

5th Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 19 October 2016

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Executive Summary

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Deputy Mayor for Social Integration

On 9 September, I announced that Matthew Ryder QC, one of the country's leading lawyers, will join my team at City Hall as my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement.

Matthew will help ensure Londoners from different faiths, ethnicities, backgrounds and social classes are better integrated in a city that is the most diverse in the country.

Policing, Crime and Security

Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe

On 29 September, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, announced his decision to retire in February 2017.

I would like to thank Bernard for his years of service and dedication to keeping Londoners safe - I have enjoyed working closely together with him over the past five months, and will continue to do so until he retires.

Bernard oversaw the excellent policing of the 2012 Olympic Games and has taken big steps towards making our police service more representative of London.

I will work closely with the Home Secretary to ensure we find the best possible candidate to appoint as the new Commissioner, so that we can continue to keep Londoners safe.

Passing Out Parade

On 9 September, I attended the Metropolitan Police Passing Out parade for 300 new police recruits. Whilst this was a special day for these new recruits, it also marked a milestone for the MPS, reaching 4,000 Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) officers for the first time.

I am delighted on the progress made, but we still have more to do, and that is why I announced a legal review to ensure the MPS is doing everything it can to utilise existing legislation. I am determined to make more progress towards my aim of having a MPS that is as diverse as the make-up of Londoners. This is not about tokenism, but about building trust and respect between our vital police force and all Londoners.

One of the best things about London is its astounding diversity. But to continue to be one of the safest big cities in the world, and I want us to become even safer, we need our capital's police force to reflect this, and to look like the communities it is charged with keeping safe.

Pioneering new project to help young victims of sexual abuse

On 13 September, the Home Secretary Amber Rudd and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, joined me at the Children and Young Persons Haven at King's College Hospital to announce a pioneering project to help children who have been victims of sexual abuse or exploitation.

The UK's first two Child Houses, funded by £7.2m secured by MOPAC and NHS England (London) from the Home Office Innovation Fund, will offer medical, investigative and emotional support in one place, removing the need for young victims to go through the trauma of repeating their statement several times to different agencies.

This multi-agency approach will help gather better evidence and increase the speed of its delivery to court, as well as offering longer term support to victims of child sexual abuse in the criminal justice system.

The new Child Houses, which will open next year, will build on the work of the CYP Haven. While the Haven offers an urgent 24/7 response, a predominantly clinical service and short term care and support, the Child Houses will provide a multi-agency, long-term support and advocacy service under one roof.

Criminal justice aspects of aftercare will be embedded in the service, with evidence gathering interviews led by child psychologists on behalf of the police and social workers, and court evidence provided through video links to aid swifter justice.

City Hall holds MPS and justice partners to account

I am pleased that City Hall will now hold regular public meetings to hold the Metropolitan Police Service and criminal justice partners to account, and ensure everything possible is being done to keep Londoners safe.

The first of these new public meetings took place on 28 September, where my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, questioned the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe.

The 'Policing Matters' meetings will consider a concerning rise in crime including gun crime over the last year; crime rates by area; and what more can be done for the most vulnerable Londoners and to improve confidence in London's communities.

Transport

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The new fare will mean an estimated 30m bus journeys currently costing £1.50 will now become free every year. It will particularly benefit Londoners on lower incomes who often rely on the bus network to get around.

The new Hopper will provide two journeys for the price of one within an hour and TfL is now working on delivering unlimited bus and tram transfers within one hour in 2018.

I approved the proposed revision to TfL fares to be implemented from 11 September 2016 and directed TfL, pursuant to the power in section 155 (1)(c) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, to implement the fares on 11 September 2016.

Commitment to building greener, public transport-focused crossings

On 4 October, I outlined my commitment to providing greener and more public transport-focused river crossings in the east and south east of London.

I have set out a package of new river crossings to be built in the next five to ten years that will vastly improve travel across the capital, while supporting new affordable homes and business opportunities in east London.

These include:

- Plans for a new pedestrian and cycle bridge linking Rotherhithe & Canary Wharf to be accelerated;
- A series of enhancements to be made to the proposals for Silvertown Tunnel to make it greener and more public transport-focused, and exploring further benefits for local residents who use the tunnel;
- A DLR crossing at Gallions Reach, helping support the development of around 17,000 new homes across Newham and the Royal Borough of Greenwich;
- Further assessment work for a Barking Riverside-Abbey Wood London Overground crossing; and
- Further assessment of a North Greenwich-Isle of Dogs ferry, supporting new development on the Greenwich Peninsula and the Isle of Dogs

New TfL Board

On 6 September, I announced my appointments to a new slimmed-down TfL Board that better represents the diversity of the capital.

The previous TfL Board included 13 men and four women, with no BAME representative. By contrast my new Board will be 57 per cent female, 29 per cent BAME and 13 per cent with a disability – with the final position to fill.

As part of my work to make TfL more efficient, I have reduced the Board by two members, two advisors and restructured payments to all members, thus saving approximately £190,000 a year compared to 2015/16.

First fully electric bus routes for Central London

On 9 September, I announced that routes 507 and 521 will exclusively run a 51-strong fleet of all-electric buses by the end of the year, as part of my ambitious campaign to dramatically improve air quality in the capital. Combined with 22 all-electric buses already running in outer London, it will take the capital's entire fleet of electric buses up to 73 – the largest in Europe.

The move to the all-electric single-deck buses, made in Britain by Chinese company BYD and British manufacturer ADL, will eliminate NOx emissions on the routes and reduce CO2 emissions by 40 per cent. The buses will also be the first to include screens showing the next five stops and how the Tube and Overground is running, as well as 12 seats with USB sockets to help passengers charge their phones.

The phased delivery of the 51 buses marks a significant step forward in my comprehensive plan to transform the capital's bus fleet. This plan includes all 300 single-deck buses that travel through central London to be zero emission by 2020, and all 3,100 double deck buses to be hybrid by 2019.

