

# **30<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Report to the Assembly**

## **Mayor's Question Time – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

This is my Thirtieth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 12<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **Executive summary**

#### **Call for school 'off-rolling' to be outlawed**

On 7 March, I alongside Police and Crime Commissioners from across the country have called on the Prime Minister to outlaw 'off-rolling', which seems pupils disappear from school registers without having been formally excluded.

Clearly, the way the education system deals with excluded young people is broken. It cannot be right that so many of those who have committed offences have been excluded from school or were outside of mainstream education.

#### **No-deal Brexit preparations**

There is a very real risk that exiting the EU without a withdrawal agreement will cause significant harm to London and the UK's economy and put at risk the provision of essential services that Londoners rely upon.

That is why, on 1 March, I brought together senior officials from across the city to discuss what can be done to reduce the impact and risks of a no-deal Brexit on the lives of Londoners, and how best to communicate to the public, businesses and the voluntary sector.

#### **Research identifies 'black hole' in special needs skills provision**

On 1 March, I published new research which identified a 'black hole' in skills provision for Londoners over the age of 16 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The report is clear, we need greater investment from Government to tackle the looming black hole in skills provision and we must clamp down on schools removing students with special educational needs to boost their academic results.

I want to work with councils and the Government to help ensure all Londoners have the best possible chance of gaining the skills they need to get jobs and contribute to the capital's success.

#### **£15million boost to tackle violence against women and girls**

On 27 February, I announced that we will be investing a further £15million to help services that support women and girls who have been the victim of violence in London.

I am committed to working with the sector to tackle violence against women and girls. We not only need to raise awareness of issues like domestic violence, but we need to target perpetrators and support victims by ensuring services have what they need.

## **City Hall investment for policing and crime**

The Government has already forced the Met to make £850million of cuts and the force still has to make cuts of £263million by 2022-23. On 25 February, I committed to investing record amounts from City Hall to support policing and to tackle crime. Keeping Londoners safe is my top priority. My budget will quickly deliver tangible results to Londoners' lives.

## **Van scrappage fund for microbusinesses and charities**

To get a grip on London's lethal air and protect public health we need to rid our streets of the most polluting vehicles. That is why on 23 February, I launched a £23million scrappage scheme to enable microbusinesses and charities to scrap polluting vans and minibuses, and switch to cleaner vehicles. The van scrappage scheme will be followed later this year with a £25million fund to help lower-income households scrap polluting cars.

## **The Macpherson report – 20 years on**

February marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Macpherson Report. This was a landmark moment in the history of race relations in our country, which has gone on to have a transformative effect on policing and how we view and tackle discrimination and prejudice across society.

Last month I paid tribute to the Lawrence family and all those who supported them in pushing for the inquiry. It is thanks to their courage, strength and perseverance that this change for the better has been possible. The Met Commissioner and I are united in our commitment to ensure that the lessons of 20 years ago are never forgotten.

We must redouble our efforts to root out the racism, discrimination and inequality that still exist in our city. We must give young people of all backgrounds the opportunities they need for a brighter future and point to the changes that have happened to remind all young Londoners that progress is possible.

## **An extra £7million to help tackle rough sleeping**

On 18 February, I announced plans to invest an additional £7million of City Hall resources into a range of services and projects tackling rough sleeping in the capital.

This extra money will boost help for people who are homeless on the street, including by introducing a new rapid response outreach team in the coming months and by gearing up to expand severe weather shelters even further next winter.

## **Activities for young people over the half-term period**

On 18 February, I published updated details of hundreds of activities available for young Londoners across the capital during the half-term holidays and beyond - from theatre workshops and music sessions to coding clubs and cooking classes.

Giving young Londoners positive things to do, whether equipping them with new skills or introducing them to new friends through arts and sports, is essential in steering them along the right path and helping them make the right choices in life.

### **£24million funding boost for electric taxis**

On 15 February, I announced an additional £24million to help more black cab drivers switch to electric vehicles. This will more than double TfL's existing £18million fund which launched last month.

### **Calls for improved lorry safety across Europe**

On 15 February, I met with Roza von Thun und Hohenstein, the MEP leading the European Parliament's work on the General Safety Regulation (GSR), and city leaders from Amsterdam and Bruges, and reiterated that we have a 'once-in-a-decade' opportunity to improve lorry safety across Europe.

London's first HGV Safety Permits will be issued in October – the initial stage of our city's world-leading Direct Vision Standard (DVS) which will see the most unsafe lorries banned from next year.

Brexit or no Brexit, it is vital that improved HGV safety standards are rolled out across Europe as road safety and supply chains don't stop at London's outskirts. It is simply too urgent for us to wait.

### **Metro Mayor's Air Quality Summit**

On 14 February, I hosted a clean air summit with Unicef UK and UK:100, bringing together city leaders from across the country to address our shared priorities and demand more Government action to tackle the country's air quality crisis.

### **New funding for London Fire Cadets programme**

On 12 February, I announced investment of £1.1million of new City Hall funding in the London Fire Cadets programme to create positive opportunities for more than 500 young Londoners. The investment will help create 15 new Fire Cadets Units across the capital, meaning every London borough will have at least one unit over the next two years.

Youth services such as the Fire Cadets are vital for Londoners and I will continue to do everything in my power to fund and support the fantastic programmes, schemes and charities that are making a real and lasting difference to our young people.

### **Fire Commissioner's 30-year long service award**

On 12 February, I was honoured to present London's Fire Commissioner Dany Cotton with her 30-year long service award.

Commissioner Cotton joined the Brigade in 1988 when there were only a handful of female firefighters. In recent years, she has led the Brigade through an unprecedented period of major incidents and has demonstrated time and time again the courage, determination and heart that it takes to be an exceptional firefighter.

She is a role model for women in our city and an inspiration to many young people across the country who aspire to work in the same field and I was privileged to present her award on behalf of all Londoners

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Violence Reduction Unit update**

Work to mobilise the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) continues apace. On 4 March, I was delighted to welcome the new Director of the VRU, Lib Peck, on her first day in post. This is a significant milestone for the Unit and Lib is already driving forward activity to bring the VRU fully into operation.

Later that week Lib chaired the Partnership Reference Group that is guiding the development and future plans of the VRU and was pleased to update participants on the proposed operating model for the Unit, and that recruitment is now underway for the small core team that will administer the VRU's activities. We are committed to ensuring that the Unit attracts candidates from a diverse range of backgrounds and we are welcoming applications from GLA staff, colleagues from partner agencies and external applicants for these posts.

On 5 March, Lib Peck and I visited the Croydon BME Forum, to see first-hand the impact that local projects have on local young people. These projects are funded by City Hall and give training and support to grassroots BAME organisations providing activities for young people affected by knife crime.

