

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

## Mayor's Question Time – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

This is my twenty-fifth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 31<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### Executive summary

#### **New premature and neonatal baby leave**

On 3 October, I announced pioneering new plans to support parents of premature babies and new-born babies requiring neonatal care. London is a city of opportunity for all. We should do everything we can to give hardworking and talented parents the support they need to thrive in the workplace, and the support children need to get the best start in life.

To encourage other employers to adopt a similar approach, my Good Work Standard will include premature baby leave and neonatal baby leave as part of its best practice guidance. In addition, City Hall will work with partners and campaigners such as Maternity Action, Working Families, and The Smallest Things to share this instance of leading by example, to encourage other employers to develop similar policies.

#### **49,000 free trees offered to Londoners for mass planting weekend**

On 2 October, I invited Londoners, schools and local community groups to apply for 49,000 free trees as part of a mass planting of 75,000 trees over one weekend later this year.

A partnership with the Woodland Trust will provide 24,000 trees free of charge for Londoners to plant in their gardens, with a further 25,000 trees being offered to community groups and schools across the capital, in partnership with community charity The Conservation Volunteers.

I am working with partners across London to make the capital a National Park City and as part of this he is committed to maintaining and expanding the capital's impressive 'urban forest' of eight million trees.

Londoners can apply online here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/plant-a-tree>

#### **Major public art project underway**

On 2 October, I announced a new public exhibition that will see 20 new artworks of London women popping up in more than a dozen public spaces right across the city.

This exhibition, LDN WMN, will see ambitious artworks displayed from 18 October to 28 October in a range of public locations, from Canning Town to Alexandra Palace, Brick Lane to Kings Cross. The work will include large installations, paintings and digital graphics, and will bring the hidden stories of London's campaigning and pioneering women to life on the streets of the city.

Women remain underrepresented both as the subjects of works of art, and as artists. I'm pleased that LDN WMN is challenging how we celebrate the achievements of women in London, as well as giving a platform to talented artists in London.

### **Eight tech entrepreneurs to tackle London's challenges**

On 2 October, I backed eight of London's most innovative tech start-ups to develop innovative solutions to some of the capital's most pressing social and environmental problems, as part of the Civic Innovation Challenge.

The winners of my Civic Innovation Challenge (CIC) will each be given £15,000 to jointly test and refine their ideas with a group of public and private sector partners.

The seven challenges are:

- 1) Dementia: Ensuring dementia care works for all
- 2) Active Travel: Reducing pollution and unnecessary car journeys
- 3) Electric Vehicles: Preparing London for zero-emission transport
- 4) Affordable Housing: Ensuring genuinely affordable housing is available for all
- 5) Financial Inclusion: Helping families struggling on low incomes
- 6) Loneliness and Isolation: Making London the most socially-integrated city in the world
- 7) Physical Activity: Making London the most physically active city in the world

The fact that our city's tech community is home to some of the most creative businesses anywhere in the world is something of which we can be really proud. We want London to be the world's smartest city and these dynamic companies have a crucial role to play.

### **Approval of 3,000 affordable new homes in East London**

On 28 September, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, approved the redevelopment of the former Ford assembly site at Beam Park in South Dagenham. This is a major development of up to 3,000 new homes in east London, of which 50 per cent will be genuinely affordable. The plan includes the delivery of a brand-new neighbourhood for the area, with a new rail station, two primary schools, a nursery, community facilities, retail and open spaces, as well as the new homes. As many as 195 new jobs would be supported by the development.

### **Funding available to help boroughs target toxic air hot spots**

On 27 September, I launched the latest funding round of my £20 million Air Quality Fund. £6 million has been made available for boroughs to help target local pollution hot spots and drastically improve air quality.

The bold action we've already delivered such as establishing Low Emission Bus Zones, cleaning up the bus and taxi fleets and delivering the T-Charge in central London, are starting to have a positive impact.

Despite all that I'm doing here in London, we can't win this battle until the government provides extra resources and delivers a national scrappage fund to get the dirtiest vehicles off our streets and a new Clean Air Act fit for the 21st century.

