

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

## **Mayor's Question Time – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

This is my Thirty-Seventh Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> November – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

## **Executive Summary**

### **London Bridge terror attack**

On 2 December, I attended a vigil in the City of London to pay tribute to all those affected by the London Bridge terror attack on Friday 29 November.

I joined Londoners from across our city to remember, to mourn and to honour the innocent lives lost in the horrific terrorist attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Saskia Jones and Jack Merritt, and all those who have been injured.

We stood together to send a message across the world that those who seek to attack and divide our city will never succeed.

We will never forget the bravery of ordinary Londoners and the emergency services who risked their own lives to save others. They are the best of us. Our city, the greatest city in the world, will continue to stand united and resolute against terror.

### **Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development Departure**

On 1 November, I paid tribute to my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray, for his work over the last three years. Together we have worked hard to tackle London's housing crisis and I'm proud of all we have achieved since 2016. James drove our housing delivery and strategy, motivating the Greater London Authority to take a more interventionist approach to housing in London. Together we have delivered record numbers of affordable homes for Londoners, established a Rogue Landlord and Agent Checker and doubled the funding available for City Halls "Life off The Streets" support programme for those rough sleeping. I wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

### **Emergency shelters opened**

On 29 November, I opened the emergency cold weather shelters across the capital as temperatures hit zero or below in several London boroughs.

City Hall, London councils, service providers and faith and community groups work together to open severe weather shelters across London when freezing temperatures are forecast anywhere in the capital to provide shelter to anyone sleeping rough in London. Previously, shelters were opened on a borough-by-borough basis, leading to patchy, inconsistent provision.

This work is complemented by the compassion of Londoners who have donated to my charity appeal and referred people they have seen sleeping rough to outreach services through the StreetLink website or the app.

## **‘LDN Filmmakers’ project**

On 24 November, I unveiled films created by young Londoners as part of my ‘LDN Filmmakers’ project. LDN Filmmakers was delivered in partnership with Digital Cinema Media and gave 40 young people aged between 15 and 22, some of whom have been directly affected by youth violence, the opportunity to attend a free week-long film school.

These young Londoners worked with industry experts to create six short films which captured their view of life in London, telling their stories about violence and challenging negative stereotypes. The new films will be promoted as trailers in cinemas across London and promoted via GRM Daily over the next four months.

LDN Filmmakers is part of my wider serious youth violence campaign which aims to divert, support, and inspire young people directly affected by violent crime.

## **National Tree Week**

On 23 November, I joined volunteers from Bandstead Beds to plant 50 trees on Clapham Common to kick off National Tree Week in London. On the same day, my Deputy Mayor for Environment, Shirley Rodrigues, joined hundreds of volunteers at a TCV (The Community Volunteering charity) event to help plant more than 3,000 trees in Camden. For National Tree Week, over 40 tree planting and tree giveaway events took place in London as part of my #PlantATree programme.

In total, around 60,000 trees were planted by Londoners throughout National Tree Week, including: 15,000 Londoners planting in their gardens after winning two free trees in our ballot, delivered in partnership with the Woodland Trust. Community groups and schools planted 25,000 trees - more than 200 groups received packs of between 10 and 200 trees, distributed by TCV. There were also an extra 5,000 trees available to collect during the week.

In addition, I’m supporting a further 40,000 trees to be planted this winter as part of projects through my Community Tree Planting Grants. Several of these grant-funded projects were also planting during National Tree Week, including Trees for Cities events in Newham and Redbridge.

## **Tech Sector to help tackle London’s challenges**

On 11 November, I launched the second round of my Civic Innovation Challenge at Microsoft’s flagship store on Regents Street, inviting the capital’s tech sector to offer solutions to some of the most pressing problems facing the city. I also unveiled the revamped and expanded Tech.London website – an online service London’s tech sector can access business resources and tools, including this year’s Civic Innovation Challenge.

## **New London Living Wage**

On 11 November, I announced the new London Living Wage rate of £10.75 an hour, during an event organised by the Living Wage Foundation. I have also made space available for posters promoting the Living Wage campaign across the TfL network and on the journey planner webpage.

The London Living Wage is £1.45 more than the UK rate of £9.30 and is calculated based on the cost of living in London. There are now over 1700 accredited Living Wage employers in

London – a number which has more than doubled since I became Mayor - who see that paying a fair wage makes business sense. I'll continue to champion the real Living Wage, not least through the Good Work Standard, for which Living Wage accreditation is a key criterion.

### **Remembrance Service**

I was honoured to represent the capital in paying tribute to the men and women who have given their lives for our freedom at City Hall's annual Remembrance Service on 8 November.

The service, which I hosted along with the Chair of the London Assembly, Jennette Arnold OBE AM, and Len Duvall OBE AM representing the City Hall Branch of the Royal British Legion, particularly remembered the Normandy Landings and the Battles of Imphal and Kohima, and the enormous sacrifice that our brave armed forces made 75 years ago.

The ceremony was led by The Sub Dean of Southwark, The Reverend Canon Michael Rawson, with the address given by The Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark. There were also prayers by members of the Sikh, Hindu, Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths, as well as a series of readings and hymns, with music performed by the Docklands Sinfonia Brass Ensemble and London International Gospel choir.

### **£4.7 million invested by London's Violence Reduction Unit to cut school exclusions**

I have been clear, we have to do everything we can to keep young people in schools, and the current approach to exclusions simply isn't working – for teachers or pupils – and this has to change.

That is why, on 4 November, I announced that London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) will be investing £4.7 million in a series of programmes to tackle school exclusions and support vulnerable young Londoners through education.

Evidence shows that nine out of 10 young people in custody have been excluded. That's why London's VRU is investing in a package of measures to support schools to reduce exclusions and support young Londoners with the most complex needs.

### **Diwali**

On 3 November, Trafalgar Square was transformed into a beacon of light and colour in honour of Diwali, the festival of lights, celebrated by Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities across London and around the world. Diwali's central message of openness, peace and mutual respect is one we can all learn from and the festivities in Trafalgar Square were a joy to attend.

I was honoured to speak at the event, organised by the GLA team and the Diwali in London Committee, to welcome Londoners from all backgrounds to the Square to celebrate this auspicious festival. I was joined by High Commissioner of India, Mrs Ruchi Ghanashyam who also delivered a speech.

The festival began with a show-stopping dance featuring more than 220 performers from dance troupes across London. At the heart of celebrations was a diya-lighting ceremony. Alongside medleys of popular Bollywood songs in Tamil, English and Bengali, visitors learned about cultural crafts such as how to tie a turban or drape a sari, were able to practise yoga and meditation, listen to comedy, and take part in a live Garba dance.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Six hard-hitting films on youth violence premiere in London**

On 24 November, six powerful films created by young Londoners based on their experiences of serious youth violence were premiered at a special screening in Whitechapel. City Hall and Digital Cinema Media (DCM) created the 'LDN Filmmakers Project' to enable 40 young Londoners aged 15-22 - some of whom have been directly affected by violence - to make their own short films focusing on what growing up in the capital means today.

During the week-long course, young Londoners were able to learn from industry experts about all aspects of film production, from script writing and acting, to using camera equipment and film editing, equipping them with the skills needed to pursue creative careers. The films capture young people's views of life in the capital, tell their stories about violence and challenge negative stereotypes. The premiere was attended by around 500 young people and their families, as well as figures from the film industry, and included a Q&A session with Rapman, before a screening of his film 'Blue Story'.