### **City Hall investment for policing and crime**

With the police and partner agencies under huge pressure as a result of the Government's failed austerity agenda, I'm determined to do everything in my power as Mayor to support them in their vital work of keeping our city safe.

On 25 February, I welcomed the Assembly's confirmation of my budget for 2019/20, which will provide an unprecedented £234million in additional funding to support policing and to further intensify the fight against crime. This includes £95million announced earlier in the budget process, funded mostly from an 11 per cent increase to the Mayor's council tax policing precept - the equivalent of 46p a week. This will be split between a number of crime-fighting measures, including new officers, specialist investigators to disrupt gang violence and the new Violence Reduction Unit.

The budget also includes an extra £118.6million from business rates to support police officer numbers in future years and an additional £20.4million to support additional initiatives against serious violence, including tackling gangs and providing more youth workers at hospital Accident and Emergency units.

### **£15million boost to tackle violence against women and girls**

On 27 February, I announced an additional investment of £15million to help services that support women and girls who have been the victim of violence in London. After years of Government cuts, these vital services have been stretched to breaking point, and I'm determined to do everything I can as Mayor to support them and ensure that victims can get the help they need. This new investment is urgently needed.

A new 'Beneath the Numbers' report by MOPAC's Evidence and Insight Team shows that domestic abuse offences in London increased by 63 per cent between 2011 and 2018. It also found that last year three quarters of victims were female and that victims were more likely to live in more deprived areas. Alongside this enhanced investment from City Hall, I have also

written to the Home Secretary to ask the Government to step up and reverse the huge cuts the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) sector is struggling with, and to properly fund our police service. I welcome the support of Assembly Members in echoing those calls.

### **Knife offenders to be tagged**

On 18 February, a new one-year pilot project launched to tag offenders who have served a custodial sentence for knife-related crimes – such as knife possession, robbery, wounding, GBH and aggravated burglary. The one-year pilot will operate in four London boroughs among those most affected by knife crime - Lewisham, Lambeth, Croydon and Southwark - and will use GPS tracking on up to 100 offenders. Under the scheme, offenders who are deemed more likely to reoffend will have their movements automatically checked against the location of reported crimes, with significant matches shared with local police. GPS monitoring has been successfully piloted by MOPAC as part of a community sentence with persistent offenders since March 2017, and this is a significant step forward in harnessing the power of technology to prevent crime and reduce reoffending.

### **The Macpherson Report – 20 years on**

February marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Macpherson Report into the handling of the murder of Stephen Lawrence by the Metropolitan Police Service. This was a landmark moment in the history of race relations in our country, which has gone on to have a transformative effect on policing and how we view and tackle discrimination and prejudice across society.

As we reflect on the Report, it is a time to recognise the progress made by policing since Stephen's murder and look to the work still to be done to ensure racism, discrimination and inequality are rooted out of our public institutions. I pay tribute to the Lawrence family and all of those who supported them in pushing for the inquiry. It is thanks to their courage, strength and perseverance that this change for the better has been possible. The Met Commissioner and I are united in our commitment to ensure that the lessons of 20 years ago are never forgotten.

While progress has been made over the last 20 years, I also recognise the frustration in some communities that this hasn't been quicker. That is why there can be no room for complacency. I made this argument in a letter to the Home Affairs Select Committee who are conducting an inquiry into the Macpherson Report which was published following Stephen Lawrence inquiry.

## **Transport**

### **Eleven new projects to receive £50million investment to create healthy streets across London**

On 5 March, I joined with TfL in announcing 11 new successful bids in our multi-million pound Liveable Neighbourhoods programme.

The funding, which has increased from £33million in November 2017 to £53.4million this year, will be used to transform local neighbourhoods in inner and outer London, with new walking and cycling infrastructure, new pedestrian crossings and rat runs closed to motor traffic. New pocket parks and revamped public spaces will improve air quality and make local streets more attractive places, helping to support local high streets.

The London boroughs of Bromley, Camden, Croydon, Enfield, Hounslow, Lambeth, Newham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets and Redbridge and the City of London Corporation have all been successful in being awarded funding.

On top of the £33million funding awarded last year, this means that 18 boroughs have now received Liveable Neighbourhoods money to reduce car use and turn local areas into safer, greener and healthier places for Londoners to live.

Liveable Neighbourhoods are part of my record £2.3billion of overall investment to create Healthy Streets across the capital, with the aim of increasing the proportion of people walking, cycling and taking public transport to 80 per cent by 2041, and cut the damaging impact of air pollution in the capital.

Working with these boroughs to make our streets more welcoming for walking and cycling is vital for our health and wellbeing, but also essential for the future vibrancy and success of London's local high streets.

### **TfL successfully prosecutes Cadent Gas and launches new good practice handbook**

Transport for London (TfL) has successfully prosecuted Cadent Gas for a series of unsafe roadworks, with the utility company ordered to pay a fine of £40,000.

During their unsafe work, Cadent Gas failed to provide suitable alternative walkways when footpaths were closed, forcing people to walk out into the road, close to busy traffic. Cadent Gas failed to use barrier systems at Kingsland Road and North Circular Road between April and June last year.

The utility company, which runs the UK's largest gas network, pleaded guilty to two offences of failing to provide adequate signing and guarding in the course of the works. In addition to the £40,000 fine issued at the Westminster Magistrates' court, Cadent was ordered to cover TfL's costs of £11,909.

To help prevent unsafe roadworks in future, TfL has published a Temporary Traffic Management Handbook, giving all companies who want to do work on London's roads clear guidance and innovative ideas on how to keep people safe around roadworks. This new safety guidance forms part of the Mayor and TfL's Vision Zero ambition, to eliminate death and serious injury on London's roads.

### **Construction of new cycle route between Acton and Wood Lane**

TfL has announced that construction work on a new 3.5km cycle route between Acton and Wood Lane is set to begin in March - helping make cycling and walking safer and easier in the London Boroughs of Ealing and Hammersmith & Fulham.

Work on the route - which includes a new two-way cycle track separated from traffic and pedestrians - will get underway on 18 March and is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Over three-quarters (77 per cent) of people who took part in a consultation about the scheme in 2016 supported the proposals. Several improvements have been incorporated in the final plans following feedback from local residents and visitors. The new £10million route is part of the record investment in cycling and walking. This is designed to help create Healthy Streets across the capital, which enable people to walk, cycle and use public transport more often - benefitting people's health, improving air quality and reducing road danger.

There is high demand for cycling in the area and the improved plans will deliver further improvements for walking and cycling, helping reduce car use which is crucial to cleaning up London's toxic air.