## **Community projects to be supported by £112 million investment fund**

On 26 September, I revealed the first projects to be supported by a £112 million investment fund, generated from growth in business rate receipts in the capital.

Part of this funding will go directly into the already established Good Growth Fund, which will be used to support a range of community projects across London, as well as new affordable artists' workspaces in parts of London undergoing wider regeneration and a study into the economic opportunities in London's West End.

This is a clear example of how devolution can have a positive direct impact on Londoners' lives, by creating jobs and driving economic growth. The investments made through this fund show the breadth of ways in which we can encourage a dynamic and well-balanced economy – from supporting small-scale projects and local initiatives to major improvements to our transport network and upgrading our infrastructure.

## **Next phase of Young Londoners Fund**

On 21 September, I announced the next phase of the Young Londoners Fund – a further £2.6 million invested in 36 projects across the capital which will provide almost 10,000 young Londoners with positive life opportunities.

I also visited a Chance to Shine Street Cricket project running at Grafton Primary School in Islington. There I had a chance to see how the Young Londoners Fund will help Chance to Shine use cricket to help raise aspirations, promote social cohesion and create opportunities for young people in diverse communities.

Crippling government cuts, begun by George Osborne in 2010 and continued by Theresa May, to local authorities, youth services and policing have contributed to a rise in violent crime. Cuts really do have consequences.

In response, I have established the Young Londoners Fund as a key part of my long-term approach to tackling knife and violent crime in the capital. By investing in projects, and young people, that are dedicated to giving young Londoners an opportunity to get involved in positive activities, we can work to help every child and teenager at risk off the streets, and away from the dangers of crime.

## **Major new Cycle Superhighway extension opens**

On 20 September, I formally opened the extended Cycle Superhighway 6. This extension will enable people to cycle safely all the way from Kings Cross to Elephant and Castle, connecting key cycle routes through the heart of central London.

On top of the new segregated cycle track, eight junctions have also been transformed to reduce road danger for pedestrians and ensure all road users benefit from the new scheme.

With London's growing population and the continued damaging effects of air pollution on Londoners, it is essential we build the infrastructure to enable more people to walk and cycle as part of their everyday routine.

## **New Violence Reduction Unit established**

On 19 September, I announced plans to establish a new Violence Reduction Unit of specialists in health, police and local government to lead and deliver a long-term public health approach to tackling the causes of violent crime.

The new unit will have greater capacity to deliver early interventions and to help prevent the spread of violence, improve co-ordination between the Metropolitan Police, local authorities, youth services, health services, criminal justice agencies and City Hall. It will also build on what works and share best practice and will enhance and build on the public health approach already underway at City Hall.

The Violence Reduction Unit will not deliver results overnight. The causes of violent crime are many years in the making and the solutions will take time. This unit is not a substitute for the investment our public services need if London is to significantly cut levels of violent crime.

## **Notting Hill Gate scheme affordable housing doubled to 35 per cent**

On 18 September, I used my powers to approve a new development in Notting Hill after intervening to increase the number of social rented and other genuinely affordable homes. It also created a step free access to the tube.

Since taking office, I've been clear I will use all the levers at my disposal to increase the supply of council, social rented, and other genuinely affordable homes that Londoners need across the capital.

The application to redevelop Newcombe House in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea was refused by the local council in March, before I used my planning powers to take over the application. The borough has consistently failed to meet targets for new and affordable homes; last year no affordable homes were given planning permission by the council.

Through his takeover I have secured amendments to the plans that increase the level of affordable housing from 17 to 35 per cent. Two-thirds of these homes are now at social rent levels, with the remaining capped below London Living Rent levels.

London's housing crisis won't be solved overnight – but I hope this will send a clear message that I expect developments to include more genuinely affordable housing and other benefits for local people.

## **Call for a Public vote on Brexit**

On 15 September, I called for the British people to get a final say on Brexit. This would mean a public vote on any Brexit deal obtained by the Government, or a vote on a 'no deal' Brexit if one is not secured, alongside the option of remaining within the European Union.