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Special new measures being introduced to help London’s black cab industry to continue to flourish include:

- TfL will open up an extra 20 bus lanes for use by taxis this year and is asking London Boroughs to consider access for taxis to a further 40 on roads they control;
- The number of taxi ranks will also be increased by at least 20 per cent by 2020; and
- The use of new technology to provide customers with information to help connect them with taxis more quickly and easily - adding taxi information to TfL’s journey planner by summer 2017.

The iconic black cab trade – already recognised as the finest service of its type in any city – will also be helped to become the greenest in the world.

- From next year, up to £5,000 will be available to drivers who scrap the oldest and most polluting taxis. A grant of £3,000 will be provided towards the first 9,000 Zero Emission Capable (ZEC) taxis and TfL is asking the Government to guarantee the ‘plug-in car grant’ for these vehicles, which would take the total grant to £7,500; and
- From 1 January 2018 no more new diesel taxis will be licensed.

A range of measures are also being introduced to enhance public safety, many of these were outlined in the recent Private Hire Regulations review. These include:

- A formal English language requirement for all private hire drivers;
- The provision of driver and vehicle details to customers, including a photo of the driver, before the start of each journey; and
- Even more robust insurance requirements.

Letter to private hire drivers and passengers

On 23 September, I wrote to private hire drivers and their passengers to outline my determination to create a vibrant market with space for all providers to flourish.

I have responded to an Uber email campaign about the future of the capital’s taxi and private hire trades by outlining my efforts to drive up standards, enforce regulations fairly and improve safety for every passenger and driver in London.

Review into Garden Bridge project

On 22 September, I announced that Dame Margaret Hodge MP, former chair of the Public Accounts Committee, will conduct a review into the Garden Bridge project.

The review into the proposed £185 million footbridge linking Temple with the Southbank will look in detail at whether value for money has been achieved from the taxpayers' contribution to the project, and investigate the work of TfL, the GLA, and other relevant authorities around the Garden Bridge going back to when the project was first proposed.

Dame Margaret Hodge spent five years as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee scrutinising public spending across all areas of Government, and earned widespread respect from all sides of the political spectrum, holding leading public figures to account.

I promised to look into the decisions made around the public sector contribution to the project, and subsequently published the full business plan for the Garden Bridge project, as well as a list of its funders that could be made public.

I have pledged to make the project more open and transparent compared to his predecessor, and have made my view clear that no new London taxpayers' funds should be committed to the Garden Bridge.

Measures to rid London of dangerous lorries

On 30 September, I announced ground-breaking proposals to make London's roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists by removing the most dangerous lorries from the capital's roads by 2020.

TfL's Direct Vision Standard, a world first, will use a 'star rating' from 0 to 5 stars to rate construction and other heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) based on the level of vision the driver has directly from the cab.

Under the plans to be consulted on shortly, the most dangerous 'off-road' HGVs will be banned from London's streets entirely by January 2020.

These HGVs would be 'zero star rated' by the Direct Vision Standard. Only HGVs meeting 3 stars or above – 'good rating' in the new Direct Vision Standard – would be allowed on London's roads by 2024.

Recent data shows that HGVs were involved in 22.5 per cent of pedestrian fatalities and 58 per cent of cyclist fatalities on London's roads in 2014 and 2015, despite only making four per cent of the miles driven in the capital.

The restriction of drivers' field of direct vision by vehicle design has been proven to have contributed to many of these fatalities.

There are around 35,000 of the zero star-rated 'off-road' HGVs currently operating on London's roads, and they were involved in around 70 per cent of cyclist fatalities involving HGVs in the last three years. It is this type of vehicle that I have pledged to remove from London's roads by 2020.

TfL and the wider Greater London Authority group will lead by example and adopt the new Direct Vision Standard in all future contracts from the new financial year, to ensure that no trucks with poor direct vision are used in their future supply chains.

TfL and I will also work with developers and councils to encourage them to do the same, and I have pledged to continue pressing the EU to introduce new EU wide safety standards for HGVs.

Bright future for Cycle Hire

On 3 October, I welcomed the next generation of London's cycle hire scheme, Santander Cycles, after TfL signed a deal that will bring an upgraded UK-manufactured bike to the capital's streets.

TfL has awarded Serco a new five year contract to distribute and maintain the popular hire scheme. This includes the manufacture of an upgraded bike, which will be made by British company Pashley Cycles at its factory in Stratford-upon-Avon.

This next generation bike will retain the popular features of the existing model, but will be lighter and more manoeuvrable with smaller wheels, a lower frame, a new gear hub and a more comfortable seat. It is anticipated that they will be on the streets in 2018, with around 500 supplied each year to replace older models.

Utility firm handed largest ever fine for mismanaging streetworks

TfL has successfully prosecuted energy company London Power Networks, a subsidiary of UK Power Networks, as part of its commitment to ensure roadworks cause the minimum disruption as possible to road users.

The offences included two counts of carrying out work without a permit and a further two counts of failing to serve the required statutory streetworks notices before beginning work, follow schemes undertaken in Bressenden Place and Lower Grosvenor Place on 9 February.

Lace up for an Autumn Amble

On 1 and 2 October, Londoners were able to join guided walks around the capital for free as part of TfL's Autumn Ambles weekend. The 42 guided walks showcased some of the city's best attractions, architecture and open spaces.

The free guided walks ranged from short strolls to challenging treks and took in some of London's famous landmarks and panoramic views. All walks started and finished within easy reach of public transport and explore sections of the city's seven popular Walk London Network routes, with knowledgeable Walk London guides leading the way.

I have put a new focus on making it easier and more enjoyable to walk around London, and TfL is working with London boroughs, businesses and schools to make this commitment a reality.

A wide range of improvements to London's streets, junctions and public spaces are underway with more than 1,500 Legible London signs across the capital to help people find their way. TfL has also launched a new version of the Tube map, which shows how many steps it takes to walk between stations in zones 1 and 2.

Public support plans for a safer and simpler King's Cross gyratory

Initial proposals to radically change the King's Cross gyratory network have been supported by the majority of respondents to a recent public consultation.