### **On-demand bus services set to be trialed in Sutton**

On 20 February, TfL launched a four-week consultation on plans to trial an innovative 'on-demand' bus service in Sutton.

The new service will let people or groups use an app to book seats on a minibus that will stop at more convenient locations, including areas not currently served by public transport. The on-demand service is proposed to run from 6.30am to 9.30pm, seven days a week and would carry up to 14 passengers. They would benefit from a guaranteed seat, free Wi-Fi and USB charging points and flexible stops within a certain area.

Londoners are being asked for their views on the specific area of Sutton that the service should cover and suggested stopping points. The trial, which will last for a year, will help TfL gauge the level of interest for an on-demand service and assess how it would work alongside the existing public transport network in Sutton.

Sutton was chosen because it has relatively high car dependency, and TfL believes the service could encourage people to switch to a more sustainable way of travelling. In doing so it will improve London's air quality and reduce congestion. The buses will meet our tough ULEZ standards, and accommodate wheelchairs - improving accessibility.

### **TfL agrees new deal for Tube track renewals**

On 14 February, TfL announced that a contract for London Underground track renewals will be awarded to Balfour Beatty. The contract, worth around £220million, encompasses all aspects of track renewal – including track, points and crossings, and trackside drainage – and will help to ensure value for money and a strong focus on safety.

The four-year contract will start in April 2019, with an option included to extend the contract for up to a further six years. London Underground track assets include track drainage, depots and long timber bridges as well as elements like rails, points and sleepers.

The contract replaces a previous eight-year agreement with Balfour Beatty which contributed to modernising around 75 per cent of the Tube network. TfL's comprehensive and strict procurement process evaluated key criteria focused on safety, behaviours, delivery expertise and value for money.

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

### **TfL publishes detailed final cost of the undelivered Garden Bridge project**

On 13 February, Transport for London (TfL) confirmed the final public sector cost of the Garden Bridge project, following the conclusion of its review of the underwriting request from the Garden Bridge Trust.

In August 2017, the Garden Bridge Trust, which since November 2015 was fully responsible for the construction and management of the project, confirmed that the project would no longer be progressing. TfL has now published a detailed breakdown of the Trust's final expenditure on the project, which shows a total of almost £53.5million was spent.

As confirmed in July 2015 under the previous Mayor, up to £60million of public funding was made available to the Trust, apportioned as £30million each from TfL and the DfT.

Approximately £37million of this funding was paid to the Trust in a series of grant payments tied to specific funding conditions.

In May 2016, the Secretary of State for Transport at the time agreed that for a limited period of four months up to £15million of the remaining balance of public funding would be available to fund expenditure linked to the closure of the project, should it not proceed. The Government subsequently extended this underwrite but reduced it to a maximum of £9million. Any payments related to this would come from the DfT's part of the funding, after I made clear that TfL would not contribute towards the underwriting from its funding allocation, or allocate further funds under his control to the project.

As financial administrator for the public sector funding, TfL has spent the last year reviewing the Trust's request for payment under the underwriting agreement, to ensure that the final cost from any part of the public purse is kept to a minimum. As part of their review, TfL also sought independent legal advice from a leading QC and also took its external auditors, EY, through the assessment process and the evidence in detail.

TfL has now concluded its review and confirmed that the final amount payable to the Trust is £5.5m - this will come from DfT funding, and include around £500k for future liabilities and contingency associated with the formal wind-up of the Trust in accordance with Charity Commission requirements. It is around 40 per cent lower than it could have been. This also means the final public sector spend will be around £43m - split between £24m from TfL and £19m from the DfT.

The Trust now has 120 days to request additional funding from the £500k Government funded contingency, and TfL will continue to review any request that is made by the Trust during this time. Following the 120 days, any contingency funds remaining will be returned to the DfT, and any future requests rising from additional financial liability will only be considered if they arise from events outside of the Trust's control.

Ever since I took office, I have always been clear that not a single penny more of London taxpayers' money that I control should be spent on the Garden Bridge. I am therefore pleased that TfL has worked to reduce the financial impact of the underwriting costs on the UK taxpayer.

### **New vest helps staff at stations provide better customer service**

A new, modern vest for London Underground station staff has been launched as part of a programme of improvements to customer service on the Tube network. Frontline station staff started wearing the new vests from 10 February in order to boost visibility and help customers identify who to speak to for assistance.

The tabards are reversible, pairing the standard orange high visibility vest with a red vest featuring a 'Here to Help' message on the back. The vests are being implemented following recommendations from London TravelWatch on how London Underground could improve customer service.



Other recommendations that have been implemented include more and better signs directing customers to lifts and visitor centres, improved processes supporting disabled customers, faster access to Oyster credit refunds and other upgrades to ticket machines.

## **Fire and Resilience**

### **Local Resilience Forum Chair's Conference**

On 6 March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended the Local Resilience Forum Chair's Conference.

### **Brexit Contingency Planning Group**

On 4 March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, chaired a meeting of the London Resilience Partnership's Brexit Contingency Planning Group. The Group continues to oversee the Partnership's preparedness for EU Exit.

### **EU Exit South East Regional Exercise**

On 15 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended the South East Regional EU Exit Exercise which was hosted by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The event gave Resilience Forums across the South East to discuss the shared regional challenges and risks as well as the cross-border impacts that might arise from EU Exit.

### **Sounding Board**

On 14 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, chaired the inaugural meeting of the London Resilience Forum Sounding Board. The Sounding Board has been established to support the 100 Resilient Cities Project, providing advice and expertise to the Chief Resilience Officer. The Sounding Board is made up of representatives of the London Resilience Partnership.

### **London Resilience Forum**

On 14 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, chaired the London Resilience Forum.

### **EU Exit Working Group**

On 13 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, appeared before the London Assembly's EU Exit Working Group alongside John Hetherington, Head of London Resilience and representatives from the National Health Service (NHS). The session provided an opportunity for the Working Group to question the Deputy Mayor, the Head of London Resilience and the NHS on contingency planning for EU Exit.

### **London Fire Brigade Long Service Awards**

On 12 February, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM attended and spoke at the London Fire Brigade's Long Service Awards. The Awards recognise the contribution of London Fire Brigade Staff, both uniformed and non-uniformed to the

organisation and keeping London safe. The London Fire Commissioner, Dany Cotton, was among those who received their 30 year awards.

## **Growth, Skills and Regeneration**

### **London's Post-16 SEND Review**

On the 1 March, I published the Post-16 SEND Review. This new research is the first supply and demand analysis of skills provision for Londoners over the age of 16 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The report shows that the demand for skills provision for Londoners aged 16 and above with SEND is projected to rise by five per cent between 2018 and 2022. By 2021 there will be an estimated shortfall of 8,950 places across London – around 45 per cent of the total projected demand – which is primarily driven by gaps in provision for those aged 19 to 24. The report was led and written by education specialists Mime and was jointly funded by the Mayor of London and the Department for Education.