Over the last two years, I have become increasingly alarmed as the chaotic approach to the negotiations has become mired in confusion and deadlock, leading us down a path that could be hugely damaging – not only to London, but the whole country.

Of course, I would like to see a general election, but with time now fast running out, I am concerned we are left with two possible scenarios – a bad deal or a 'no deal' Brexit.

## **Businesses commit to action for a zero-carbon city**

On 13 September, a group of eleven leading businesses committed to working with me take bold action on climate change. Not only are these businesses committed to renewable energy, clean transport and reducing waste, they're also committed to working together to achieve results as quickly as possible.

These ambitious projects will involve using 100 per cent renewable energy in their London properties by 2020 and tackling air pollution by supporting the transition towards zero-emission vehicles by 2025.

## **New data reveals top 'hop spots' on second anniversary of Hopper fare**

On 12 September, new data was released to reveal bus stop P outside Brixton station as the most popular location for people to use the Mayor's Hopper fare, with over 7,800 Hopper journeys made a week.

The Hopper fare, became operational two years ago on 12 September 2016 and I'm absolutely delighted that tens of thousands of Londoners are benefiting from my Hopper fare every single day. The Hopper has helped more than 220m journeys in the past two years and the unlimited fare is helping even more Londoners save money. Together with my TfL fare freeze, it's making a real difference in making travel affordable right across our city.

To add to the Hopper's success, I also confirmed that TfL is now in the final testing stages for introducing Monday to Friday Weekly Capping onto the Oyster system. This major upgrade will mean that anyone who uses Oyster will have their weekly travel capped at the cost of an equivalent 7-day Travelcard. It is anticipated that the upgrade will go live by the end of the year.

## **122 officers added to the Violent Crime Taskforce**

On 11 September, 122 officers were added to the City Hall funded Violent Crime Taskforce for the next three months. The officers will temporarily move from the Met's Roads and Transport Policing Command, boosting the size of the City Hall funded Violent Crime Taskforce - a targeted team making arrests and taking weapons off the streets in the areas of London with the highest concentrations of knife and other forms of violent crime.

I had to take drastic action that I would rather we didn't have to take, but the Government's persistent refusal to give our police service the funding they desperately need has left with us with no choice.

The causes of violent crime are extremely complex, and involve culture, community, gangs, drugs, poverty and a lack of opportunities and have been made much worse by the Government's huge cuts to the Metropolitan Police and youth services across our city, resulting in police numbers falling to the lowest level in 20 years. Cuts really do have consequences.

## **Opening of the newly refurbished and extended New Belvedere House**

On 7 September, I opened the newly refurbished and extended New Belvedere House, a short-term residential facility for homeless UK veterans run by charity Veterans Aid.

New Belvedere House, which has been operating in Tower Hamlets for 45 years, runs a unique 'Welfare to Wellbeing' programme which helps transform the lives of homeless UK ex-service personnel by offering an immediate route off the streets. I am pleased to be supporting Veterans Aid's invaluable work and unique programme.

We're doing everything we can with the resources we have, and while we welcome the extra £12 million from Government, we know we need over £500 million to stand a chance of truly helping everyone who finds themselves rough sleeping in the capital.

### **Affordable housing boost on Olympic legacy sites**

On 6 September, I was pleased to announce that approximately 3,000 new homes will be built on the remaining three legacy sites at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – with the level of affordable housing boosted to 50 per cent.

It's vital that our Olympic legacy truly benefits Londoners, and that includes affordable housing as well as culture, education and business. While I cannot change the deals that were agreed before I became Mayor, I'm committed to ensuring that at least half the homes across the three remaining sites for development will be social rented or other genuinely affordable homes.

These will be genuinely affordable homes that Londoners desperately need. I'm prepared to put in around £10 million of City Hall funding a year over 20 years. This will be confirmed in my proposed budget next year – and I urge the London Assembly to help me do this.