Improved pedestrian facilities were among the most important change according to respondents. TfL will now develop the plans with Islington and Camden councils and launch a detailed consultation next year

The majority of people living, working or passing through the King's Cross area have supported early proposals for a transformation of the area. The plans, developed by TfL and Islington and Camden councils, include new road layouts and better facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, which were supported by 70 per cent of those who responded to the consultation held earlier this year.

The next step for this radical improvement is to consider all responses to the consultation before developing - alongside Islington and Camden - detailed proposals for further consultation next year.

The detailed plans will be developed to ensure they are coherently linked to other major schemes and improvements taking place across this part of London, including the extension of the North-South Cycle Superhighway between Stonecutter Street and King's Cross, and borough cycling schemes as part of the Quietway and Central London Grid programmes.

Plan ahead for autumn weekend closures affecting TfL Rail

Customers have been advised that work to improve stations, tracks and prepare for new trains and future Elizabeth line services, will result in a number of weekend closures between Liverpool Street and Shenfield this autumn.

The work, which is being carried out by Network Rail and will affect both TfL Rail and Abellio Greater Anglia services, will include the remodelling of track at Shenfield, and upgrading and replacing old overhead power lines between Liverpool Street and Shenfield. When complete, this will reduce delays and improve reliability for rail passengers.

Network Rail will continue platform work to prepare for the new longer air-conditioned trains, which are currently being built and tested and will start serving the route from May next year. Station improvement work, that cannot take place when trains are running, will also take place, including both TfL and Network Rail preparatory work for new lifts at stations.

Rail replacement buses will operate and customers are advised to check tfl.gov.uk to plan their route, and for updates on engineering works and transport service changes that may affect journeys.

TfL Rail operates the stopping service between Liverpool Street and Shenfield. This will become part of the Elizabeth line in December 2018 when the central tunnels through London are opened.

Companies come together to plan for building Crossrail 2

On 14 September, TfL and Network Rail brought together a wide range of experts from the world of engineering, design and construction who could be involved in the next stage of the proposed new Crossrail 2 railway.

The industry event, which was attended by organisations representing the breadth of the future supply chain, set out plans for the development of the Crossrail 2 project that would relieve pressure on the transport network across London and the south east, enabling 270,000 more people to enter central London every morning at peak time.

This early engagement will encourage collaborative working and early innovation, driving down costs and ensuring the railway can be delivered on time and in a way that represents the very best value for money.

It will also allow the industries to develop their plans for investing in skills and the future workforce. This will build on the success of the Crossrail construction project, which has already created over 570 apprenticeships.

During the construction of the proposed railway, up to 60,000 full time jobs could be supported across the UK in the engineering, construction and manufacturing supply chain, thus driving hundreds of millions of pounds to regional and local economies. In total, the railway could drive the development of 200,000 homes and support 200,000 new jobs.

TfL helping minimise disruption during City of London's essential Tower Bridge closure

TfL has set out plans to help reduce disruption during the City of London's maintenance work on Tower Bridge. The three-month closure, which began on 1 October, means vehicles are unable to use the bridge.

TfL is advising road users of disruption to the surrounding area and has implemented a ban of all non-emergency roadworks on surrounding roads to help reduce the impact. Additionally TfL has also put in place plans to swiftly remove any vehicles blocking key surrounding routes to help reduce disruption.

During the closure of the bridge, drivers, cyclists and bus users need to use an alternative route and should allow extra time for their journey. A signed diversion will be in place taking drivers northbound over London Bridge and southbound over Southwark Bridge. As Tower Bridge is outside of the Congestion Charge zone, drivers will not be liable for the Congestion Charge if they do not deviate from the signed alternative routes.

To help support the City of London, TfL has carried out a range of activity to alert local residents, businesses and road users of this closure. More than 900,000 emails have been sent out to road, bus and other public transport users about the work, ensuring local people, businesses and those making deliveries in the surrounding areas are aware of the closure. Signage is also in place on Tower Bridge and the approaching roads to warn of the closure.

The 122-year-old Tower Bridge was last refurbished in the 1970s and the iconic structure now requires major maintenance, including re-decking of the lifting bascules, new expansion joints, waterproofing of the viaduct arches and resurfacing.

Full line closure of Gospel Oak to Barking railway line

The second phase of major upgrade work to the London Overground between Gospel Oak and Barking has resulted in the whole line being closed on weekdays and weekends since Saturday 24 September, as part of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan.

Replacement bus services are available for parts of the journey and customers are advised to plan their journeys in advance. Regular pay as you go users of the Gospel Oak to Barking line will be automatically refunded the additional cost of travel via Zone 1 by Tube or rail.

Network Rail is delivering the project, which is funded by the Department for Transport and TfL. The project will see TfL introduce new four car electric trains to replace the existing two car diesel trains from January 2018, helping to meet growing passenger demand. The trains are being built by Bombardier for TfL.

Network Rail is carrying out major work, including lowering four major sections of track, installing structures to carry the overhead wires and rebuilding four bridges.

This upgrade will have huge benefits to passengers and neighbours. It will enable longer, quieter and cleaner trains to run.

Ilford station's revamped ticket hall opens at York Road

A renovated ticket hall at Ilford station has opened to the public, providing an alternative to the main entrance on Cranbrook Road.

The new entrance provides a much more welcoming and secure environment for customers accessing the station from the north side, with a new ticket machine, lighting, CCTV and real-time updates on customer information screens.

The main Ilford station entrance on Cranbrook Road will also be redesigned and rebuilt by Network Rail and Crossrail Limited, with improvements over the next few years including new lifts, as part of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan.

The modernisation of Ilford station is part of a TfL programme of improvements being carried out along the route that will become the Elizabeth line, with customers at Manor Park, Seven Kings, Maryland, Chadwell Heath and Brentwood stations to benefit from new ticket gates and ticket machines, as well as improved customer information, lighting, external renovation and some new accessible toilets and retail spaces.

The Economy, Business, Enterprise and Regeneration

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I was pleased to be able to meet with community and faith representatives, attend cultural events and visit various business and redevelopment projects during the trip. Over the 5 working days, I attended 29 events in total, making 13 speeches to an estimated 3000 people.