Londoners will be able to see trailers of the films when they appear as ads in cinemas across the capital from December to February, as a result of the partnership with DCM. As part of the project, GRM Daily, the most visited urban music website in the UK, has been sharing behind the scenes updates from the project, showcasing the skills the young people were learning and the inspiration behind their film stories on issues such as knife crime, relationships, careers and growing up in London.

### **Standing together to end male violence against women**

On 25 November, we marked the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – White Ribbon Day – and the beginning of 16 days of activism against male violence towards women and girls. This is an important time each year to reflect on the work that is still ahead of us to end male violence against women and girls, and to ensure that victims and survivors are fully supported.

The hard work continues to deliver my Strategy for tackling Violence Against Women and Girls in all its forms in London, and to ensure that the £15 million in additional funding I have provided to the sector to support their critical work. I'm determined to do everything in my power to ensure that women and girls are safe – and feel safe – in our great city. I welcome the continued support of Assembly Members and all Londoners in this work.

## Transport

### **Hundreds of new affordable homes in Kidbrooke given the go-ahead**

Transport for London (TfL) and Notting Hill Genesis are working together as part of the Kidbrooke Partnership LLP joint venture. TfL have been given the go-ahead to deliver more than 600 homes, of which 50 per cent will be affordable, in Kidbrooke.

Built on a vacant four-acre site in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, the development will deliver 619 new homes across eight buildings in a mixture of one, two and three-bedroom properties. The affordable homes being delivered as part of the plans will be a mixture of shared ownership and London Affordable Rent.

As well as providing new homes, the proposals for the site will improve and provide new amenities for the community, such as an improved transport hub and a new village square. The village square will offer the community fresh spaces to shop, eat and relax with a new café and convenience store.

The plans for Kidbrooke, which look to sustainably regenerate an underutilised brownfield site, also incorporate nature as part of their design with new green walkways and parts of the existing woodland being retained.

### **First improvements to customer information from depersonalised Wi-Fi data go live**

Transport for London (TfL) has implemented the first improvements for customers following the start of collection of Wi-Fi connection data earlier this year.

The 2.7 billion pieces of depersonalised data that have been analysed so far have allowed TfL to update Journey Planner to more accurately reflect the time it takes to travel through stations. Through collecting the data, a greater understanding has been gained of the routes people take across the network, where they interchange and how long people may have to wait at certain points along their journey due to crowding or maintenance work.

TfL's in-house data scientists have identified a number of instances where the length of time to travel through a station was greater than the time previously allocated on TfL's Journey Planner. TfL has now adjusted Journey Planner timings for journeys involving 55 stations.

The improvements to TfL's Journey Planner will benefit all customers, including people with accessibility needs, as it will help provide clearer journey times and identify the quickest or most convenient option, especially for those who require a step-free route.

### **Victoria line services to increase in major boost for commuters**

Victoria line commuters are now enjoying quicker and more comfortable journeys following the introduction on 4 November of a new timetable that doubles the length of its highest frequency peak services.

Victoria Line trains will arrive every 100 seconds for three hours during the morning and evening peak, rather than an hour and a half.

The Victoria line is already one of the most frequent metro services in Europe. The new timetable will increase capacity by a further five per cent - benefitting 275,000 customers every weekday. Extending the peak service will give Londoners more flexibility to travel when it suits them, which will help reduce crowding and congestion along the line.

### **TfL sets out next steps for walking and cycling improvements between Wood Lane and Notting Hill Gate**

Transport for London (TfL) has published the results of a consultation on proposed improvements in west London between Wood Lane and Notting Hill Gate, which would make the area a more pleasant place to be and make it much easier and safer for people to get around on foot and by bike.

More than 5,000 people responded to the consultation, with 70 per cent thought that the proposals would enable more people to walk, with 58 per cent saying the same about cycling. A majority of people responding also believed that the changes would reduce the number of private car journeys in the area.

The proposals are a vital part of my Transport Strategy, which aims to clean up toxic air and boost Londoners' health by enabling more people to walk, cycle and use public transport. They would also add vital new cycling infrastructure to the area allowing people to travel safely, as part of our Vision Zero goal of eliminating death and serious injury on London's transport network.

### **More frequent service on London Overground's Watford Junction to Euston**

Customers using London Overground's Watford Junction to Euston route are now enjoying the benefits of a more regular service as London Overground began to run four trains per hour (approximately every 15 minutes) throughout the day.

This boost in capacity and frequency builds on the four train per hour services which has been operating during the morning and evening peak since September this year. These additional services are possible due to the ongoing introduction of London Overground's new Class 710 trains on the route.

The new generation of London Overground trains continue to offer the convenience of walk-through carriages and air-conditioning but include additional features such as free Wi-Fi, USB charging points and improved real-time information screens. They will operate alongside the existing trains currently in use on the route.

### **Boost for future of river transport as Passenger Pier Strategy published**

New plans have been announced by Transport for London (TfL) for a safe and sustainable doubling of the number of trips on the Thames and make the river an integral part of the transport network again.

Published on 6 November, the Passenger Pier Strategy sets out how TfL, the Port of London Authority (PLA) and boat operators and other stakeholders can work together to improve the network of piers and river services.

This will help achieve the PLA's vision to double the number of annual river trips to 20 million by 2035. The strategy will also support my target of achieving 80 per cent of all trips in London to be made on foot, bike or by public transport and help significantly reduce traffic congestion on London's streets.

The strategy adopts a vision zero approach to safety, and encourages commuting, leisure and tourism while realising the full potential of piers and river services. It also proposes river services that are better integrated with other transport, accessible, easy to use, sustainable and low emission, with a key focus on customer experience.

This will help the river play a greater role in reducing car use and freeing up capacity on other public transport.

### **TfL and the police reaffirm their commitment to reducing road danger as part of Road Safety Week**

Transport for London (TfL) and the police marked Road Safety Week (18 - 24 November) by taking increased action to reduce road danger, building on their plans to eradicate death and serious injuries.

Targeted high visibility and covert policing patrols were undertaken on London's roads, in order to crack down on people driving carelessly, recklessly and illegally, as well as educating all road users.

The activity was part of TfL's work with the Metropolitan Police to trial a new initiative, Travel Safe Priority Areas, which is designed to tackle community road safety issues in local areas over a short period of time. Action includes high visibility and covert policing, Community and Junior Roadwatch sessions, where members of the public work with the police to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and communicating more information about speeding and road safety.

### **TfL confirms 'pay as you go' fares for bus and Tube frozen for 2020**

Transport for London (TfL) has confirmed that that all fares set by me will remain frozen at their current prices during 2020.

The fares for 2020 will see 'pay as you go' journeys on the bus, Tube, tram, DLR, TfL-run rail services where TfL fares apply and Emirates Air Line remaining the same as they are currently. The cost of hiring a Santander Cycle will also remain the same - just £2 to access a bike for a day and if the journeys are under 30 minutes there is no additional cost.