### **Government cuts putting the health of Londoners at risk**

One of the most pressing challenges our capital faces is the stark health inequalities that prevent many Londoners from fulfilling their potential. That's why on 3 September, I called on the Government to do the right thing and to use the upcoming spending review to invest to keep people healthy, reverse its cuts to the public health grant, and publish the Green Paper on adult social care so that we have the resources we need to improve the health of our city.

### **Call on government to halt Universal Credit rollout**

On 31 August, I called on the Government to immediately pause its rollout of Universal Credit until it is fit for purpose and encourage ministers to acknowledge the gap between the way the scheme is supposed to work, and the harsh realities experienced by those claiming it.

We all want a simpler, fairer benefits system that improves the incentive for people to work, but Universal Credit, in its current form, falls well short of that.

The benefits system has to be supportive and flexible enough to deal with complexity of people's lives, but we have already seen the shortcomings of the new system causing significant hardship to Londoners most in need of support.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Violent Crime Task Force**

122 officers have temporarily moved from the Met's Roads and Transport Policing Command to bolster the City Hall funded Violent Crime Taskforce - a targeted team making arrests and taking weapons off the streets in the areas of London with the highest concentrations of knife and other forms of violent crime.

The taskforce was launched in April using £15 million of additional funding from City Hall and has so far made nearly 1,000 arrests, carried out 1400 weapons sweeps, removed 212 knives and removed nearly 200 offensive weapons from our streets. Bolstering the Taskforce from its current 150 officers to 272 will allow the Met to be even more proactive on the streets of the capital, bearing down on violent crime and serious criminality.

The new move will give officers a greater presence in areas with high levels of violent crime, as well as allowing more intelligence-led and targeted stop and search, and the use of specialists in covert tactics. The taskforce seeks to target dangerous offenders and provide local officers with speedy and accurate intelligence to take them off the streets.

### **Countering Violent Extremism**

In September I re-launched my countering violent extremism engagement grants seeking organisations who are able to engage with London's communities who are potentially at risk of far-right extremism. I am looking to award this grant in addition to the two £15,000 grants I have already issued to Anti-Tribalism Movement and The Faith Forum for London. All of the work undertaken by these organisations will help to inform the recommendations this programme looks to deliver in the coming year.

More information on the Countering Violent Extremism Programme is available at:  
[www.london.gov.uk/CVE](http://www.london.gov.uk/CVE)

### **Violence Reduction Unit**

On 19 September, I announced plans to establish a new Violence Reduction Unit of specialists in health, police and local government to lead and deliver a long-term public health approach to tackling the causes of violent crime.

The new Unit will enhance and build on the public health approach already underway at City Hall, providing greater capacity to deliver early interventions to help prevent the spread of violence. The new unit will improve co-ordination between the Metropolitan Police, local authorities, youth services, health services, criminal justice agencies and City Hall as part of the new enhanced partnership, backed up by the unit. It will also build on what works and share best practice.

The Unit builds on the learning from the approaches taken in Glasgow, where a similar long-term public health approach to tackling serious violence was adopted. In Glasgow the approach has been in place for more than a decade and has delivered large reductions in violence.

### **Ofsted**

On 13 September, my Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime – Sophie Linden, MY Deputy Mayor for Planning, Growth and Skills – Jules Pipe and my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, and I met with Amanda Spielman, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (Ofsted) to discuss how the Ofsted inspection regime can be improved to have a greater focus on addressing serious youth violence, child wellbeing, mental health and education attainment in London. Assembly members were sent a copy of the follow up letter to Amanda which included information about what was discussed.

## **London Business Board**

On 4 September, I met the London Business Board with my Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime and the Met Police Commissioner. At the meeting, I listened and responded to businesses' policing concerns and strengthened the request for LBB's support during the next government spending review.

## **Transport**

### **Transport for London partners with Apartments for London to deliver affordable housing developments in the capital**

On 26 September, Transport for London announced a new partnership with property developer Apartments for London (AfL) to deliver high quality, affordable homes across a number of sites in the capital.

The agreement will see Apartments for London create homes over car parks and other available sites on TfL land. AfL is a specialist residential developer seeking to utilise precision-manufactured modular construction and is able to build on challenging sites that may not otherwise have come forward for development, facilitating the creation of new homes quickly and efficiently, with most ready for occupation within 12 months following consent of full planning permission.