The purpose of the trip was to strengthen ties with the three cities and to demonstrate that London remains open for business and a key destination for investment and tourism following the EU referendum.

In meetings with senior politicians and city leaders, discussions covered key issues of common interest, including the need for greater social integration, regeneration and new affordable housing.

I was accompanied in Chicago and New York by a delegation of 30 tech entrepreneurs based in London. The aims of the Trade Mission were to:

- showcase the talent of London's high growth tech sector;
- introduce the delegates to decision makers within major corporates for partnership or procurement opportunities; and
- support the delegates in securing investment to help scale their businesses internationally

Many of the businesses have already formed new partnerships with companies they met and numerous business leads have been created for the entrepreneurs that they are hoping to translate into significant business opportunities. Likewise a number of FDI leads have been created which will potentially create numerous jobs in London in the future.

London is Open – meeting with President of the European Parliament

On 22 September, I met the President of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz, at City Hall to stress that London is open and to emphasise the importance of the capital having a seat at the negotiating table in the aftermath of the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union.

London was the only region of England which voted to remain in June's referendum, and I am lobbying ministers to ensure that the capital's voice is heard when exit negotiations commence.

I reassured President Schulz, who came to City Hall, that EU citizens living in the capital will always remain welcome in the city. I told the President that London's interests in the EU are a key part of the city's success and that both the capital and the devolved nations must be actively engaged in the process to leave the EU.

I also stressed that London needs comprehensive access to the single market and the ability to keep and attract talented people from across the EU.

Summit to protect life sciences in aftermath of Brexit

On 23 September, City Hall hosted a summit with some of the leading figures from London's life sciences industry to discuss how to best protect the sector in the aftermath of the country's decision to leave the European Union.

The summit focused on the opportunities for this vitally important sector and was attended by some of the country's most distinguished life scientists, including Sir Paul Nurse, Chief Executive of the £700million Francis Crick Institute, which will open later this year.

Chaired by Rajesh Agrawal, my Deputy Mayor for Business, the summit looked to reassure the life sciences sector that London remains open for business and that the sector remains fundamental to London's business, research, innovation, skills and health landscape.

The meeting also discussed the challenges posed by Brexit and what the life science sector will need from the Government's negotiations with the EU.

Celebrating London's food and drink producers at the Urban Food Awards

On 21 September, some of the city's brightest and best producers were celebrating after being selected top of their individual categories in the third annual marker event for the very best food and drink produced by London companies with 50 employees or fewer.

The group of locally-based producers were crowned at an awards event at the capital's world famous Borough Market, recognising their outstanding contributions to London's food scene.

Thousands of Londoners voted for their top growers, products and retailers at the Urban Food Awards, which is organised by City Hall, Borough Market and London Food Link. A panel of judges including chefs Tom Hunt, Rowley Leigh and Oliver Rowe and food writer Olia Hercules, had the enviable task of whittling down the shortlist in 11 food and drink categories.

This year, I presented a brand new award recognising the innovative use of surplus food. The Best Surplus Food Initiative award recognises excellent work being done by producers to avoid food waste, in a city where the Evening Standard's campaign Food for London has shown 875,000 Londoners worry about where their next meal is coming from.

The award was won by Gourmet Goat, which uses surplus goat meat from dairy farms, vine leaves from Forty Hall Vineyard in Enfield and other surplus products to make delicious eastern Mediterranean-style dishes.

Review of London & Partners

I have approved an internal review into the impact and efficiency of GLA funding of London & Partners programmes, to ensure the best possible promotion of London supported by GLA staff resources.

I have agreed a contingency of £25,000 that the Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment may if necessary draw on to procure specialist consultancy support for the review.

Civic Crowdfunding Programme

On 14 September, my Regeneration Team held a celebratory Winner's Workshop at City Hall for the recipients of funding in the third round of the Mayor's Civic Crowdfunding Programme.

The innovative programme invites London's communities to come together and propose ideas to regenerate their local area, harnessing the support of City Hall, local residents and beyond.

Over the first two rounds, we have pledged £600,000 to 35 local projects and in the third round an additional £225,000 of Mayoral pledges was announced to support 20 new projects driving regeneration of their local areas.

Projects include providing new workspaces with training opportunities, boosting healthy eating and food growing and supporting public events for all Londoners. These projects have so far seen over £380,000 pledged, alongside the GLA contribution, from almost 3500 backers, making this the biggest civic crowdfunding drive that London has ever seen.

Growing Places Fund – Tempus Energy

I have approved the novation and variation of the GLA’s Growing Places Fund agreement with Tempus Energy Limited to Tempus Technology Limited to optimise delivery of the ‘Tempus Energy’ project and repayment of funding to the GLA.

I have delegated authority to approve any future re-profiling of loan repayments to the Executive Director-Development, Enterprise & Environment, provided always that such re-profiling does not alter the five year long stop date for repayment noted above.

Housing and Land

Plans for up to 10,000 new homes in Barking

On 6 September, I paved the way for up to 10,000 new homes in Barking – with a target of 50 per cent being affordable homes to rent or those for first-time buyers – after approving the masterplan for Barking Riverside, the single largest regeneration site in the capital.

Under the previous Mayor, the plans included only 28 per cent affordable housing. Despite still operating under the existing London Plan set by the previous Mayor, I have now agreed a scheme that includes a minimum of 35 per cent affordable from the outset, with provisions to raise this in line with my long-term aim to 50 per cent over time through additional investment and viability reviews.

Launch of London Living Rent

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London Living Rent homes will have rents based on a third of average household incomes. New homes will be offered to low and middle-income households, typically earning between £35,000 and £45,000, who are currently renting privately. Across London, this would see the rent for a two-bed flat drop below £1,000 – compared to average private rents of £1,450.

Further details of the new programme will be released in the coming months, and I have begun working with housing associations and boroughs to kick start the delivery of new homes at these rent levels. The new Mayor of Hackney, Phil Glanville, has set to work implementing his manifesto pledge to build 500 homes for London Living Rent.