By using pay as you go with a contactless or Oyster card, adult off-peak fares including Zone 1 start at £2.40 and off-peak adult Tube, DLR and most London Overground fares within Zones 2-6 are just £1.50. In addition, with the Hopper fare, customers can take unlimited bus and tram journeys across the capital within an hour for just £1.50, with the total cost capped at £4.50 for the whole day.

All TfL travel concessions are also protected, ensuring that children, those over 60, veterans, apprentices and people on specific unemployment benefits continue to benefit from free or discounted travel. As with previous years, Travelcards and associated caps, which are set in agreement with the train operating companies under fares regulations set by the Government, will increase by the July RPI level of 2.8 per cent.

## **Second on-demand bus trial begins**

On 13 November, Slide Ealing, the on-demand bus service provided by Transport for London, bus company RATP and German technology firm MOIA, began picking up passengers in the west London borough. This followed a public consultation earlier in the year.

Passengers can book a ride using the app, or on the phone. The service does not follow a fixed route, picking people up from flexible stops, creating a more personalised service. Once a ride has been secured, users will wait no longer than around 10 minutes for a bus.

Fares for the on-demand bus will start at a flat rate of £3.50, with passengers being able to benefit from weekly and monthly capping. Every tenth journey will be free.

The 12-month service will be socially inclusive, with Freedom Passes and the English National Concessionary pass accepted. The new buses can accommodate wheelchair users and are fully accessible.

## **Uber London Limited found to be not fit and proper to hold a private hire operator licence**

On 25 November 2019, Transport for London (TfL) announced that it will not grant Uber London Limited (ULL) a new private hire operator's licence in response to its latest application.

As the regulator of taxi and private hire services in London, TfL is required to make a decision on Uber's fitness and propriety before its current licence expired. Safety is TfL's number one priority.

Despite addressing some of these issues, TfL does not have confidence that similar issues will not reoccur in the future, which has led it to conclude that the company is not fit and proper at this time.

Uber has made a number of positive changes and improvements to its culture, leadership and systems in the period since the Chief Magistrate granted it a licence in June 2018. This includes interacting with TfL in a transparent and productive manner. However, TfL has identified a pattern of failures by the company including several breaches that placed passengers and their safety at risk.

Legislation means that Uber now has 21 days to appeal, during which it can continue to operate pending any appeal and throughout any potential appeals process. Uber may seek to implement changes to demonstrate to a magistrate that it is fit and proper by the time of the appeal.

On 24 September 2019, we granted a private hire operator's licence to (ULL) for a two-month period, subject to conditions. The licence has the same conditions that were attached to the previous licence granted in June 2018, in addition to various new conditions to ensure passenger safety. We are requesting additional material from ULL which will form part of any re-licensing decision



## **TfL completes contract with Riverlinx consortium to design, build, finance and maintain Silvertown Tunnel**

Transport for London (TfL) has completed the contract for the Riverlinx consortium, comprising of Aberdeen Standard Investments, BAM PPP PGGM, Cintra, Macquarie Capital and SK E&C, to build the Silvertown Tunnel – a new river crossing under the Thames in east London.

In May 2018, following a six-month public enquiry, the Department for Transport granted the Silvertown Tunnel project a Development Consent Order (DCO). This is the formal process by which the Government gives approval of a development categorised as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

Following a competitive procurement process, the consortium have been awarded a Design, Build, Finance and Maintain contract for the construction and maintenance of the tunnel, which is set to be open in 2025. Payments from TfL to the consortium will only start once the tunnel is open and available for use. TfL will also be able to reduce payments should the tunnel not meet certain key standards, such as availability for use by traffic and physical condition.

Once the Silvertown Tunnel opens, vehicles will be required to pay a user charge for using either the Blackwall or the Silvertown Tunnel. This user charge, which will be used to pay for the construction and maintenance of the tunnel, is a legal requirement as part of the planning approvals and therefore will need to be implemented when the tunnel opens. Any surplus from the revenue generated via the user charge will be reinvested into public transport across London. The exact charge levels for various types of vehicles using the tunnel will be decided closer to the opening date.

## **TfL awards funding to 60 community groups to encourage Londoners from all backgrounds to walk and cycle**

Transport for London (TfL) has awarded more than £400k of grants to 60 community and not-for-profit groups that encourage local people to walk and cycle more.

The winning projects target a range of traditionally underrepresented groups such as people with physical disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers, and children with Down's Syndrome, enabling them to feel confident while walking and cycling in London.

Walking and Cycling Grants London aims to encourage more people to walk and cycle, addressing the barriers that prevent people from getting active and helping to make London a more sustainable, inclusive and healthy city. This is the first year that the grant has included walking projects, with 26 of the 60 projects focusing on walking, helping people to connect with their local communities, learn new skills, get active and improve their physical and mental health.

## **Fire and Resilience**

### **US Resilience Mission to the UK**

On 4 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, spoke to the US Resilience Mission to the UK and met with delegates from the US to discuss the work of the London Resilience Partnership and wider issues around resilience in London. The purpose of this project was to encourage international collaboration and to foster expertise exchange in resilience between US & UK.

### **Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee**

On 5 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, appeared before the London Assembly's Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the Committee to put questions to the Deputy Mayor, the London Fire Commissioner, representatives of the National Fire Chief's Council and the Fire Brigade's Union on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 Report.

### **LRF and BRf Chairs Forum**

On 6 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, attended a meeting of the Borough Resilience Forum Chairs from London. The Forum discussed EU Exit, as well as a number of wider resilience issues and presentations on current resilience topics.

### **The National Emergencies Trust Launch Event**

On 7 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, attended the National Emergencies Trust (NET) launch event and was introduced to HRH Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge. NET has been set up to help relieve sickness or disability, whether physical or mental, of victims of emergency incidents as well as their dependants. It also relieves financial need among the victims of emergency incidents, including their families and dependants creating more resilience within the community.

### **LFB Remembrance Service**

On 10 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, attended and gave a reading at London Fire Brigade's Service of Remembrance.

### **CTPN Launch Dinner**

On 14 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, attended the Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network Dinner. The Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network (CTPN) is a collaborative project between London, Paris, Rotterdam, Stockholm, Barcelona and Manchester for which the London Resilience Group leads. The dinner gave an opportunity to meet overseas delegates to discuss the importance of continuing collaboration with other European cities to ensure the preparedness, strategic coordination, and response to incidents is as robust as possible and that our cities are protected.

## **Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network (CTPN) Launch**

On 15 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross AM, and I, attended and spoke at the Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network Launch. The Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network (CTPN) brings together strategic leaders, practitioners and academics to share city-level policies and practices that build resilience and keep our cities and communities safe from terrorism.

## **Brexit Contingency Planning**

On 27 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr 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.

# **Growth, Skills and Regeneration**

## **Apprenticeships for Londoners**

In November we launched two funding opportunities worth £786k in total through my Apprenticeships for Londoners programme, to support employers to create apprenticeship opportunities for London residents. The programme aims to support businesses to use more of their apprenticeship levy to increase participation in apprenticeships, particularly for Londoners from disadvantaged backgrounds. This is part of my commitment to ensuring that all Londoners can access the opportunities a quality apprenticeship provides, and that the apprenticeship system better meets the skills needs of the capital's employers.