City Hall is working on a number of initiatives to tackle this shortfall, including a joint internship programme with Transport for London to help SEND Londoners into roles at the Greater London Authority, as well as investing more than £6 million to support Londoners aged 16-24 with complex support needs to access education, employment and training opportunities. I want to work with councils and the Government to help ensure all Londoners have the best possible chance of gaining the skills they need to get jobs and contribute to the capital's success.

### **Future High Streets Fund**

On 27 February, my Regeneration & Economic Development team hosted a high streets network event in City Hall in partnership with London Councils. The event was an opportunity to introduce and provide further detail on the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) Future High Streets Fund, highlight Historic England's newly announced 'High Street Heritage Action Zones' fund and introduce and involve London boroughs in the development of our new high streets - adaptive strategies research.

### **Joint meeting between Skills for Londoners Board and Business Partnership**

On 5 March, my Skills for Londoners Business Partnership and Skills for Londoners Board came together to discuss London's future proposition for skills and employment. To take forward this work over the coming months a steering group will be created, and the Skills for Londoners Board and Business Partnership will meet again later in the year to consider the group's proposals in more detail.

### **Skills for Londoners Business Partnership meet for the first time**

On 25 February, my Skills for Londoners Business Partnership met for the first time. Chaired by Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor for Business, the Partnership brings together leaders from across London's industries to identify ways of improving future skills provision in London. Some of the key issues they will be considering include how to improve alignment between skills provision and employer needs, Brexit, access to talent and sectoral skills challenges.

Further information on the Business Partnership, including membership and terms of reference, can be found on the dedicated [Skills for Londoners Business Partnership](#) area of london.gov.uk.

## **Crowdfund London**

Following the launch of the next round of Crowdfund London funding last month, my team has been holding workshops across the city to help people to pitch their ideas to transform their local communities and spaces. This crowdfunding programme helps communities to address local opportunities and challenges with creative local projects, with the possibility of attracting a pledge of up to £50,000. This year we are particularly encouraging young people to step forward with their ideas, and we held a dedicated workshop for 18-25-year olds in Brixton on 6 March.

Working with the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP), my Crowdfund London programme has now provided £1.8million to support 100 projects, which have attracted pledges worth £2.2million from a crowd of more than 14,000 backers.

## **Housing**

### **London Councils Housing Conference**

My Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray, presented at the London Councils Housing Conference on the 7 March, which brought together the public and private sectors to discuss policy solutions to the housing crisis. At this event he participated in a panel discussion with Paul Hackett, Cllr Jayne McCoy, Cllr Darren Rodwell and Tony Pidgley CBE exploring political perspectives on the current context.

### **50/50 Dinner**

On 5 March, three days before International Women's Day, my Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development, James Murray, gave a keynote speech to the inaugural 50/50 dinner that has been established to promote equality in the property sector. The event was held in aid of the London Homelessness Charities Group (LHCG) – a coalition of 22 charities who have come together to provide the public with a single donation point as part of my winter rough sleeping campaign.

### **Ashmount Road opening**

On 1 March, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray, was guest of honour at the opening of Islington & Shoreditch Housing Association's new development in Ashmount Road. This will deliver 46 genuinely affordable homes including 35 social rented.

### **Camden Visit**

I was pleased to visit two major estate regeneration projects at Abbey Road and Agar Grove in Camden on 28 February, hosted by Cllr Georgia Gould, the Leader of Camden Council. The Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray, and I visited recently-built homes and saw how future phases will be going even further with support from my Building Council Homes for Londoners programme. When all phases are complete, the two estates will provide 734 new or refurbished homes, of which 50 per cent will be affordable.

## **Event on 'How to Design and Deliver 21<sup>st</sup> Century Affordable Homes' with Farrells**

On 27 February, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray, presented at 'How to Design and Deliver 21<sup>st</sup> Century Affordable Homes', an event hosted by London First and Farrells. James discussed our work to build the high-quality social rented and other genuinely affordable homes that our city so desperately needs. He also emphasised the importance of organisations like London First backing our calls on national Government to give London the investment and powers we need to build far more council and other affordable housing.

## **Homes for Londoners**

On 27 February, I chaired my Homes for Londoners Board which involves representatives from London boroughs, small and large housing associations, the residential property sector and Transport for London. We discussed: Leadership 2025, an initiative to make the leadership of the housing sector more ethnically diverse; preparations to ensure that affordable housing in London is properly funded in the next Comprehensive Spending Review; my Community Housing Fund; an update from TfL on their development programme; the potential impacts of Brexit on housing supply; and a housing delivery report which noted I am on track to exceed my target of starting 14,000 genuinely affordable homes this financial year.

## **Deputy Mayor James Murray launched our partnership with Apex Airspace**

Airspace - the space above existing buildings – has the potential to accommodate tens of thousands of new homes across London. I want to see us making use of this opportunity for new social rented and other genuinely affordable homes, and so through my Innovation Fund I am providing £10million development finance to Apex Airspace, who specialise in this area and want to expand substantially.

My Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray spoke at the launch of the funding partnership on 26 February, which was attended by leaders, CEOs, and directors of boroughs and housing associations from across London. This partnership is just one example of how my Innovation Fund is helping to bring forward new solutions to the challenge of providing affordable homes for Londoners, and it will see 500 new homes get underway of which at least 50 per cent will be genuinely affordable.

## **Lord Mayor of Sydney visit**

I was pleased to welcome the Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore to City Hall on 22 February to discuss what our great cities can learn from each other. After our meeting, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray, took the Lord Mayor on a visit to Kings Crescent estate in Hackney, which is currently undergoing a comprehensive expansion and improvement to build 490 new homes and refurbish 275 existing ones.

## **Charlton Together meeting**

On 22 February, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray, met with representatives of community group Charlton Together, and the Leader of Greenwich Council Danny Thorpe, at Greenwich Town Hall for a very positive discussion about how my team, the council, and local residents can all work together on our shared vision for Charlton Riverside.

## **Visit to Newham**

On 21 February, I visited tenants who had recently moved into fantastic new council homes in Newham. I was joined by the Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz, along with Deputy Mayors James Murray and John Gray to visit Florence Road, Upton Park, where seven three-bedroom homes were built just three years ago. I heard from Rokhsana about the impressive progress Newham has been making with their plan to build 1,000 new council homes in the next three years, supported by more than £107million from my Building Council Homes for Londoners grant fund - more than any other authority in the capital.