I also set out my plans to work with housing associations to put an end to so-called “rent conversions”, whereby existing social housing is re-let at higher rents. The previous Mayor encouraged these rent hikes for over 19,000 social rented properties, where rents rose by up to £5,500 per year, often pushing up the housing benefit bill.

Tottenham Housing Zone (Phase 1) – Hale Village Tower

I have agreed to allocate a further £55,159,294 to fund an intervention to unlock and accelerate the delivery of additional homes within the Tottenham Housing Zone. Subject to the satisfactory outcome of due diligence, I agree to fund this further Financial Transaction

intervention as part of a mixed development finance package in order to unlock the Hale Village Tower site.

I have delegated authority to the Executive Director of Housing and Land, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development, to determine (by means of a record in writing) that such due diligence has been satisfactorily undertaken and that it is appropriate for GLA Land and Property Limited (GLAP) to contractually commit Housing Zone loan funding of £55,159,294 to the site.

I have additionally delegated authority to the Executive Director of Housing and Land to approve any amendments required to the Overarching Borough Agreement between the London Borough of Haringey and the GLA dated 3 September 2015 as he considers necessary or expedient.

Environment

Londoners back plans to tackle air pollution

On 14 September, I published consultation results obtaining the views of a record 15,000 Londoners – the highest number of responses to a City Hall consultation ever. Londoners gave me their overwhelming support to press ahead with a bold and comprehensive package of measures to tackle clean up the capital's filthy air.

We are leading the way in taking urgent action to help end London's 'public health emergency' after revealing that the equivalent of almost 9,500 Londoners die from long-term exposure to air pollution every year and 443 schools in the capital are in areas exceeding safe air quality levels.

The consultation revealed that 79 per cent of Londoners consulted supported my proposal to bring the Ultra Low Emission Zone forward to 2019 and that 71 per cent believe it should be expanded to the North and South Circular.

Consultation results indicate widespread support for my call to Government for a diesel scrappage scheme to help Londoners switch away from the most polluting cars.

There is even stronger support for implementing an early £10 Emissions Surcharge (dubbed the 'T-charge') on the most polluting vehicles entering central London from 2017. The consultation found 81 per cent supported the charge, which would apply to all vehicles with pre-Euro 4 emissions standards – typically those registered before 2005 – and will cost an extra £10 per day on top of the existing Congestion Charge.

Since the consultation, I have already implemented a new programme of air quality advice and alerts following strong demand from Londoners. On the day before high and very high air pollution days, alerts will now be displayed on road signs, at bus stops and station entrances.

Education and Youth

Expansion of healthy food schools project

On 16 September, I announced that more schools in two of London's largest boroughs will be able to take advantage of a ground-breaking gardening scheme that has already encouraged thousands of young people to grow their own food and make healthy eating choices.

I announced the expansion of the London School Garden Grants initiative, which is a partnership between City Hall and Whole Foods Market's charitable arm, the Whole Kids Foundation, during a visit to a pop-up market near the location of a new branch of the retailer opening in Englewood, Chicago, a neighbourhood with high levels of poverty. This took place during my North American trip.

The London School Garden Grants initiative has already been working with 21 schools in the boroughs of Lambeth and Croydon, allocating funding to change the food environment in nursery, junior, primary and secondary schools and encouraging nearly 3,000 pupils to think a little more carefully about the food they eat.

The announcement means that from later this month more schools in these two boroughs will be able to apply for London School Garden Grants ranging from £500 to £3,000.

This funding can be spent on plants and seeds, tools, planting beds, sheds, greenhouses, water butts, composters, or even a chicken coop – as one school did last year. Pupils will be supported by parents, teachers and volunteers to establish and maintain the gardens.

London Curriculum

On 29 September, I launched the first London Curriculum teaching resource, 'Going Underground', for primary school children at the London Curriculum Festival.

Hundreds of primary school children gathered near City Hall on the banks of the Thames and in Potters Field for tasters of what the London Curriculum offers them and their teachers.

My Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, and I were joined by Darcey Bussell and Russian philanthropist, Yelena Batturina, whose BE OPEN Foundation supported the festival and the roll-out of the programme. Support was also given by the Mayor's Fund for London.

Over 1,800 primary schools across all 33 London boroughs now have the opportunity to bring learning to life inspired by London's people, places and heritage, in everything from history and poetry, to science and art. Schools can sign up to the London Curriculum and receive access to a brand new suite of resources and opportunities for Key Stage 2 teaching. This includes trips to the Houses of Parliament, the Natural History Museum and Guildhall Art Gallery and Amphitheatre.

Getting Ahead London

On 16 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, launched Getting Ahead London at PwC. This is my new scheme for identifying and supporting talented school senior leaders who aspire to become future heads and principals in London.

Joanne congratulated the 60 participants from schools across 25 London Boroughs on getting through what was a tough assessment process, with double the number of eligible applicants, and thanked them for their commitment to moving into headship and being part of London's continuing success story.

The audience also heard what Ofsted looks for in good and outstanding schools from Mike Sheridan HMI, Regional Director of London, Ofsted, and on the evolving context for leading schools from Sam Freedman, Executive Director of Programmes, Teach First.

PwC ran a masterclass to share private sector perspectives on different models of leadership and Challenge Partners matched the participants with their 20 coaches, who are headteachers from successful London schools and who have National Leader of Education status. It is the coaching relationship and work shadowing that is at the core of the programme's support to the deputy and assistant headteacher participants.

Getting Ahead London will run as a pilot over this school year, with key events in February and June 2017 to focus on establishing and embedding leadership. This pilot year is being evaluated externally by UCL.

Early years funding formula

One of my keys concerns as Mayor is the threat to London's educational success from the school and early years funding formula reforms of Government.

I therefore made a robust response in September to the Government's early years and childcare funding formula consultation, and I will continue to make a strong case, working with the London boroughs, that London's high needs are adequately recognised by Government.