## **Haringey Higher Level Skills launch**

On 5 November, my Haringey Higher Level Skills project launched at the neighbourhood resource centre in Tottenham. This £900k project will support unemployed and low-paid Haringey residents to gain skills and jobs, or higher paid jobs, in the construction, health, engineering and childcare sectors. The project, co-funded by the European Social Fund and Haringey Council, focuses on supporting people in the most deprived wards.

## **Public opening of Wanderers Football Club**

On 2 November, Wanderers Football Club, funding recipients of my Crowdfund London programme, held an opening event at their new home ground in Upper Norwood. The club formed a successful partnership with Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School to refurbish the school's playing fields and secure wider community access. Wanderers FC's crowdfunding campaign focussed on how community sport and physical activity can improve social cohesion and build resilience.

## **London Markets Network meeting**

On 6 November, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, welcomed at City Hall those who hosted and supported the successful delivery of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Public Markets Conference in London. This was an opportunity to celebrate the success of the three-day event and engage in discussion about future opportunities for

London's markets with the London Markets Board, local authorities' regeneration and markets teams, private operators and markets consultants.

### **Fashion Tailoring Academy Launch**

On 14 November, Executive Director for Development, Enterprise and Environment, Debbie Jackson, spoke at the launch of the Fashion Tailoring Academy in Haringey, which received £430k capital funding from my Good Growth Fund, complementing investment from London Borough of Haringey and industry partners. The Academy will provide expert technical training to support the fashion industry in Haringey as part of North East London's Fashion District, delivering 50 new jobs, supporting 310 Level 1-5 trainees, creating 100 apprenticeships and leveraging up to £550k of industry match funding. The facility will host my N17 Creative Callings Project, co-funded by the Creative Enterprise Zone and European Social Fund to help local creative sector employees improve and progress their career prospects.

### **N17 Creative Calling launch**

On 14 November, my N17 Creative Callings project launched alongside the opening of the Tailoring Academy in Tottenham backed by my Good Growth Fund. This £500k project will provide people in creative SMEs with a range of skills to help them and their businesses to succeed. It will also bring creative businesses together with training providers to co-design new or improved training to address skills gaps. This project supports my first Creative Enterprise Zone in Tottenham and is co-funded by the European Social Fund.

### **Skills London 2019**

On 15 November, I delivered a keynote opening speech at this year's Skills London at the ExCeL Centre. The two-day event, run by London First, is the UK's biggest jobs and careers event for 15-24-year olds and their families. I enjoyed a tour of the event including the Mayor's Construction Academy zone, where all seven Academy hubs showcased their construction offer.

### **Public London Charter research published**

On 20 November, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, spoke about the development of the Public London Charter at the New London Architecture centre. The event coincided with the publication of 'Public London: the regulation, management and use of public spaces' commissioned by the GLA from Centre for London to expand the evidence base for the Public London Charter.

### **Sustainable Fashion Accelerator Launch in Monier Road Studios**

On 26 November, the Trampery launched its Sustainable Fashion Accelerator, delivered with £200k in funding support from the LLDC. The Accelerator is being run from Monier Road Studios, Hackney Wick, which received Good Growth funding to deliver affordable studios for early stage fashion labels. The Sustainable Fashion Accelerator is a bespoke learning experience created for growing fashion brands, focusing on sustainability of both product and workforce.

### **Crowdfund London peer-to-peer learning**

On 28 November, our first Crowdfund London 'Panel of Pros' event took place at City Hall. The peer-to-peer learning event was an opportunity for people taking part in my next Crowdfund London programme to get advice and guidance from an outstanding panel of previously funded

project creators, who launched projects which reimagine old coal lines and transform vacant garages, establish new community hubs and create much needed urban green spaces.

## **Housing**

### **Albert Kennedy Trust Visit**

On 1 November, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, James Murray, alongside Phillip Glanville, the Mayor of Hackney, attended the new Albert Kennedy Trust 'Youthspace' in Hackney. Albert Kennedy Trust is a voluntary organisation which supports lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people who are homeless, living in a hostile environment or in housing crisis. During the visit they met young ambassadors, who have experienced homelessness, and service staff to hear their experiences and priorities for tackling homelessness in the LGBTQ+ community in London, and beyond.

### **First Ever Rogue Landlord Banning Order**

On 18 November, the first ever rogue landlord banning order was served by Camden Council, to an individual operating as a landlord in the borough who had been persistently found to be placing tenants' safety at risk. Following due process, the decision was made to ban the individual for four years from letting any housing, engaging in letting agency work or undertaking property management work in England.

This referral was made through the reporting function on my Rogue Landlord and Agent Checker. This service has been in operation for over two years and in that time, it has been visited by over 120,000 users, who are able to view more than 2,000 prosecutions and penalties recorded on the system, and has enabled 1,500 reports to be made through the 'report a rogue landlord or agent' tool.

### **Developing my Rent Control Policy**

On 25 November, I brought together renters' organisations, housing charities and think tanks to consult on my rent control policy. In July, I launched my blueprint for reforming the private rental sector, which outlined my proposal to establish a London Private Rents commission to cut and cap rents in London. Despite having no powers over the private rented sector – unlike many other city Mayors around the world – I am committed to improving the lives of London's private renters and have called on Government to give me the powers to bring rents down

This roundtable is part of a series of engagement events which will inform the next stages of our policy development and lobbying.

### **Earls Court**

On 26 November, it was announced that the developer Delancey has purchased Capital & Counties Properties Plc ("CapCo") interest in the Earls Court Development site. I have consistently called for an end to the delay at this site, and for the West Kensington and Gibbs Green estates to be returned the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. I welcome the selection of a developer and delivery beginning at this site, which has the potential to unlock a significant number of genuinely affordable homes for Londoners.

## **Homes for Londoners board**

On 4 December, I was pleased to chair the Homes for Londoners board. The Board brings together London boroughs with the housing and voluntary sectors, and at this meeting we discussed building safety and the need for quick and serious action; my affordable housing programme delivery; and the CEO of Zacchaeus 2000 Trust, Raji Hunjan, gave a presentation on behalf of the London Housing Panel on their priorities, to help develop our policy making at City Hall.

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

### **London Growth Hub**

The London Growth Hub's new physical business support service launched at the beginning of November. This programme sees five London Growth Hubs open across the capital, offering free and impartial one-to-one advice for London-based micro, small and medium sized businesses. The London Growth Hub advisers will help users make their business more sustainable, productive and resilient. I believe this service will be imperative in supporting London's small businesses as they prepare for Brexit.

Businesses can book an appointment now at: [www.growthhub.london/get-support](http://www.growthhub.london/get-support)

### **MedCity 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On 5 November, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, opened on my behalf an event at City Hall to mark five years of MedCity, an organisation that the GLA co-funds. MedCity plays a key role in promoting and supporting London's innovative, vibrant life sciences sector.

Over 150 representatives from industry, academia and the NHS attended the anniversary event, which recognised the strengths of the life sciences community in London and beyond. Life sciences innovations help power our economy and deliver significant societal benefit by improving health and wellbeing.

### **Living Wage Week**

On 11 November, I announced the new London Living Wage rate of £10.75 an hour, during an event at Somerset House (a Living Wage employer) held by the Living Wage Foundation. I have also made space available for posters promoting the Living Wage campaign across the Transport for London network and on the journey planner webpage.