## **New guide for London's leaseholders**

On 20 February, I published my leasehold guide for Londoners, which is designed to make the process of buying a leasehold property easier to understand. The information ranges from the difference between leasehold, freehold, and renting, to advice on buying the freehold for a block of flats and pursuing tribunal proceedings against a freeholder if an enfranchisement agreement can't be reached. There is also a glossary of useful terms to help leaseholders understand the complex language often used in leasehold agreements. The guide is available at [london.gov.uk/leasehold](https://london.gov.uk/leasehold)

## **Change Please Mayoral visit**

On 18 February, I visited a coffee cart on St Thomas' Street in London Bridge run by Change Please – an organisation I am very pleased we are supporting through my Rough Sleeping Innovation Fund. It was a pleasure to meet the baristas – all of whom have experience of homelessness – and the organisation's founder Cemel Ezel. Change Please trains people to become baristas who are sleeping on the streets, as well as people leaving the justice system who are at risk of homelessness, and hidden rough sleepers who are referred by my Night Transport Outreach Team. Cemel's vision and drive has delivered real results for many people, and Change Please now has 32 locations across London, with plans to expand internationally soon.

## **Build to Rent dinner**

On 13 February, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development James Murray was opening speaker at an event for the Build to Rent sector, hosted by Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner. James set out our support for Build to Rent, and he emphasised the importance of the sector offering genuinely affordable housing as part of their developments to meet the expectations of councils and Londoners.

# **The Economy, Business and Enterprise**

## **Engagement with business leaders and entrepreneurs**

On 7 March, I spoke to 100 businesses at an event hosted by French Chamber of Commerce.

On 28 February, I spoke at the inaugural London Business Awards, organised by my promotional agency, London & Partners. Up to 850 of London's most exciting, high-growth businesses attended, including recent investors to London, companies from my International Business Programme and Business Growth Programme. I warned that while London has fared

well over the last two and a half years since I came to office - with a growing economy, more jobs, higher employment and rising pay – Brexit poses a serious threat to that progress.

On 13 February, I attended the London First Business Reception along with my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, and my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, where we engaged with 150–200 businesses from the capital. I welcomed London First's recent decision to call for Article 50 to be revoked and to give the public the final say on Brexit. I warned that the lack of firm proposals on how to protect services – which account for nearly 80 per cent of the UK economy and 92 per cent of London's economy - is a major failure of the Government's approach. Leaving the single market would damage London and the UK for decades to come, resulting in tens of thousands fewer jobs. I also answered questions from business leaders on London's competitiveness, housing, transport and skills.

### **London & Partners Berlin Office Launch**

On 4 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, travelled to Berlin to officially launch London & Partner's (L&P) new Berlin office. I have given L&P additional funding to increase their global footprint in response to Brexit. While in Berlin, Rajesh also visited Berlin scale-ups as well as undertaking a number of FDI meetings.

### **No deal preparedness**

On 26 February, the Prime Minister made a statement to the House of Commons announcing a further delay to the meaningful vote. The Government will hold a second vote on its Brexit deal by Tuesday 12 March having suffered a historic defeat in Parliament earlier this year. If Government loses this second vote it will ask MPs to vote on leaving the EU without a deal and, if this is rejected, seeking a short extension to Article 50. A report published by the Government the same day shows that the Government is wholly unprepared for a no-deal Brexit scenario and it would wreak havoc on London and the UK economy. I have made clear that the PM must withdraw Article 50 now to rule out these devastating consequences and let the country decide what course it wants to take.

### **Delivering a difference in dementia in London Boroughs**

On 13 February, my Regeneration and Economic Development team convened a meeting to examine how older Londoners in social care could benefit from digital innovations. The event enabled commissioners of social care services across over 20 London Boroughs to meet small medtech and digital health businesses supporting the care of people with dementia. With an aging population, and struggling social services, innovation could help deliver better care. The event was funded as part of my MedTech Connects programme.

### **Cementing London's reputation for scientific research and innovation**

On 12 February, my deputy Mayor for business Rajesh Agrawal, was quoted in an announcement of a significant new development agreement of the British Library with Stanhope plc and Mitsui Fudosan UK Ltd to develop plans to build a 100,000 sq ft extension to the Grade I listed building.

This development will be facilitated by the construction of extensive commercial space for organisations and companies seeking to locate in the heart of the Knowledge Quarter, an area supported by MedCity, which I co-fund, and at the intersection of learning, data science and biomedical research. This shows how London's Knowledge Quarter is going from strength to

strength and our scientific institutions are the envy of the world. This scheme will deliver new jobs and demonstrate that London is Open to the world's greatest scientific minds.

### **Supporting London's Business Improvement Districts**

On 13 February, I hosted and opened the second annual Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) conference, welcoming over 100 attendees from London BIDs, BID networks and local authorities. Attendees also heard from a series of guest speakers, including Deputy Mayor for Business Rajesh Agrawal and Night Czar Amy Lamé.

This was followed by a highly productive roundtable session where attendees shared opportunities and challenges for their local areas and explored topics such as the Ultra-Low Emission Zone, business rates and my Good Work Standard.

## **Environment**

### **Divestment Event for London Borough Councils**

On 6 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues hosted a roundtable event with London councillors to discuss divesting pension funds from fossil fuels and increasing green investments. The event convened Councillors and officers from over 15 London boroughs to discuss good practice, challenges and opportunities in advancing divestment at local authority level.

This event followed my call to London's boroughs in 2018 to divest their pension funds. It gave a chance for boroughs to showcase the commitments they have made since then, and to identify how the GLA can support London's councils on this issue. This forms part of my wider commitment towards advancing divestment in London, which includes establishing a global forum for divestment through C40, co-chaired with the Mayor of New York, and working with the LPFA on the implementation of their climate change policy.

### **High pollution alert**

On 26 February, I issued a high pollution alert for London. To inform as many Londoners as possible, alerts were displayed on 2,500 bus countdown signs and river pier signs across London, 140 road-side dot matrix message signs on the busiest main roads into the capital and electronic update signs in the entrances of all 270 London Underground stations. Alerts were also shared with schools and care homes and on social media as well as through a press release.

This is the tenth time the alerts have been issued since I became Mayor and is evidence of the scale of London's air quality crisis. The Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in central London is expected to reduce harmful emissions in the zone by around 45 per cent by 2021. I'm also taking other hard-hitting measures including cleaning up buses and taxis, delivering improvements to schools in some of London's most polluted areas and providing vehicle scrappage schemes to tackle this crisis head on.