While welcoming the greater transparency and overall increased funding available based on the new early years and childcare formula, I expressed major concerns on the implications for London of the proposed universal basic funding rate to deliver free childcare places. This is in the context of huge pressure on good childcare places in London and great variations in running costs across the capital and compared with the rest of the country. I am particularly concerned that some nurseries may be put at risk, yet these early years education settings tend to attract children from the most disadvantaged families and achieve the highest quality outcomes for them.

How to Build Diversity in TV and Film

On 14 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, spoke at an event *How to Build Diversity in TV and Film* which was focused on skills training for young people who want to get into the tech and media sectors.

Health

Alzheimer's Society Reception

On 22 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, spoke and hosted an evening reception in City Hall for the Alzheimer's Society ahead of World Alzheimer's Day. The vision of a dementia friendly City was featured as part of Joanne's speech.

Fire

Shadwell Fire Station

On 7 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, went to the opening ceremony of Shadwell Fire Station. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales officially opened the new state of the art fire station , which is fit for a 21st century fire and rescue service.

Review of Resourcing of the London Fire Brigade

I have approved a review looking into the resourcing of the London Fire Brigade and agreed expenditure of up to a maximum of £7,500 to procure the services of Anthony Mayer to undertake the review.

Volunteering

Team London Celebration Event

On 8 September, Team London welcomed volunteers to City Hall for a celebration event to thank those volunteers who gave up thousands of hours of their time to Team London programmes across the past summer.

The event included fun and games for all the attendees, as well as a chance to meet the Team London team, hear an update on Team London's activities in 2016 and plans for 2017 and catch up with friends they had volunteered with over numerous events throughout both the Summer and the year as a whole.

The positive impact that volunteering has in London's communities wouldn't be possible without the thousands of committed and dedicated volunteers who are willing to give up their time to support Team London programmes and charities that Team London engages with.

The Team London Ambassadors alone gave over 15,000 volunteering hours over six weeks of the summer. As such, this event was a more than fitting way to say thank you and to show our gratitude for their continued dedication and willingness to create positive social impact through volunteering.

London 2017 Volunteer applications

I am delighted to announce that the volunteer application process to support the IAAF World Championships and World ParaAthletics Championships in the summer of 2017 has now opened. The response so far has been absolutely fantastic, with over 5,000 applications to volunteer at the Championships already received within one week of the application process going live.

With many previous 2012 Games Makers and Team London Ambassadors applying for roles already, alongside numerous new volunteers, we are confident that the skills and experience of the volunteers that will be selected to support these championships will help to deliver another world class sporting event to the people of London in the summer of 2017.

Culture and Events

Fourth Plinth Commission Unveil

On 29 September, I unveiled the latest artwork to be installed on the iconic Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square, the first major work of public art I have unveiled since becoming Mayor.

The Fourth Plinth programme reflects the best of London in so many ways – it is creative, pioneering, surprising and a delight for the millions of Londoners and visitors from across the globe who visit Trafalgar Square every year.

David Shrigley's sculpture, 'Really Good', is wonderfully optimistic and it shows that London is open to the world and that we remain full of creativity and positivity.

Big Dance Bus

On 10 September, the Big Dance Bus completed its fourth and final tour across the capital.

Londoners of all ages and abilities took part in 22 event days, with hundreds of dance groups, an demonstrations of an A-Z of dance styles. The centrepiece commission 'Dance Decades' by the Big Dance Resident Bus Company was choreographed by Natasha Khamjani & Fleur Davidson to mark a decade of the Big Dance programme.

A highlight day of the tour was at the Liberty Festival, as part of National Paralympic Day on 3 September, which celebrated the GLA's 2016 partnership with the Wheelchair Dance Sport Association with workshops and performances for everyone.

Creative Industries

On 6 September, I accepted Politician of the Year Award at GQ's Men of the Year 2016 Awards. My Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, also made a speech to media, broadcasting and film executives about the importance of diversity in the creative industries.

My Deputy Mayor for Culture & Creative Industries, Justine Simons, attended The London Design Festival, which I fund, generating £25 million in new sales each year. The Festival ran from 16–24 September and included the UK's inaugural Design Biennale. This was a world first – a major international exhibition of site-specific design installations from over 35 of the world's most ambitious countries and cities. Participants included China, India, Germany, the USA, Indonesia, Russia and South Africa. It was the first Biennale in a major capital city to give design this significant platform.

Justine also attended the opening of London Fashion Week, which I fund. This ran between 15 – 20 September and over the past year has generated £100 million in fashion orders. For the first time, Christopher Kane live streamed his show, while British Fashion Council streamed content on 20 outdoor screens across Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester and Newcastle.

Fashion industry backs campaign to show the world London is Open

London's thriving fashion industry has joined my campaign to tell the world that the city remains the international fashion, business and cultural capital and that its doors are open to talent from across the globe.

To mark the end of London Fashion Week, a behind-the-scenes fashion film – created for my #LondonisOpen campaign and supported by the British Fashion Council – was released

featuring the breadth of the fashion industry, from catwalks to design schools and paparazzi lenses to fashion media houses. Iconic brands, fashion figures and institutions have all backed my #LondonIsOpen campaign, including Henry Holland, Greg Williams, Central Saint Martins, Joseph, Martha Ward, Mount Street, DAKS, Vogue House, Models1, Nicholas Kirkwood, the British Fashion Council and Dylan Jones.

#LondonIsOpen was launched to spread the message that, following the EU referendum, London remains united, full of creativity and open for business, a message echoed by the British Fashion Council and the fashion industry as a whole in London. The city has long been considered a diverse and creative driving force for contemporary fashion as well as a notable part of the London economy. Fashion Designers, brands, schools, models, fashion figures and photographers, all those who make up one of the biggest industries in the UK, have got behind the #LondonIsOpen campaign to pledge their support.

Mayor's Music Fund Scholars' Awards Day

On 3 October, I was delighted to welcome the new cohort of Mayor's Music Scholars to City Hall to receive their awards. These 42 musically talented but disadvantaged young Londoners, aged between 8 and 11, were awarded four-year scholarships collectively worth almost £170,000, and were nominated to become this year's Mayor's Music Fund Scholars because they have shown talent and commitment, but don't have the financial means to pursue their potential.