### **Launch second round of Civic Innovation Challenge and revamping Tech.London platform**

On 11 November, I opened the second round of the Civic Innovation Challenge, my flagship tech innovation programme which invites innovative tech companies to work with the public sector to help us solve key challenges facing London. The event was kindly hosted by Microsoft at their flagship Oxford Circus store – they are also supporting the programme, along with the Social Tech Trust, and I was delighted to speak alongside UK CEO, Cindy Rose OBE.

The second iteration of the Civic Innovation Challenge will offer up to 40 businesses the opportunity to compete to receive £40k to test and validate their ideas. This year we are looking for solutions to three challenges of real importance to London: countering violent extremism online, ensuring the planning system helps London meet its housing needs, and tackling freight congestion in the capital.

I also announced the new Tech.London – the official dedicated online platform to connect, support and grow London’s tech business community. The platform has been fundamentally redeveloped with a greater focus on how technology can support Londoners and London's boroughs. It will ensure all companies, from entrepreneurs to small businesses, can find out about, and have the opportunity to benefit from, Mayoral innovation programmes.

### **Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Reception and E2E ScaleUp2Success**

On 14 November, I spoke and took part in a Q&A session at FSB London’s Business Reception, with an audience of around 100 small business leaders, where I highlighted the important contribution small business make to London’s economic success as well as the business support programmes available through the London Growth Hub.

On 20 November, I gave the opening address and took questions at the E2E ScaleUP2Success event to an audience of nearly 200 scale-ups.

## **Environment**

### **Mayor’s Air Quality Fund**

On 25 November, I published a report summarising the achievements made by London boroughs and businesses through Round 2 of my Air Quality Fund, and the Air Quality Business Fund. On the same day, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, welcomed these boroughs and businesses to City Hall to present on their projects and share experiences. This also provided an opportunity for those implementing projects under the next Round of my Air Quality Fund to learn from previous successes.

The £11 million awarded through this round of funding has supported the delivery of 11 Low Emission Neighbourhoods, which are innovative, transformational interventions designed to reduce emissions, boost active travel and enhance the public realm in some of London’s most polluted neighbourhoods. The fund has also supported a host of other projects tackling issues such as engine idling, construction emissions and pollution at schools. The funding has enabled a range of impressive achievements such as 26 new clean air walking routes, 2.4 kilometres of new or improved cycle routes, 3,000 square meters of new greening to help Londoners reduce their exposure to pollution, over 300 standard and rapid electric vehicle chargers, and engagement with over 3,700 of London’s businesses, big and small, to help them identify and deliver ways to cut air pollution emissions.

The report can be found on our website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/pollution-and-air-quality/mayors-air-quality-fund>

## **Mayor's Entrepreneur Competition**

On 4 November, I launched the 2020 Mayor's Entrepreneur competition which invites students and recent graduates to compete by submitting smart business ideas to make London greener and cleaner. This year's competition includes four £20k awards for business ideas in the Environment, Creative Industries, Smart Cities and Health sectors. As part of the 2020 programme, I have recruited 30 interns, from 17 universities across London to help promote and support the competition this year, an increase of five students from last year. We received over 350 applications and have appointed students from UCL, Imperial, Greenwich, LSE, UEL, UWL, Westminster, Queen Mary, Brunel, London College of Fashion, London South Bank University, King's College, Birkbeck, Roehampton, City, SOAS and BPP. The deadline for competition entries is 22 March 2020.

More information can be found on our website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/mayors-entrepreneur-competition/mayors-entrepreneur>

## **National Tree Week**

On 23 November, I joined volunteers from Bandstead Beds to plant 50 trees on Clapham Common to kick off National Tree Week in London. On the same day, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, joined hundreds of volunteers at a TCV (The Community Volunteering charity) event to help plant more than 3,000 trees in Camden. For National Tree Week, over 40 tree planting and tree giveaway events took place in London as part of my #PlantATree programme.

## **Annual Energy Monitoring Report and Carbon Offset Survey**

On 5 November, I published my annual Energy Monitoring Report which summarises performance against my London Plan energy policies for all referable developments approved in 2018. It shows that the London Plan is continuing to drive greater reductions than required by national policy, with developers committing to an overall carbon emissions reduction of 36.9 per cent exceeding my target of 35 per cent beyond what is required by the national Building Regulations.

For the second year in a row, the zero-carbon standard is driving greater on-site carbon reductions in the residential sector. The report shows that 2018 also saw an increase in heat network connections, a substantial rise in the number of developments deploying heat pump technologies and almost £7 million invested in solar PV panels.

This report can be found on our website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-publications/2018-energy-monitoring-report>

On 5 November, I also published a report on the progress that boroughs are making with collecting and spending carbon offset payments, based on information provided by boroughs in Spring 2019. All 35 of London's Local Planning Authorities are now applying the offsetting policy in some form with over £50 million either collected, or secured for collection, since the introduction of the zero carbon homes and offsetting policy in October 2016. Whilst progress has been made by boroughs implementation is varied. Carbon offset funds can play an important role in the response by London boroughs to the climate emergency. They provide a source of funding for carbon reduction projects and have a role in funding emission reductions from existing buildings as across London.



This report can be found on our website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-publications/carbon-offset-funds-report-2019>

### **London Flood Awareness Week**

Now in its third-year, London Flood Awareness Week ran from 11-17 November with an updated and accessibility audited web quiz and online materials engaging and encouraging Londoners to take action before, during and after a flood.

Social media during the week showcased the work I am undertaking to tackle flooding in London. We have also provided links to new online resources which can be found here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/organisations-we-work/london-prepared/ldn-flood-awareness-week-2019>

### **Retrofit Accelerator – Homes**

On 8 November, I launched my Retrofit Accelerator programme for homes. Part of my Energy for Londoners programme, this £3.6 million technical assistance scheme (co-funded by the European Regional Development Programme) aims to transform the way London retrofits its ageing and energy-inefficient housing to create warm, affordable and ultra-low carbon homes. It will provide London boroughs and housing associations with the technical expertise they need to kick-start ‘whole-house’ retrofit projects across the capital and help build the supply chain and business case to accelerate the retrofit revolution for private homes.

The whole-house approach upgrades old homes with everything they need to be future-proofed. Measures such as high-spec insulation, renewable heating systems and solar panels are fitted at the same time to radically reduce a home’s energy use and carbon footprint. This programme already has a pipeline of 1,000 homes.

More information can be found on our website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/energy/retrofit-accelerator-homes>

## **Education and Youth**

### **National Youth Work Week**

On 4 November, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, welcomed organisations supported by my Young Londoners Fund to London’s Living Room to celebrate National Youth Work Week. My Deputy Mayor was joined by some amazing young people, performing and sharing stories about the impact that supportive youth work has had on their lives.

We also launched the brilliant ‘Inspiring Youth Work’ exhibition at City Hall. It’s a collection of photographs showing the powerful effect youth workers can have, through the eyes of the young people they support. It’s thanks to the hard work and dedication of youth work professionals that positive activities for young people at risk of exclusion or crime can be delivered through my Young Londoners Fund.

## **Mayor's London Scientist programme**

There is increasing demand from schools for structured support with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). That's why, on 4 November at the Royal Institution, I launched the second year of my Mayor's London Scientist programme, with 45 London secondary schools in attendance.