Planning applications for the first three developments, with the potential for around 450 affordable homes, are expected to be submitted later this year.

The TfL partnership with AfL is one of many announced in recent months. TfL is leading the way on delivering homes on public sector land, with plans in place to build over 10,000 homes on its own portfolio across London. Since May 2016, half of all homes that TfL has brought forward are affordable. As well as providing homes, TfL sites are opening up new spaces, creating thousands of jobs and delivering improvements to the transport network, such as step-free access.

### **TfL research shows that walking or cycling to school could take 254,000 cars off London's roads each day**

As children across London return to school, London's Walking and Cycling Commissioner, Will Norman joined TfL in encouraging parents to help them start the school year with a new and healthy habit – walking or cycling to school.

The latest research from TfL's Walking Action Plan, which aims to make London the world's most walkable city, shows that a quarter of weekday morning peak car trips are for school drop-offs, a total of 254,000 trips a day. Those cars would form a traffic jam more than 1,000km long if they were queuing single file. This increased traffic has an impact on congestion, air quality, safety and the efficiency of London's roads.

The Walking Action Plan aims to double the number of schools reaching the Gold standard under the STARS scheme, from 500 to 1,000 by 2024. The Plan focuses on schools in areas with poor air quality, high road casualty numbers and the most active travel potential. Camden and Hackney councils are also piloting schemes where streets around primary schools are closed at set times in the morning and afternoon, allowing people to walk and cycle safely in a pleasant environment.



## **New funding to help minimise the impact of deliveries across London**

On 14 September, TfL announced that six business groups will receive a share of £230,000 funding for innovative projects that make freight deliveries and collections more efficient across London – reducing traffic, easing congestion and improving air quality.

The funding from TfL's Healthy Streets Fund for Business will be matched by the business groups themselves.

The six schemes being joint funded by TfL will include the promotion of cycle freight, single suppliers and co-ordination of waste collection and deliveries. They will be located in areas with some of the worst air quality in London, such as Old Street, which is the location of one of the capital's most polluted junior schools.

Deliveries and servicing are vital to London's economy. Half the value of household expenditure, around £79 billion per year, relies strongly on road freight. However, goods vehicle movements in the capital have increased by around 20 per cent since 2010 and this contributes to poor air quality, congestion and road danger. Many freight movements are made in the morning peak, when there are higher numbers of vulnerable road users, including people walking and cycling.

## **Further plans for Bakerloo line extension revealed following public consultation**

On 12 September TfL published its response to issues raised during last year's consultation on proposals to extend the Bakerloo line beyond Elephant & Castle. These comments have helped to refine the proposals which will be subject to a more detailed public consultation in 2019.

More than 4,800 responses were received in the consultation held in spring 2017, with many taking the chance to show support for the scheme overall. The consultation asked for feedback on proposals for stations at Elephant & Castle, New Cross Gate, Lewisham and two entirely new stations along the Old Kent Road.

The following responses were made:

- **Elephant & Castle station** - Bakerloo line station and ticket hall move and integrate with the planned new Northern line ticket hall resulting in quicker journeys between Lambeth North station and the proposed 'station 1' on the Old Kent Road.
- **Bricklayers Arms Roundabout** - Changes to the plans have meant that there should no longer be a need for a ventilation shaft between Elephant & Castle and the Old Kent Road stations due to the shorter tunnel alignment. Plans for a new station will not progress
- **Lewisham station** - Designs for the potential new station layout are being developed to ensure it will provide an effective, simple and quick interchange for customers between the Bakerloo line, DLR and National Rail services.

- **Old Kent Road stations** - Plans for Old Kent Road 'station 1' are being developed, focusing on the site near to the junction with Dunton Road and Humphrey Street. Plans for Old Kent Road 'station 2' are being developed for the site of the former 'Toys R Us' store near the junction with Asylum Road. Both these locations had the most support in the public consultation and are considered as the best locations to fit in with the proposed route.
- **New Cross Gate station** - The site of the proposed station at New Cross Gate continues to be evaluated. The new station will be carefully planned to manage customer flows to provide an easy and efficient interchange with London Overground and National Rail services.