The Mayor's Music Fund also announced three new Partnership Projects in Bromley, Camden and Waltham Forest, giving young people aged 7-21 opportunities to learn from and work alongside professional musicians.

Gigs

On 4 September, my Gigs busking competition was won by 13 year old Lewisham musician Clarissa Mae. The industry panel of judges chose Clarissa after she took top honours in the Youth category. 12 acts came together to impress at the Grand Final, held at Westfield Stratford City. 17 year old Cyreez Lewis won the Soloists and Duos category and 25 year old Nicola Hogg was named winner of the Gigs Songwriting Prize, which is sponsored by PRS for Music.

The Gigs competition is my platform for young musical talent, allowing acts to build confidence, develop their performance skills and get their music heard. This year over one million people saw a Gigs performance at some of the city's highest footfall locations.

Great Fire 350

On 4 September, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons, attended the spectacular finale of the London's Burning festival, with the burning of a large-scale representation of the 17th Century London skyline floating on the River Thames, by artist David Best.

My Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, also attended a special service marking the 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of London at St Paul's Cathedral. Joanne read a short passage from a seventeenth century account of the Fire.

Japan Matsuri 2016

On 25 September, my Deputy Mayor for Culture & Creative Industries, Justine Simons, attended the 8th festival of Japanese culture in Trafalgar Square on my behalf, which included performances, martial art and food.

Totally Thames

I was very happy to have given my support to Totally Thames, a month long campaign celebrating the role of the Thames in the city and bringing the river to life via an exciting season of arts, cultural and river events throughout the 42-mile stretch in London.

This year's exciting programme included a spectacular 3 storey high lantern installation made of Hanji, traditional Korean paper, by Ik-joong Kang, one of Korea's most celebrated multi-media artists, which floated on the Thames during September.

The festival contained over 150 events, including new cultural commissions, education and outreach programmes, and riverfront festivals and exhibitions. One of the exhibitions, Rivers of the World, was staged at City Hall.

On 2 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, spoke at the Totally Thames Launch Party, emphasising that culture is at the very centre of my agenda for London.

Liberty Festival 2016

On 3 September, I attended National Paralympic Day and Liberty Festival at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The Liberty Festival, now in its 14th year, celebrates the talents of deaf and disabled artists and took place together with a programme of Paralympic and community sports.

I attended the reception at the start of the event, which brought together stakeholders from LLDC, BPA, UCL, Embassy of Brazil, disability arts and sports groups, and community organisations. In particular, I was able to announce the launch of the world's first 'Global Disability Innovation Hub', led by UCL on behalf of London partners at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The Hub will bring together the world's best academics, disability experts, designers, and communities to improve the lives of disabled people across the world through technology, co-design and innovation. This unique Hub will provide a permanent legacy from the Paralympic Games in 2012, finding practical uses for the latest research on disability and innovation through design. It will have a permanent home in the brand new UCL East campus.

The Liberty Festival, with its programme of live music, dance, film, visual arts, theatre and children's activities, received grant funding for the 11th year by Arts Council England, and now looks ahead to opportunities around the cultural programme for the IPC World Championships in July 2017.

London Mela

On 3 September, I was delighted to attend London Mela@Wembley Park, where I had the honour to introduce Panjabi Hit Squad to the main stage. The event has been undergoing a development process, which I am pleased to be supporting through continued funding alongside London Borough of Ealing.

This development has seen a ‘pause’ of the event in its original format - staged at Gunnersbury Park in Ealing - whilst it develops its structure and vision and develops new partnerships and engagement opportunities.

The smaller ‘satellite’ event at Wembley Park enabled the London Mela brand to continue during this development phase, whilst creating new partnerships. Four London Borough Mayor’s joined me at the event, alongside Dawn Butler MP for Brent Central, and highlighted their support for the future development of the event.

Appointments

Deputy Mayor for Social Integration

On 9 September, I announced that Matthew Ryder QC, one of the country’s leading lawyers, will join my team at City Hall as my Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement.

Matthew will help ensure Londoners from different faiths, ethnicities, backgrounds and social classes are better integrated in a city that is the most diverse in the country, where the population is at record levels and where more than 100 languages are spoken. His task will be to ensure Londoners of every gender, ethnicity, faith, culture, age, sexuality and socio-economic background don’t just live side by side, but live truly interconnected lives.

Appointment of a Senior Adviser to the Mayor on Health Policy

I have committed to championing London’s NHS, campaigning for extra powers to co-ordinate Health Services and improving public health and health inequalities. I have therefore approved the appointment of Dr Tom Coffey as my unpaid Senior Adviser on Health Policy.

London Fire Commissioner

The London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority have appointed Dany Cotton as Interim London Fire Commissioner.

Dany, who is currently Director of Safety and Assurance at London Fire Brigade, will take over the running of London's fire and rescue service from 1 January 2017, after London Fire Commissioner Ron Dobson leaves the Brigade at the end of December 2016.

Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy

Mossbourne Riverside Academy

I am pleased that the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has successfully opened its first new and permanent school – the Mossbourne Riverside Academy.

Located in Hackney and part of the Mossbourne Federation, the school provides education for Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 – and will evolve to provide for all primary year groups. The school will form part of East Wick, one of five new communities on the Park.

Budget and Finance

Revisions to the GLA investment strategy for 2016-17

I have approved the proposed revisions to the GLA Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2016-17.

Planning and Development

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

16, 18-25 & 26 Park Crescent & 77-81 Portland Place, 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.

97 Lea Bridge Road, LB Waltham Forest

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

Former Linpac Site, LB Bexley

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

Monarch House, 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.

Phoenix Works, 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.

Barking Riverside, 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.

Phoenix Works, 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.