Over the coming year, this programme will support hundreds of 11 to 14-year-olds from backgrounds underrepresented in STEM to get creative with scientific projects on topics such as air quality, urban biodiversity and sustainable cities. With support from local STEM professionals, these students will work to achieve the nationally recognised CREST Award.

They will also get complimentary tickets to exciting science events and their teachers will receive a grant and fully funded training on the Science Capital Teaching Approach from Professor Louise Archer.

## **Apple - Made in LDN**

On 6 November, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Youth, Joanne McCartney AM, spoke at Apple's Made in LDN showcase event in Soho. Over the summer, Apple hosted Made in LDN - a series of free, creative sessions designed by and for young Londoners.

Working in collaboration with some of the inspiring projects funded by my Young Londoners Fund, Made in LDN focused on skills-based workshops. Creative professionals visited communities across London, facilitating sessions in photography, video, art & design, music, coding and more. The event on Wednesday 6 November, showcased young Londoners and featured some of the brilliant work they had created alongside artists including Vicky Grout, Wretch 32 and 56 Black Men.

## **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**

On 7 November, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, spoke at a conference to celebrate the rights and activism of children and young people in England and across the globe. The event was organised by University College London (UCL) and the Children's Rights Alliance for England, to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

My Deputy Mayor discussed children's rights and the importance of young people's activism and participation in society. Joanne was joined by Anmol Kaur Singh, a children's rights activist, law student and one of my Peer Outreach Team.

My Deputy Mayor set out our commitment at City Hall to upholding Article 12 rights and ensuring children and young people's voices and experiences are heard and used to shape policy in London. Joanne highlighted the impact of my fantastic Peer Outreach Team, whose work helps shape my policies, strategies and services - from culture, health and violence reduction, to regeneration, environment and transport.

## **Early Years Leaders network meeting**

On 2 December, practitioners involved in my Early Years Leaders Programme met for their termly network meeting. Early Years Leaders is a development programme which aims to

improve the quality of early years provision in London. It's aimed at existing Level 3 practitioners, who want to further develop their management, leadership and business skills.

Overall, it's supporting 87 participants across the capital, all of whom are matched with an experienced early years coach who can help identify and support their learning needs. These termly network meetings are a brilliant way to bring together practitioners from across the capital and share best practice.

## **Communities and Social Policy**

### **Guru Nanak's 550<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

In celebration of Guru Nanak's 550th birthday, I attended a range of events with different communities and groups.

- On 3 November, I attended and spoke at Southall Nagar Kirtan celebrating Guru Nanak's 550th birthday, organised by Sri Guru Sri Singh Sabha Southall (SGSSS).
- On 8 November, I attended and spoke at City Sikhs Guru Nanak 550th birthday celebration event at City Hall.
- On 19 November, I attended and spoke at Dr Onkar Sahota AM's City Sikhs Guru Nanak 550th birthday celebration event at City Hall.

### **UNESCO's International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**

On 7 November, I hosted an event at City Hall to commemorate UNESCO's International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. The ceremony provided an opportunity to reflect on the impact of slavery on generations of African and Caribbean communities across the world as well as honouring those that bravely fought to bring about the abolition of the slave trade.

### **Data Expedition exploring the health of Southwark borough's civil society**

On 25 November, City Hall, in collaboration with the London Borough of Southwark, Community Southwark and place-based funders, hosted a Data Expedition exploring the health of the borough's civil society. This innovative event encouraged knowledge sharing between participants and showcased the impact of cross-sector working. Southwark Civil Society organisations and funders had the opportunity to work with data volunteers to develop data skills whilst also exploring the size and shape of the sector, the need in the borough and understanding the diversity of funding available.

### **Civil Society Roots Fund**

On 26 November, I launched the Civil Society Roots Fund in partnership with the City Bridge Trust and my Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), to increase support for London's civil society. The programme will support up to six specialist infrastructure organisations working at a regional level, including those working with BAME, LGBT+ and Women's organisations. All grantees will be offered a package of support in the form of a design lab. This will include dedicated time for the grantees to reflect on how they deliver civil society support

in London and maximise on partnership and collaboration. Grants of up to £100k each will be offered over a two-year period.

## Health

### **Visit to Granton Primary School, Lambeth**

On 26 November, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, visited Granton Primary School in the London Borough of Lambeth. She was able to congratulate them on achieving their Healthy Schools London Awards; as well as being part of my Mayor's Schools for Success programme. Joanne saw the work the school has undertaken to improve the health and wellbeing of pupils and was able to participate in school-based activities including healthy eating and cookery sessions, talking to pupil ambassadors and observing PSHE lessons about improving relationships.

### **London Healthy Workplace Award Ceremony**

On 18 November, we welcomed over 130 people to City Hall to celebrate the achievements of 64 businesses that have demonstrated a clear commitment to the health and wellbeing of their employees. Chair of the Health Committee, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, was also in attendance and able to personally congratulate all award winners.

The organisations and businesses receiving awards represent a range of sectors including NHS Trusts, hotels, nurseries and this year, we had our first business receive recognition under the recently introduced micro award. The London Healthy Workplace Award is closely aligned to my Good Work Standard and both are initiatives designed to support fair pay, good employment practices and better workplaces. I am delighted that so many businesses see the importance of this and that we were able to formally recognise this at such a prestigious event.

### **Signalling the start of my six tests application to hospital reconfiguration proposals**

Earlier this month I published my framework and process for applying my six tests, signalling to stakeholders that I am beginning to apply my tests to all major hospital reconfiguration proposals in London.

My six tests are a way for me to review and assess proposals, to look at how they reflect my priorities, and to constructively engage in consultations. Ultimately, applying the tests will help me to gain assurances that any plans are in the best interest of Londoners and allow me to champion and challenge the NHS accordingly.

The framework and process for applying the tests is available online at:  
[www.london.gov.uk/mayors-six-tests](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayors-six-tests)

### **HIV Testing Week**

I was very pleased to support HIV Testing Week which ran from 16 to 22 November. This is an annual campaign to encourage people to get tested, particularly those from the groups most affected by HIV.

You can watch my video message here:

<https://www.facebook.com/MayorofLondon/videos/hiv-test-week/2687846071272861/>

London has two-and-a-half times the rates of HIV as the rest of the country, so if we are to end new HIV transmissions and remove the stigma around HIV we must do all we can to encourage people to come forward to be tested and treated.

You can find more information about testing at: <https://doitlondon.org/>

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

### **Model City launch event**

On 4 November my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended the launch event for my Model City project. Model City is a partnership between the GLA, Laureus Sport for Good, and Nike, aimed at improving social integration through sport. The partnership is working with three pilot projects in Barking, Haringey and Hounslow. The launch event took place in Haringey, bringing together organisations from across the three Model City areas. Each area launched their local strategy and vision for Model City, which included grant funding for local projects.

Model City uses a 'bottom up' approach, actively encouraging local communities to influence decisions that impact them. Funding is directed towards the issues community coalitions recognise as being important to their area and its residents.

### **Major Events volunteering**

On 9 November, 30 Major Events volunteers supported the Lord Mayor's show. Volunteers provided wayfinding services to visitors and informed them of the many activations happening around the St Paul's Cathedral area. The event, which has been taking place for more than 800 years, was a great success with visitors seeing over 6,000 people take part in the parade.