### **Energy Efficiency evidence at BEIS Select Committee**

On 26 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues gave evidence on energy efficiency in London to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Select Committee. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues highlighted that to help the one in ten households in London living in fuel poverty, and to reach the Mayor's zero carbon

ambitions, the government needed a step change in its policies. This includes making energy efficiency a national infrastructure priority and devolving powers and resources to me to allow to us to increase the rate of energy efficiency retrofitting more than ten fold from the current level in London of less than 10,000 homes per year, to a rate of 160,000.

### **Vehicle Scrappage Funding**

On 14 February, I announced £48million worth of vehicle scrappage funding to help micro-businesses, charities and low-income Londoners to scrap older polluting vehicles and prepare for the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ).

As part of this funding, on 22 February, I opened applications for a £23million van scrappage scheme to help London's microbusinesses and charities scrap older, polluting vans and minibuses and switch to cleaner vehicles. A £25million scheme will be launched later this year to help low-income Londoners scrap older, more polluting vehicles in preparation for the expansion of the ULEZ in 2021.

### **Metro Mayor's Air Quality Summit**

On 14 February, I hosted a clean air summit with Unicef UK and UK:100, bringing together city leaders from across the UK to address our shared priorities and demand more Government action to tackle the country's air quality crisis. Attendees included the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotheram, Mayor of the West of England, Tim Bowles, and Mayor of the Sheffield City Region, Dan Jarvis as well as Simons Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England.

The group raised their shared priorities to Secretaries of State Michael Gove and Matt Hancock. These included: adopting WHO recommended pollution guidelines as legally binding limits; creating a truly independent environmental watchdog; granting cities and local authorities the powers and resources to deliver zero emission transport networks and establish emission zones for Non-Road Mobile Machinery; and a partnership approach between the Government, regions, cities and local authorities to improve air quality. They also called for the establishment of a £1.5billion government-funded vehicle upgrade programme.

### **Deputy Mayor meeting with Minister of State at BEIS**

On 13 February, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with the Rt. Hon. Claire Perry MP, Minister of State at BEIS, to discuss my concerns about Government policy on small scale solar, the smart meter roll out and the rate of energy efficiency retrofitting in London. As I only have powers and resources to deliver less than half of the emissions reductions required to meet my zero carbon goals, more ambitious national Government policies, including on solar, smart meters and energy efficiency are vital.

My Deputy Mayor highlighted the need for powers and resources to be devolved to me to set minimum energy efficiency standards, the need for solutions to be found to install smart meters in flats and high rise buildings and more innovative delivery models, and the need for the replacement to the feed-in-tariff to continue to drive demand for small-scale solar.



## Education and Youth

### Early Years in London

On 6 March, we held a fantastic London Early Years Conference at City Hall. My Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM welcomed around 100 attendees from across the early years sector. She praised the great work already going on to improve the take-up and quality of early education in London. This includes my three Early Years Hubs, who are working in Barnet, Newham and Wandsworth and Merton.

Joanne launched two new programmes, which will go further to supporting the sector. We have appointed the National Day Nurseries Association to run my Early Years Leaders Programme. By developing the confidence and quality of the early years workforce, this two-year pan-London programme will improve the quality and sustainability of the capital's early years sector.

My London Early Years Campaign seeks to raise awareness about early education amongst families who are currently missing out.

We have also funded eleven organisations to deliver creative activities, from now until October, which will engage local families and communities from across London.

More information on all our work around early years can be found at:  
[www.london.gov.uk/early-years](http://www.london.gov.uk/early-years)

### Young Londoners Fund

On 6 March, the largest of my Young Londoners Fund projects launched in Haringey. Over the next three years Haringey Community Gold will reach 6,000 young people in Tottenham and Wood Green who are at-risk of exclusion or on the peripheries of crime. The project, managed by London Borough of Haringey, uses a tailored outreach service and a network of nine community programmes.

### Getting Ahead London

On 25 February, the Mercer's Company hosted the spring plenary event of my Getting Ahead London programme. This brought together the 60 aspirant headteachers, who are being mentored through this programme, with their experienced headteacher coaches. Programme alumni who have been successful in promotions towards and into headships also attended.

The theme of the event was the leadership journey in London's schools. This year's participants are from 22 London boroughs, are over two-thirds female and over half are from BAME backgrounds. They heard inspiring speeches on the personal leadership journeys of Heather Melville OBE, Director of Client Experience at PwC, Karen Giles, Headteacher of Barham Primary School, Brent and Sally Spence, headteacher of Ravens Wood School, Bromley. A panel of four students from Oaklands School, Tower Hamlets, were interviewed about their aspirations, what they look for in a headteacher, and how schools can support their students better. The students focused on mental health and emotional support issues.

## **Mayor's London Scientist - secondary school programme launch**

On 25 February, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, welcomed guests to the Mayor's London Scientist Secondary School Programme Launch at City Hall.

My Education and Youth team is working with the British Science Association, STEM Learning and the Royal Institution to offer the Mayor's London Scientist programme to schools in London. We want to inspire more young Londoners to consider a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) – particularly students from underrepresented backgrounds. The programme is fully funded for eligible schools, providing a range of exciting offers to engage students with STEM.

The aim of the event was to recruit and support more secondary schools onto the Mayor's London Scientist programme. Over 70 secondary school teachers and STEM Ambassadors (local STEM professionals who can provide schools with inspiration and guidance for running STEM projects) attended on the night. This is being promoted further through the boroughs, teaching schools and regional school commissioners.

## **Imperial Schools Challenge Final**

On 14 February, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, was judge and speaker at Imperial College London's School Challenge Grand Final at the Science Museum. This programme supports students from widening participation backgrounds to complete STEM projects that explore environmental challenges in London. These are aligned to my priorities and students use data and statistics from London.gov.uk to shape their projects. Students also receive funding through my Mayor's London Scientist programme to achieve the CREST Award – the top accreditation for school STEM projects in the UK. At the event, 22 teams of eight year 9 students (aged 13- 14 years) from 12 schools presented their innovative solutions to the challenge that they were set at the launch event in October 2018.

## **Communities and Social Policy**

### **Visits to small businesses being supported following the Grenfell fire**

On 26 February, I along with my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, and my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited small businesses in west London to discuss how they are coping in the aftermath of the Grenfell tower tragedy. It was good to see how the grants provided via the Business Continuity Fund – launched in partnership with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea – have been helping to support businesses whose sites, productivity or cash flow were disrupted following the tragedy in 2017.

### **Mayoral Citizenship Ceremony 2019**

On 27 February, I hosted a Pan-London Citizenship Ceremony at London's Southbank Centre. The ceremony brought together Londoners to witness and celebrate the citizenship of new British citizens. Although the GLA has hosted a Mayoral Citizenship Ceremony for the past eight years, the scale of this ceremony made it the largest citizenship ceremony the GLA has ever held.