### **TfL consults on new second entrance at Southwark Tube station**

On 12 September TfL called for responses to a new consultation on plans for a second entrance at Southwark Tube station.

The station, which has won awards for its design was opened in 1999 as part of the Jubilee Line Extension. It has approximately 17 million customers using it every year. From 2002 to 2017, daily entries and exits have doubled every five years and TfL predicts that the number of customers will increase significantly in the next 20 years.

The proposed entrance on Greet Street, at the corner of Wootton Street, will ensure the station is able to manage any future increases in passenger numbers and relieve pressure on the existing entrance. The upgrade will also provide more direct routes to The Cut and the Waterloo area, enabling customers to reach their destination quicker and will help support local businesses and restaurants. The land at the Greet Street location is owned by TfL, meaning that an entrance on this site would be cost effective.

The plans for the entrance include a planted roof and a community space. There are also plans to work with the local borough to improve the immediate area outside the entrance.

### **Bank branch trains stopping at Kennington Station again**

Northern line customers can now interchange between the Bank and Charing Cross branches at Kennington again following the completion of vital work as part of the Northern Line Extension.

The excavation of four new customer passageways at Kennington Tube station has meant that Bank branch trains have not been stopping at the station since the end of May.

Following this construction work, the final fit out of the passageways will now continue as planned during engineering hours. This includes the installation of the flooring and electrical works as well as tiling the passageway walls.

### **Streets across London transformed for communities on World Car Free Day**

Along with TfL I was pleased to give people across London the opportunity to make the most of traffic free streets on World Car Free Day, and play, meet, walk, cycle and enjoy.

Around 50 streets across London from Hackney to Ealing were traffic free on 22 September to help encourage people to ditch their cars and reclaim streets from traffic, which will open up spaces to the whole community.

By supporting London Play, a charity that works to give children the freedom to play by shutting roads to traffic, streets across the capital were traffic free for the day. Play streets, where roads are regularly shut to traffic for a few hours each week or month offer more than just a safe space for children to play outside with their friends, they also encourage a sense of community, as well as making sure streets feel friendlier and safer.

Poor air quality is estimated to contribute to more than 40,000 premature deaths across the country each year, with emissions from cars and vans estimated to cost £6 billion annually. Supporting streets without cars is part of my efforts to make London's communities greener, healthier and more attractive places to live, work, play and do business.

### **TfL announces final stage of Woolwich Ferry upgrade**

TfL is replacing the Woolwich Ferry with new, modern, low-emission boats that will start operating in January.

The new ferries will have increased capacity, cycle-specific facilities and use a quieter, low-emission engine, all helping to deliver the Mayor's ambition to grow river transport and improve air quality.

The construction of the new berths, which are required for the new, larger ferries, began in June 2018. The next stage of this complex work will require closure of the service from 6 October until the end of the year while the berths are being replaced.

During this period drivers will need to use alternative routes and can plan their journey through TfL's website. The Woolwich Foot Tunnel will remain open for foot passengers and cyclists throughout the work.

The new ferries will provide 14% extra space than the current vessels and will be able to carry 150 passengers, with a total of 210 metres of space for vehicles and dedicated cyclist spaces across four lanes.

The boats will be powered by a hybrid-propulsion engine, providing greater fuel efficiency and low noise. They are fitted with equipment to reduce emissions to 90% less Particulate Matter and 70% less NOx than legal standards.

## **Fire and Resilience**

### **Strategic Summit on Brexit Contingency Planning**

On 17 September, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended and spoke at the Strategic Summit on Brexit Contingency Planning. The one day event brought together representatives from across the London Resilience Partnership to establish the impact of Brexit on critical areas.

### **Annual Firefighters Memorial Service and Wreath laying ceremony**

On 9 September, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross AM, attended and laid a wreath at the Annual Firefighters Memorial Service and Wreath laying ceremony. The annual service remembers firefighters from across the country who have fallen in the line of duty.