### **Small Grants visit**

On 18 November, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited the Conversation Café project at the New Cross Gate Trust. The New Cross Gate Trust is one of 11 organisations I awarded a small grant to in 2018/19, as part of my Small Grants programme. The programme supports social integration in London.

The Conversation Café provides a space for socially isolated members of the community to meet and socialise with ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students who, in turn, are given the opportunity to practice their English language skills. During the visit, my Deputy Mayor, met with staff to discuss the positive impact of the project. In particular, staff spoke of the continued improvement in interaction between volunteers and beneficiaries, despite not knowing each other and speaking different languages.

## **Explore Your Horizons**

On 28 November, my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, kicked off Team London's Explore Your Horizons event – offering an introduction to careers and opportunities for young people. There were 270 Year 9 students from schools across London speed networking with over 250 business volunteers.

The event was a huge success. Business volunteers left with more information about how they can volunteer to support schools and colleges in their communities. Students left with the information and awareness they need to make informed decisions about their futures.

## **ESOL Plus**

On 4 December, the next phase of my ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Plus programme was launched. ESOL Plus Arts is a programme that will foster partnerships between professionals working with ESOL learners and practitioners in the arts, culture and heritage sectors. Projects will test creative methods to support learners who face multiple barriers to accessing or progressing in formal ESOL provision. It will integrate informal participatory approaches to ESOL with creative activities to support social integration for learners and volunteers alike.

# **Culture and Events**

## **Culture and Creative Industries Reception**

On 4 November, I hosted my annual Culture and Creative Industries reception with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE and, chair of my Cultural Leadership Board, Ben Evans OBE. There were 120 senior leaders and creatives in attendance from across the cultural sector including my Cultural Leadership Board Ambassadors. The reception was an opportunity to recognise the achievements that cultural and creative leaders have made throughout the year and to reflect on the priorities in my Culture Strategy.

## **Steve McQueen's 'Year 3' Exhibition Launch, Tate Britain**

On 11 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the launch of Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen's exhibition 'Year 3' at Tate Britain. 70,000 of London's seven-to-eight-year old primary school students participated in class photographs which are now displayed at Tate Britain. The photographs are also featured on 600 billboards across London boroughs. This project is an ambitious portrait of the next generation of Londoners, a celebration of London's diversity and openness.

## **London Borough of Culture – Brent 2020 Programme Launch**

On 12 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, launched the artistic programme for Brent's London Borough of Culture 2020 alongside Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive of Brent Council and Artistic Director Lois Stonock at the Kiln Theatre. Over 300 people attended including artists, volunteers, community advisors and young

ambassadors. The programme includes new work by author Zadie Smith, a No Bass Like Home festival in Harlesden by Brent's reggae pioneers, a mile-long summer street party on Kilburn High Road and an opening ceremony on the steps of Wembley Stadium. There was widespread media coverage with stories in The Guardian, The Telegraph, The Times, and The New York Times.

### **EFG London Jazz Festival Opening Gala**

On 15 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the opening-night gala of the EFG London Jazz Festival at the Southbank Centre. The EFG London Jazz Festival is London's biggest music festival, and this annual 10-day event shows that London is open to creativity. The festival showcases international talent across London's venues from Wood Green to Barnes. It also promotes diverse, homegrown creatives through its Young and Serious talent development programme.

### **London Music Fund Breakfast**

On 18 November, I attended the London Music Fund's fundraising breakfast at City Hall with my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE. The event helped to raise money and build business support for the London Music Fund, of which I am the patron. The Fund provides four-year scholarships to learn a musical instrument for young people from low-income families in every London borough. Over 500 Scholarships have been awarded to date, and 62 per cent of current scholars are from BAME backgrounds. The event included an inspirational speech from 11-year-old Zainab, a young Scholar from Waltham Forest Music Service, on the positive impact her scholarship has made to her life.

### **Camden Music Walk of Fame**

On 19 November, my Night Czar Amy Lamé attended the launch of the Music Walk of Fame in Camden. This new initiative will recognise Camden's rich music heritage and its thriving cluster of music studios, venues and music industry businesses. The Who attended the launch and were honoured with the first stone in the Walk of Fame. Further acts will be recognised in the coming months. The Music Walk of Fame will help boost London's £1.2 billion music tourism industry and maintain our position as the leading global music city.

### **Award for Women's Night Safety Charter**

On 2 December, my Night Czar Amy Lamé received an award from the Night Time Industries Association (NTIA). The NTIA is an influential Trade Association and Membership Organisation which promotes the unique contribution of The Night Time Industry in the UK and internationally. My Night Czar received the award for creating London's first Women's Night Safety Charter. The aim of the charter is to make London a city where more women feel safe and confident when working, travelling or going out at night. It is supported by over 250 venues and organisations that operate at night.

### **Fashion Council's Annual Fashion Awards Charitable Fundraiser**

On 2 December, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the British Fashion Council's annual Fashion Awards fundraiser at the Royal Albert Hall. The British Fashion Council is a not for profit organisation and these charitable awards help the organisation support the future pipeline of creative talent. The Fashion Awards commend individuals who have made an important contribution to the industry over the past

year. The fashion industry is an economic powerhouse worth £32 billion to the UK economy, and I am committed to promoting our world-class talent. This year's Model of the Year Award nominees represented the most diverse line-up ever, addressing a historic gap in representation and visibility. Streatham-born Supermodel Naomi Campbell was named Icon of the Year, in recognition of her significant contribution to the industry.

### **Night Time Borough Champions Network**

On 3 December, my Night Czar Amy Lamé, chaired the latest Night Time Borough Champions Network meeting. The session focused on community engagement and improving lighting, transport and the public realm at night and included a number of guest speakers including the Night Czar of New York, Ariel Palitz. The network supports boroughs to develop night-time strategies, as called for in my new London Plan and recommended by the Night Time Commission. Boroughs share best practice, case studies and advice from across London and around the world through this network.

## **International**

### **Mayor of Istanbul visit to City Hall**

On 14 November, I welcomed the Mayor of Istanbul, Mr. Ekrem İmamoğlu, to City Hall where we discussed our respective priorities and the common challenges facing Istanbul and London. We also discussed ways that our two cities might work more closely together, particularly through international networks of cities like the C40 and the World Cities Culture Forum.

## **London Legacy Development Corporation**

### **Neighbourhood Priorities Fund**

On 6 November, London Legacy Development Corporation announced £885k in funding for 14 local community projects, awarded from this year's Neighbourhood Priorities Fund.

The 14 successful projects provide a variety of community services including the E20 Football Foundation Football Academy, offering free football sessions and professional coaching to local residents; the Palace Club which provides a social network for Hackney Wick residents over 65; and Ride Side by Side which offers transportation for older residents on electric bicycles.

### **East Bank**

I welcome the appointment of Gus Casely-Hayford as Director of V&A East announced on 8 November, which marks another step forward for the East Bank project – London's new culture and education powerhouse.



## **Microsoft annual event 'X019'**

From 14-16 November, thousands of gaming fans descended on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park as X019 – Microsoft's biggest annual event – took place at the Copper Box Arena, with millions more joining in online. The dynamic event included hands-on gameplay, expert panel discussions and a range of other activities.