## **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group**

On 14 February, I launched my newly formed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group. This group of experts in equality and diversity have been brought together to tackle disadvantage and inequality and help City Hall ensure all Londoners have the opportunity to thrive. This group will be chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Social Mobility, Social Inclusion and Community Engagement, Debbie Weekes-Bernard.

## **Health**

### **Healthy Schools London**

On 28 February, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney visited Hackbridge Primary School in LB Sutton to congratulate them on achieving their Healthy Schools London Gold Award. She saw the work that they are doing to increase pupils' physical activity and support their mental health including introducing The Daily Mile. I want all of London's primary schools to sign up to the Daily Mile.

### **Healthy Early Years London**

Since the launch of my Healthy Early Years London (HEYL) programme in October 2018, over 1,000 early years settings are now taking part to improve London's youngest children's health, wellbeing and development with the first setting having achieved the first HEYL Gold award.

## **Team London, Sports and Volunteering**

### **Team London Young Ambassadors attend WE Day**

On 6 March, 5,000 of my Team London Young Ambassadors attended WE Day, Europe's largest youth empowerment event. The event brought together world-renowned speakers, award-winning performers and 12,000 young people to celebrate a year of youth social action. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility & Community Engagement spoke at the event and introduced two fantastic young Team London Ambassadors from Deptford Green school who showcased the work they have been doing to promote gender equality in their classrooms.

### **Deputy Mayor visits Salaam Peace project launch**

On 20 February, my Deputy Mayor Debbie Weekes-Bernard visited the launch of East London United, a project being run by Salaam Peace, which was awarded funding through the first round of London Together in 2018. The East London United project engages children and young people from Waltham Forest and Hackney, particularly those at risk of isolation and being caught up in crime. The project delivers a range of sport activities such as football, cricket and tennis, supplemented by workshops on areas such as citizenship, critical thinking and presentation skills to build relationships between staff, volunteers and participants.

## **Millwall Community Trust**

On 19 February, I visited Millwall football club to witness the work of Millwall Community Trust, which is focused on diverting children and young people from violent crime through sport, education and employability programmes and community support. I was pleased to show my support for the initiative and welcome what Millwall are doing for young people in their community.

## **Team London and Thrive LDN Grants**

On 18 February, Team London, in partnership with Thrive LDN, were pleased to award funding to 11 organisations as part of the Team London Thrive LDN grants. These grants were awarded to organisations that will deliver projects that encourage vulnerable young people to take part in volunteering and social action.

## **London Enterprise Adviser Network Sub-Regional Partnership for East London**

In February, Team London, my Volunteering and Social Action team were pleased to award, Local London, the Sub-Regional Partnership for East London, the contract to deliver the London Enterprise Adviser Network across East London boroughs. This means, as outlined in my Skills for Londoners Strategy, the Network will be active in every London borough, offering every mainstream secondary school, FE college and pupil referral unit the opportunity to be matched with a volunteer Enterprise Adviser by August 2020.

## **Culture and Events**

### **Futurecity Presents: LDN WMN Exhibition**

LDN WMN was a free London-wide public art project created as part of my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, in partnership with Tate Collective. On 6 March, to mark International Women's Day 2019, a free exhibition celebrating LDN WMN will open at Foyles Gallery on Tottenham Court Road, curated by Futurecity. It will celebrate the impact of LDN WMN and the artists who took part and will continue to highlight the 20 hidden women from London's last 100 years who are the subjects of the project. The exhibition will run for a month in this central London location and will be seen by over 3,000 Londoners, tourists and students.

### **World Cities Culture Forum European city workshops**

On 28 February, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, welcomed delegates from six European cities: Amsterdam, Lisbon, Riga, Sofia, Tallinn and Vilnius. Their visit was part of the World Cities Culture Forum's commitment to building strong regional relationships in Europe. The cities took part in a two-day workshop to identify shared challenges, learn from one another and develop a future plan to work together as part of an Action Planning Network.

## **Launch of Barking and Dagenham's New Town Culture**

On 28 February, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the launch of New Town Culture, one of my Cultural Impact Award winning projects. The event was hosted by Darren Rodwell, Leader of Barking and Dagenham Council, at Barking Town Hall. New Town Culture will bring together social workers, care staff, artists and academics in a three-year initiative that will embed cultural activity within core social care practice. It will respond to the incredible stories, knowledge and skills of the residents of Barking and Dagenham through a programme of courses, artistic commissions and training. The project will take place in adult and children's social care settings across the borough, working with the Serpentine Galleries and the Foundling Museum.

## **London Fashion Week**

On 16 February, the Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the opening of London Fashion Week. This season's event showcased over 100 businesses and attracted visitors from 49 countries. London's catwalks are now the second most diverse in the world with over 34 per cent of participating models being Black, Asian or minority ethnic. The British Fashion Council launched a new partnership with BBC Earth and designer Amy Powney to encourage environmentally sustainable fashion choices by businesses and consumers. Emerging London based designer and sustainability champion Bethany Williams won the second Queen Elizabeth II Award for British Design. The GLA hosted her presentation in January at City Hall.

## **London Legacy Development Corporation**

### **LLDC Design Guide Launch**

On 27 February, LLDC (London Legacy Development Corporation) launched its updated Design Quality Policy and Park Design Guide. These key documents will guide the delivery of 6,000 homes by LLDC and future public spaces on and around Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

### **London Stadium Operator brought in house**

Following January's announcement LLDC successfully brought The London Stadium operator, LS185, in house on 18 February. The operational focus remains on safety and security for all events, but this is an important step to get the London Stadium on a firmer financial footing.

### **East Wick and Sweetwater announcement**

On 14 February, Homes England announced £78million loan funding to support the delivery of the new East Wick and Sweetwater neighbourhood on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The project, which is now on site and is part of a joint venture between Places for People and Balfour Beatty on behalf of the LLDC, will provide schools, green spaces, business and creative space, leisure and community facilities and 1,500 homes.

### **Hackney Wick Central Masterplan**

Planning permission was granted (subject to final conditions and s106 being agreed) for the Hackney Wick Central Masterplan, which will deliver a new neighbourhood centre around Hackney Wick Station. The masterplan will support existing communities and a new

development of up to 850 new homes, re-providing affordable workspace, as well as providing space for new retail units, restaurants, bars, and community facilities.

The scheme will retain over 8,400 square metres of affordable workspace, including low cost space for artists, creative businesses and start-ups, ensuring the local creative economy of Hackney Wick continues to thrive, and local people can benefit from the changes in the area. The development will also provide nearly 18,000 square metres of new employment space that will accommodate and enable growth in the burgeoning tech and creative industries.