## **Growth, Skills and Regeneration**

### **AEB Mayoral Board**

On 19 September 2018 I chaired the inaugural meeting of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) Mayoral Board, which I have established to ensure that all statutory functions relating to the AEB are implemented and delivered effectively. This Board provides an opportunity for me to personally consider all pending decisions relating to the AEB, including those relating to strategic priorities and funding, as well as to ensure that the AEB programme remains aligned with my Skills for Londoners Strategy.

In this first meeting we considered the approaches to AEB procurement and grant management, and the contract management approach for the AEB-ESF programme. We also discussed the progress of AEB implementation to date and the recent consultation on the Skills for Londoners Framework.

### **Skills for Londoners Board**

The Skills for Londoners Board held its inaugural meeting on Friday, 21 September 2018. I established this Board as a forum to engage with key stakeholders – including London's boroughs, Further Education Colleges, Independent Training Providers and businesses – to steer my Skills for Londoners Strategy and inform thinking on the AEB, as well as other skills and employment funding priorities.

At its first meeting, the Board discussed AEB outcomes for Londoners and the proposed approach to the development of an outcome-based skills system for London. The Board also considered proposals for wider devolution, as well as an event to celebrate 100 years of adult learning next year, and reviewed proposals to hold an annual skills summit focused on promoting skills and employment issues that are critical to London.

### **Good Growth Fund success**

The second round of the Good Growth Fund was the subject of overwhelming demand, receiving 161 stage one applications, totalling £124 million against a funding pot of £25 million. Working with the [London Economic Action Partnership](#), we invited 61 innovative projects to submit stage two applications by Monday 22 October and offered 15 projects development funding, representing a revenue commitment of £767,000. My Good Growth Fund gives local communities and organisations the chance to play a key role in making London a better place for everyone.

### **Strategic Investment Fund and Good Growth Fund**

I have now confirmed the first projects to be supported by my £112 million Strategic Investment Fund - generated from growth in business rate receipts in the capital. £5 million of the funding announced on 26 September will be added to my Good Growth Fund to directly support a range of community projects across London. £1.16 million will be invested in affordable workspaces: Second Floor Studios & Arts in Deptford (which include 80 studios for visual artists) and Studio Voltaire in Clapham (which will provide 7,900sq ft of affordable workspaces for artists). In partnership with Westminster City Council, a further £50,000 has been allocated to explore how the potential for Good Growth in London's West End can be maximised.

## **Supporting community-led regeneration**

[Crowdfund London](#) continues to inspire communities to come together and propose local projects, with 82 project pitches receive in the latest round, with a total value of over £4.5 million against a funding pot of £1 million. The [London Economic Action Partnership](#) and I will be announcing projects in October, after which people can pledge their support to campaigns in their local area. The best community-led projects that demonstrate strong local support could attract a pledge from me of up to £50,000.

## **Skills for Londoners Capital Fund**

On 11 September, I invited key stakeholders from London's Further Education sector to City Hall for an informative session on how to successfully access my £82 million Skills for Londoners Capital Fund. My LEAP Champion for Small Businesses, Simon Pitkeathley, welcomed over 100 delegates from a wide range of public and private training and skills providers. He invited projects that directly respond to the skills shortages we are facing in London today and in the future.

Colleagues from across the organisation, including from my dedicated LEAP Delivery Team, Skills and Employment, Regeneration and Economic Development, Planning, Finance, GLA OPS, Communities and Intelligence and Environment teams presented on how to create projects that align to my Mayoral strategies and priorities. These include the Skills for Londoners Strategy, the Skills for Londoners Framework and the aims of the Mayor's Construction Academy, as well as planning, housing and inclusive design priorities from across my strategy documents.

## **Housing**

### **Building Council Homes for Londoners**

On 30 September, bidding closed for 'Building Council Homes for Londoners' – the first City Hall programme dedicated to supporting council home building. The programme aims to support councils to build at least 10,000 new council and Right to Buy replacement homes. My officers are currently reviewing bids from councils.