97-137 Hackney Road, LB Hackney

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

Friars Bridge Court, LB Southwark

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

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

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

- Minavil House, LB Brent
- Hackney New School, LB Hackney
- Fitzpatrick Building, LB Islington
- Hounslow Town Primary School, LB Hounslow
- Plot 6, Rackspace City, LB Hillingdon
- 26-38 Leman Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Castle Wharf Esso Petrol Station, LB Tower Hamlets
- 60 Sloane Avenue, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Merrick Road, LB Ealing
- St Hughes Playing Fields, LB Bromley
- Royal Docks Service Station, LB Newham
- Cottrell House, LB Brent
- Dulwich Hospital, LB Southwark
- Lavington House, LB Southwark
- Former Odessa Street Youth Club, LB Southwark
- Rudolf Place, LB Lambeth
- 54 Marsh Wall, LB Tower Hamlets
- 82 West India Dock Road, LB Tower Hamlets
- American Embassy, City of Westminster
- Fulham Gasworks, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Grange Farm Estate, LB Harrow
- Lewisham Retail Park and Nos. 66-76 Loampit Vale, LB Lewisham
- Queen Mary's Hospital, LB Bexley
- Harper Road Scheme - Land at 19, 21 and 23 Harper Road, 325 Borough High Street, 1-5 and 7-11 Newington causeway, LB Southwark
- Bridport Place, LB Hackney
- Proposed Lidl Store, Victoria Road, LB Hillingdon
- Booker Cash & Carry, RB Greenwich
- 3 Culvert Road, LB Wandsworth

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Development site adjacent to 39 Ilford Hill, LB Redbridge
- 64 Orchard Place, LB Tower Hamlets
- Holland Estate, Commercial Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- 250 City Road, LB Islington
- 6 to 8 Alie Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Waddon Site, LB Croydon
- Peel Centre, LB Barnet
- 196-222 King's Road, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Britannia Music Development Site, LB Redbridge
- Arrowhead Quay, LB Tower Hamlets
- Boundary of 1 Nine Elms Lane and New Covent Garden Market, LB Wandsworth
- 22-25 Finsbury Square, LB Islington
- 1 Park Place, LB Tower Hamlets

- 2 Millharbour (Enterprise Business Park), LB Tower Hamlets
- Adjacent to Cremorne Railway Bridge, Lombard Road - 'Diamond Jubilee Footbridge', LB Wandsworth
- Abbey Retail Park (north), LB Barking and Dagenham
- 1 Noble Drive, LB Hillingdon
- 12 Sherwood Street, Westminster City Council
- Land north of Westfield Shopping Centre, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- New Union Close, LB Tower Hamlets
- 22-29 Albert Embankment, LB Lambeth
- 283-329 Edgware Road and 5 Newcastle Place, Westminster City Council
- Land fronting Norton Folgate, Worship Street, Bowl Park, Plough Yard, Hearn Street and Curtain Road (Principal Place), LB Hackney
- Green Man Lane Estate, LB Ealing
- Trinity Buoy Wharf, LB Tower Hamlets
- 80-84 and 90b Wallis Road, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Unit 2, Victoria Deep Water Terminal, RB Greenwich
- Draft Local Plan Consultation, Broxbourne Borough Council

Key Engagements

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

- I visited Croydon with Cllr Tony Newman, Leader of Croydon Council, on 1 September to gain an overview of the major developments taking place around Croydon Town Centre
- I addressed the opening of the Tara Arts Theatre in Earlsfield on 1 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 1 September
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 2 September
- I addressed the National Paralympic Day and Liberty Festival at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 3 September
- I addressed the Zee London Mela at Wembley Park on 3 September
- I had my regular meeting with Cllr Claire Kober, Chair of London Councils, on 5 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 5 September
- I addressed the annual Lloyd's City Dinner on 5 September
- I attended the GQ Awards Ceremony on 6 September
- I met with HRH the Prince of Wales at Clarence House on 7 September to discuss working with the Princes Trust
- I met with Dr Fionna Moore, Chief Executive of the London Ambulance Service, on 7 September, to discuss LAS performance and the opportunities for greater collaboration across London's blue-light services
- I attended the Evening Standard Top 1000 Reception on 7 September
- I visited Southwark with Cllr Peter John, Leader of Southwark Council, on 8 September to launch the Construction Skills Centre at Elephant Park
- I met with the Xu Qin, Mayor of Shenzhen, and Wang Chanfu, the Chairman of BYD, on 9 September, ahead of the announcement that 51 single-deck electric buses made by a partnership of BYD and Alexander Dennis Ltd will be joining London's fleet to operate on the 507 and 521 bus routes

- I attended the Metropolitan Police Passing Out Parade at the recently refurbished Hendon Training School on 9 September
- I launched the one hour 'Hopper' fare on 12 September
- I attended the BGC annual charity day on 12 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 12 September
- I met with the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, the Foreign Secretary, on 12 September to discuss the implications of the vote to leave the EU
- I had an introductory meeting with the Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP, the Home Secretary, on 13 September, as part of a joint visit to the CYP (Children & Young Person) Haven in Camberwell
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 14 September
- I visited Montreal, Chicago and New York, from 15 to 19 September, to promote the message that following the outcome of the EU referendum, London remains open to Canadian and American businesses, tourists, investors and students
- I attended the UEFA Euro 2020 Official Launch event taking place at City Hall on 21 September
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner on 21 September
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 21 September
- I addressed the Urban Food Awards on 21 September
- I met with the new Transport for London Board Members on 22 September
- I chaired the Transport for London Board Meeting on 22 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 22 September
- I met with Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, on 22 September to discuss the implications of the vote to leave the EU
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 23 September
- I met with the London Business Board on 23 September to discuss the implications of the vote to leave the EU and devolution.
- I attended the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool from 26 to 28 September
- I unveiled the 4th Plinth art installation in Trafalgar Square on 29 September
- I addressed the London Curriculum Children's Festival on 29 September
- I met with Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley on 29 September to discuss policing and security
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 29 September
- I had my regular meeting with Fiona Twycross, Chair of LFEPA, and Ron Dobson, the Fire Commissioner, on 30 September
- I addressed the Faith and Community Assembly at Southwark Cathedral on 1 October
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 3 October
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 3 October

Ends