it navigated the Covid-19 pandemic. Highlights include work to increase local access to education and employment through initiatives like the Here East Scholarship Programme and a commitment to supporting and encouraging disability innovation through tenants like the Global Disability Hub and East London Inclusive Enterprise Zone.

## **Library of Things**

Library of Things launched in Hackney Wick on 15<sup>th</sup> June, thanks to a partnership between the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), Stour Studios and Sustainable Hackney. Library of Things is a sustainable social enterprise that allows local residents to borrow useful items for their home or projects, helping to reduce waste. This is another great addition to London's growing circular economy.

## **Post-Occupancy Evaluation**

A procurement round seeking a team to lead the next phase of the post-occupancy evaluation (POE) survey of Chobham Manor and East Wick and Sweetwater was launched on 28<sup>th</sup> June. This phase of the survey covers Phases 2-4 of Chobham Manor and Phase 1 of East Wick and Sweetwater, comprising 923 homes.

Under the initial phase of the survey, residents of Chobham Manor Phase 1 were invited to give their views about their home and neighbourhood, allowing LLDC to better understand residents' experiences and ensure this learning helps shape future projects.

## **Value of the Park report**

LLDC has published a new policy document which aims to encourage dialogue on the true value of the Park, so that it can identify and agree which areas are special and significant and how to best protect them in the long-term. Parks like Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park play a crucial role for the communities that surround them - especially during the Covid-19 pandemic - and it's important that a balance is sought between conservation and development as the Park continues to evolve.

You can read more here:

<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/news/insights/2021/06/value-of-the-park>

# **Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation**

## **Old Oak Common, High Speed 2**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> June marked an important milestone for the construction of Old Oak Common Station, with Government giving the go-ahead for construction to start on the station building. High Speed 2 announced the news with a site visit from the Transport Secretary, Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP.

Set to be the largest railway station built in the UK for over a hundred years, connecting London to eight out of ten major UK cities, the super-hub interchange station will pave the way for OPDC's wider regeneration plans, delivering tens of thousands of new and affordable homes and jobs, and a new major urban district for West London.

The construction of the station brings a huge boost to the West London economy, creating 2,300 new job opportunities and 250 apprenticeships. OPDC is working closely with High Speed 2 to place vacancies within the local community. Through OPDC's new employment & skills



hub, The Forge @ Park Royal, two local residents have already been placed in full-time roles and OPDC is currently recruiting six apprenticeships.

### **Mitre Yard, Scrubs Lane**

OPDC and the GLA's Housing & Land team have successfully secured an innovative investment to unlock the delivery of Mitre Yard, a scheme of 241 homes, taking the affordable housing offer from 35 to 42 percent. The scheme will also deliver local public realm improvements on the Grand Union Canal at Mary Seacole Gardens.

## **Planning**

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

#### *Alperton Manufacturing Estate, LB Brent*

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

#### *The Charlie Ratchford Centre, LB of Camden*

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

#### *Land to the west of Kidbrooke Park Road, Kidbrooke, SE3 9PX, 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.

#### *Dulwich College, 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.

#### *3-11 Wellfit Street, 7-9 Hinton Road & Units 1-4 Hardess Street, 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.

#### *Greenwich University Mansion Site, 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.

#### *Stratford International Bus Layover Site, London Legacy Development Corporation*

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

#### *Lea Bridge Gas Works, 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.

#### *Erith Quarry, LB Bexley*

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

*231 Colney Hatch Lane, 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.