## Planning

### Planning and Development Control 30 January 2019 to 25 February 2019

#### Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

*10-11 Watkin Road, Wembley, 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 Chocolate Factory and Parma House, Wood 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.

*Grange Farm Estate, South Harrow, LB Harrow*

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

*240 Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, 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.

*Graphite Square, 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.

*Hackney Wick Central, 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.

*Brampton Manor Academy, Roman Road, North Beckton, 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.

*Land at Chrisp Street Market, Poplar, 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.

*19-35 Baker Street, Marylebone, City of Westminster*

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

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

*Waste and Recycling Centre, Northgate Road, Barking Riverside, LB Barking and Dagenham*

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Douglas Webb House, Sipson Road, West Drayton, LB Hillingdon*

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Hillingdon stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*Ferry Lane Industrial Estate, Wickford Way, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest*

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Waltham Forest stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

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

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

- Arthur Street Estate, Erith, LB Bexley
- Alperton House, Bridgewater Road, Wembley, LB Brent
- Elthorne Works, Trumpers Way, Hanwell, LB Ealing
- Ada Lovelace Temporary School, Oldfield Lane North, Uxbridge, LB Ealing
- International Academy, Bowring Sports Ground, Eltham Road, Eltham, RB Greenwich
- Former Cyclotron Building, Hammersmith Hospital, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Former BHS, 22-42 High Road, Wood Green, LB Haringey
- Springwell Lane Closed Landfill, Harefield, LB Hillingdon
- Land off Harefield Road, Uxbridge, LB Hillingdon
- University of Westminster Boathouse, Chiswick, LB Hounslow
- Town Hall Annexe, Barking Road, East Ham, LB Newham
- Former HSS Site, Manor Road, Canning Town, LB Newham
- Hackbridge Industrial Estate, London Road, Hackbridge, LB Sutton
- Juniper House, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest
- Ferrier Street Industrial Estate, Wandsworth Town, LB Wandsworth

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

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

- Footzie Social Club, Lower Sydenham, LB Bromley
- Seal House, Swan Lane, Cannon Street, City of London
- 30-38 Addiscombe Road, Croydon, LB Croydon
- Ladbrooke Grove/Kensal Road, Kensal Town, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Axion House, Silver Road, Lewisham, LB Lewisham
- Land East of Victoria Centre, Acton Lane, Park Royal, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation
- Land off Hospital Bridge Road, Whitton, LB Richmond upon Thames
- Central House, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest

## **Planning Decisions (Development Consent Order)**

I have sent a letter in response to the following development consent order referral:

- Thames Tideway Tunnel – Kirtling Street, Nine Elms, LB Wandsworth

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

- Havelock Estate, LB Ealing
- Homebase, Western Avenue, LB Ealing
- Sainsbury's and Former Comet Stores, RB Greenwich
- Harris Academy, LB Haringey
- Royal Victoria Dock Western Extension, LB Newham
- Carlton House, LB Wandsworth
- 12-14 Lombard Road, LB Wandsworth
- St Johns Wood Delivery Office, City of Westminster
- 1-17 Shaftesbury Avenue, City of Westminster
- Wandsworth Local Plan Full Review Issues Document 2018, LB Wan

## **Key Engagements**

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

- I attended the London Fire Brigade Long Service Award Ceremony taking place at City Hall on 12 February
- I addressed the Business Improvement Districts Summit taking place at City Hall on 13 February
- I had an introductory meeting with Max Hill QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, on 13 February
- I met with Jan Vapaavuori, the Mayor of Helsinki, on 13 February to discuss Brexit and to promote the London Is Open campaign
- I attend the GLA Apprentices Graduation ceremony on 13 February
- I addressed the London First Reception on 13 February
- I hosted the National Clean Air Summit II at the Tate Modern on 14 February
- I met with the M8 Mayors Group, Core Cities and London Councils on 14 February to discuss the forthcoming Spending Review
- I met with the new Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Group on 14 February
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 14 February
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 15 February
- I met with key European politicians and stakeholders who are leading the work on the revised General Safety Regulation (GSR) on 15 February
- I visited the Change Please coffee cart at London Bridge Station on 18 February
- I met with the new GLA apprentices on 18 February
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 18 February
- I visited Millwall FC on 19 February to see the work of the Millwall Community Trust
- I met with the London Youth Assembly at City Hall on 19 February
- I met with Rahm Emmanuel, the Mayor of Chicago, on 20 February



- I had lunch with Geordie Greig, Editor of the Daily Mail, on 20 February
- I visited the London Borough of Newham with Rokhsana Fiaz, the Mayor of Newham, on 21 February to meet residents in recently-built council homes
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 21 February
- I had an introductory meeting with Clover Moore, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, on 22 February
- I attended the Final Budget Plenary on 25 February
- I met with representatives of the Jewish Labour Movement on 25 February to discuss tackling antisemitism and hate crime in London
- I had an introductory meeting with Jorge Muñoz Wells, the Mayor of Lima, on 25 February
- I hosted a media reception at City Hall on 25 February
- I visited Grenfell on 26 February and met with businesses affected by the Grenfell fire
- I had lunch with Lloyd Embley, Editor-in-Chief of Reach, on 26 February
- I had an introductory meeting with David Schwimmer, CEO of London Stock Exchange Group, on 26 February
- I visited the Drive Programme at the Croydon Family Justice Centre on 27 February to announce the provision of £15 million in additional funding to the violence against women and girls sector to help them provide critical services
- I chaired the Homes for Londoners Board meeting on 27 February
- I attended the Citizenship Ceremony taking place at the Royal Festival Hall on 27 February
- I visited the London Borough of Camden with the Leader of the Council Cllr Georgia Gould on 27 February to see and meet residents on the Abbey Estate, within the Abbey Road regeneration area, and the Agar Grove estate, both supported by funding from the Building Council Homes for Londoners programme
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 27 February
- I attended the inaugural London Business Awards organised by London & Partners (L&P) on 27 February
- I chaired a meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Group on 28 February to review London's preparedness for a 'no deal' exit from the EU
- I visited the Croydon BME Forum on 5 March
- I chaired the VRU Partnership Reference Group on 6 March
- I met with Keir Starmer MP, the Shadow Brexit Secretary, on 6 March to discuss the impact of leaving the European Union
- I met with Ben Lindsay CEO of Power the Fight and Emmanuel Imuere, Director of Positive Youth Education Project, on 6 March to discuss community engagement and the VRU
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 7 March
- I addressed the French Chamber of Commerce lunch on 7 March
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 7 March
- I met with Rt Hon David Lidington CBE MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and other Metro Mayors on 7 March to discuss the impact of leaving the European Union

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