## **London Stadium Wi-Fi**

On 20 November, London Stadium announced plans to deliver the free stadium Wi-Fi in the UK, providing a world-class event-day experience for the millions of visitors who come to the stadium. The major improvement project, delivered in collaboration with O2 Business and Cisco, will be tested throughout November and December, before launching fully in February 2020.

## **2019 International Swimming League**

On 23-24 November, London Aquatics Centre hosted two International Swimming League meets, in what was the new league's inaugural event. The two-day meet was the penultimate leg of the competition, which saw London Roar qualify for the Grand Final in front of sold-out crowds.

# **Planning**

## **Planning and Development Control Friday 1st November 2019 to Thursday 5th December 2019**

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

*St Thomas' Hospital, Westminster Bridge Road, 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.

*Gascoigne Estate East, Barking, LB Barking and Dagenham*

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

*Former BBC Sports Ground, New Malden, LB Kingston Upon Thames*

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

*Bury Lodge Depot, Bury Street West, LB Enfield*

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

*2-6 St Pancras Way, Kings Cross, LB Camden*

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

*96-102 Broadway, West Ealing, LB Ealing*

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

*Emmaus Retreat Centre, West Wickham, LB Bromley*

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

*Former Showcase Cinema, Jenkins Lane, 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.

*233-236 Nestles Avenue, Hayes, LB Hillingdon*

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

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

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

- Morrisons Supermarket, Yiewsley, Hillingdon
- Sainsbury's site, Hyde Road Estate, Hendon, Barnet
- South Grove Site C, Walthamstow, Waltham Forest
- Chancel House, Neasden Lane, Brent
- West London Studios, Springfield Road, Hayes, Hillingdon
- 498-500 Abbey Road, Abbey Wood, Bexley
- St Nicholas House, Sutton, Sutton
- Peel Place, Kilburn Park, Brent
- Morrison's, High Street, Brentford, Hounslow
- Champion Hill Stadium, East Dulwich, Southwark
- Scott House, Grove Street, Rotherhithe, Lewisham
- Southgate Office Village, Chase Road, Enfield
- 227-255 Ilderton Road, Bermondsey, Southwark
- Meridian Water, Phase 2, Enfield
- Electra House, Moorgate, City of London
- Harrow View East, Plots D1, D2, D4, D5 & D6, Harrow
- 597-601 High Road, Seven Kings Ilford, Redbridge
- Greenwich Peninsula Masterplan 2019, Greenwich
- Hounslow High Street Quarter, Hounslow, Hounslow
- Safari Cinema, Station Road, Harrow, Harrow
- 36-46 Albert Embankment, Lambeth
- 60 Sloane Avenue, Kensington and Chelsea
- New City Court, Southwark, Southwark
- Lilly's Farm, Chelsfield Lane, Bromley
- Islay Wharf, Lochnager Street, Tower Hamlets
- Sampson House, Bankside, Southwark
- 30 Rugby Road, Twickenham, Hounslow
- Stratford International Bus Layover, LLDC

## **Planning Application – Stage 2 (delegated decision)**

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

*Former GlaxoSmithKline site and Sunblest Bakery, Greenford Green, LB Ealing*

The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe CBE, has written to the London Borough of Ealing stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

## **Planning Application – Reserved Matters**

*Beam Park RMA - Barking & Dagenham and Havering*

## **Thames Tideway Tunnel Development Consent Order**

*Cremorne Wharf Site Restoration Scheme - Kensington and Chelsea*

## **Key Engagements**

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

- I attended and addressed the Southall Nagar Kirtan celebrating Guru Nanak's 550th birthday, organised by Sri Guru Sri Singh Sabha Southall, on 3 November
- I attended the Diwali Festival on the Square on 3 November
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 4 November
- I attended the Culture and Creative Industries Reception on 4 November
- I addressed the London Conference hosted by the Centre for London on 5 November
- I took part in the Royal British Legion Poppy Ride at City Hall on 5 November to help the City Hall branch of The Legion raise money for this year's Poppy Appeal
- I visited Peckham Pantry, a membership food pantry at St Luke's Church, Peckham on 6 November
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 6 November
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 7 November
- I addressed the Women of the Future Summit on 7 November
- I had my regular meeting with Liz Peace, Chair of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation, on 7 November
- I attended a Joint Sponsor debrief during the Crossrail Limited Board on 7 November to receive a project update from Crossrail Limited Board members
- I attended the Remembering the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its Abolition Service and Reception at City Hall on 7 November
- I attended the Annual GLA Remembrance Day Service at City Hall on 8 November
- I attended the City Sikhs Guru Nanak 550th Birthday Celebration at City Hall on 8 November
- I attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph on 10 November
- I launched London Living Wage week at Somerset House on 11 November and announced the new London Living Wage rate for the next 12 months

- I attended the launch of the USDAW – Co-op ‘Freedom from Fear/Respect for Shopworkers Week’ on 11 November
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 11 November
- I attended the launch of the 2019 Civic Innovation Challenge and the newly re-launched Tech.London website, at the Microsoft Store in Oxford Circus, on 11 November
- I attended the London Councils Congress Executive on 12 November
- I had an introductory meeting with Ekrem İmamoğlu, the new Mayor of Istanbul, on 14 November
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 14 November
- I addressed the Federation of Small Business London Reception on 14 November
- I launched the Counter Terrorism Preparedness & Societal Resilience Project Report on 15 November
- I addressed the Skills London 2019 at ExCel London on 15 November
- I attended the Asian Curry Awards on 17 November
- I addressed the London Music Fund Business Breakfast at City Hall on 18 November
- I met with Mike Brown, Transport Commissioner, on 18 November ahead of the Transport for London Board Meeting
- I had my regular meeting with the Transport Unions on 19 November
- I attended the Guru Nanak 550th Birthday Reception at City Hall on 19 November
- I had an introductory meeting with Andy Lord, the new MD of London Underground, on 20 November
- I chaired the Transport for London Board Meeting on 20 November
- I addressed E2E’s #ScaleUp2Success event on 20 November
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 21 November
- I visited Clapham Common on 23 November to take part in a volunteer tree planting event as part of National Tree Week
- I chaired the AEB Mayoral Board meeting on 26 November
- I chaired my regular planning decision meeting on 26 November
- I met with Dr Nelson Ogunshakin, Transport for London Board Member, on 27 November to discuss transport issues in London
- I met with interns from Steps into Work, the Transport for London internship programme, on 27 November
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 28 November
- I visited the Help Refugees “Choose Love” Pop-Up store at Seven Dials on 29 November
- I attended COBRA on 29 November
- I visited the London Bridge and Fishmongers Hall cordon on 30 November
- I visited the Emergency Operations Centre at the London Ambulance Service Headquarters on 30 November to meet staff who oversaw the London Ambulance Service response to the Fishmongers Hall Terrorist Attack
- I attended the Vigil at Guildhall Yard on 2 December to honour the victims of the Fishmongers Hall Terrorist Attack
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 2 December
- I chaired the Homes for Londoners board meeting on 4 December
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 4 December
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 5 December

- I attended the opening of The Ohana Floor, a free event space available to not-for-profit organisations on the 36th floor of the Salesforce Tower, on 5 December
- I met with students from Kings College London on 5 December

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