*Quay House, Admirals Way, LB Tower Hamlets*

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

*Land at Nine Elms, LB Wandsworth*

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

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

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

*Land Bounded by Fleet Street, Salisbury Court, Salisbury Square, Primrose Hill & Whitefriars Street, London, EC4Y, City of London*

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

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

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

- Paddington Green Police Station, City of Westminster
- Taxi House, City of Westminster
- Link Park Heathrow, Thorney Mill Road West Drayton, LB Hillingdon
- ExCel 1 Western Gateway Canning Town, London, LB Newham
- The Magistrates, 1 Farnan Avenue, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest
- Land at Rom Valley Way, LB Havering
- Frogpool Manor Farm, LB Bromley
- 19 Abbey Road, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation
- New City Court, LB Southwark
- Evelina Children's Hospital, Westminster Bridge Road, LB Lambeth
- Innovation Centre, 225 Marsh Wall, LB Tower Hamlets
- 278-284 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest
- 310-330 St James Road, LB Southwark

## Key Engagements

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

- I visited the Inside Out exhibition at Tower Bridge on 13 June
- I watched the England v Croatia EURO 2020 football match at the Trafalgar Square Fan Zone on 13 June
- I had an introductory meeting with Adar Poonawalla, Chief Executive Officer of the Serum Institute of India, on 14 June
- I had my regular meeting with Dame Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 14 June
- I chaired the Homes for Londoners Board meeting on 15 June
- I visited Kensington Palace on 15 June to meet with HRH Prince William The Duke of Cambridge to discuss the Earthshot Awards
- I joined a conference call of the London Leaders COVID-19 Committee on 15 June to discuss the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on London
- I visited the Heart of London Business Improvement District on 16 June
- I chaired the informal LEAP Board Meeting on 16 June
- I visited the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel on 17 June to mark Clean Air Day and also to visit the London Air Ambulance
- I hosted my regular conference call with NHS London & Public Health England on 17 June to discuss the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on London
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone-in with LBC on 18 June
- I visited Crossrail at Paddington on 18 June to see the major railway trials taking place throughout this year
- I met with Nadhim Zahawi MP, Minister for COVID Vaccine Deployment, Department of Health and Social Care, on 18 June to discuss vaccine deployment
- I attended the England v Scotland EURO 2020 football match at Wembley on 18 June
- I visited Chelsea FC's 'super Saturday' vaccination event on 19 June at Stamford Bridge where vaccinations were administered by the NHS to Hammersmith & Fulham Council residents
- I attended the annual GLA Armed Forces Day Flag Raising event at City Hall on 21 June
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 21 June
- I met with Mark Watts, Executive Director at C40 on 21 June for an update on the work of C40
- I hosted a conference call with Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu QPM on 21 June to discuss policing and security
- I joined a conference call hosted by Nadhim Zahawi MP, Minister for COVID Vaccine Deployment, Department of Health and Social Care, with the M10 Mayors on 22 June to discuss vaccine deployment
- I had an introductory meeting with James Purnell, the new President and Vice-Chancellor of University of the Arts London (UAL) on 22 June
- I had my regular conference call with Transport for London on 22 June
- I joined a conference call of the London Leaders COVID-19 Committee on 22 June to discuss the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on London
- I attended the England v Czech Republic EURO 2020 football match at Wembley on 22 June
- I visited the Perivale bus depot in Ealing on 23 June to celebrate the arrival of London's first hydrogen double deck buses

- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 24 June
- I hosted my regular conference call with NHS London & Public Health England on 24 June to discuss the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on London
- I attended the State of London Debate hosted by LBC on 24 June
- I hosted the London Vaccine Summit at Unex Tower on 25 June
- I visited Borough Market on 27 June
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 28 June
- I visited the new Counter Terrorism Operations Centre at the Empress State Building on 28 June with the Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, Home Secretary, Dame Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu QPM and Ken McCallum, Director General of MI5
- I chaired the London Health Board on 29 June
- I attended the England v Germany EURO 2020 football match at Wembley on 29 June
- I visited the 'Cookbook Edible Library' project at St Ann's Library in Tottenham on 30 June to launch a new £6m investment in London's green spaces
- I had my regular meeting with Dame Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 30 June
- I hosted my regular conference call with NHS London & Public Health England on 1 July to discuss the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on London
- I joined a conference call of the London Leaders COVID-19 Committee on 1 July to discuss the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on London
- I addressed the CBI Virtual Summer Reception on 1 July

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