### **Notting Hill Gate scheme affordable housing doubled to 35 per cent**

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## **Affordable housing boost on Olympic legacy sites**

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

### **Meeting of EU Capital Cities’ Mayors and the European Commission**

On 25 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, represented me at a meeting between the Mayors of EU capitals and the European Commission. The meeting, hosted this time by the Mayor of Brussels, is an opportunity for the Mayors to influence those EU policies and programmes which touch on urban policy and to share best practice. Joanne took the opportunity to stress that, whatever the outcome of EU-UK negotiations, London will maintain and develop fruitful co-operation with our European partners.

### **Public Vote on Brexit Deal**

I have called for the British people to get a final say on Brexit. This would mean a public vote on any Brexit deal obtained by the Government, or a vote on a ‘no deal’ Brexit if one is not secured, alongside the option of remaining within the European Union. I am concerned that currently we are left with two possible scenarios – a bad deal or a ‘no deal’ Brexit, and I believe both of these possibilities are far from what was promised during the EU referendum campaign. I also believe that both options are incredibly risky, and that Theresa May doesn’t have the mandate to gamble with the future of the British economy and people’s livelihoods.

### **Meet the Buyer Launch**

The London Growth Hub held a launch event for a new programme, Meet the Buyer, on 17 September. The business support programme launched in August and this event was an opportunity for attendees to not only find out more about the programme but also to hear how other entrepreneurs have successfully sold into retail and public sector, network with retail buyers and gain pitching tips and meet fellow business owners who are scaling production and selling to bigger brands. It was also a chance for programme delivery partners, Enterprise Nation, to introduce the cohort of successful programme applicants and the amazing range of buyers that they will have the opportunity to pitch and potentially sell to. These buyers include Sainsbury's, Planet Organic and Boots. LEAP Board Member, Simon Pitkeathley, spoke at the event and highlighted other support on offer from the London Growth Hub.

### **Meeting with London business groups and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner**

On 4 September, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Cressida Dick and I met with London business groups to discuss how a joint partnership approach could help prevent businesses from becoming victims of crime and how we could work together to address increasing pressures and funding cuts ahead of next year’s Spending Review.

## Environment

### **Free trees for Londoners**

On 2 October my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues launched two new schemes providing 49,000 free trees for Londoners this winter as part of my commitment to help make London a National Park City. We're working with the Woodland Trust and the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy to give away 24,000 free trees by ballot to Londoners who can get two free trees for their garden. We're also working with The Conservation Volunteers to give away 25,000 trees to community groups and schools across the city. Groups can get packs of 50 free trees to brighten up their neighbourhood. The trees will be delivered at the end of November in time for our city-wide planting weekend on 1 and 2 December when thousands of Londoners will be planting trees.

### **£6 million Mayor's Air Quality Fund**

On 27 September, I announced a further £6 million in funding through my Mayor's Air Quality Fund (MAQF), which is supporting boroughs to deliver local air quality improvements. On the day of the launch I visited a new Healthy Street in Leyton delivered as part of the Mini-Holland scheme that I am funding. I met local shop owners using the Zero Emission Delivery (ZED) scheme funded through the current round of the MAQF and I also met some charming and knowledgeable air quality champions from local primary schools.

This new £6 million fund is open to boroughs to apply for support to deliver four new Low Emission Neighbourhoods; a pan-London idling campaign; a pan-London project targeting pollution from construction machinery; and car free days and pedestrianization schemes.

### **C40 Divest/Invest Initiative**

On 10 September, together with the Mayor of New York, Bill De Blasio I launched the C40 Divest/Invest Forum, a first-of-its-kind global initiative to help cities explore options to divest their city pension funds from fossil fuels and accelerate green investment.

London has been instrumental in developing and establishing the forum and I will co-chair it, alongside New York, with the secretariat undertaken by C40. It will be a space for cities to discuss shared learnings and challenges, as well as developing common tools and approaches to advance divestment and sustainable investment in urban areas. The first workshop of the Forum, kickstarting its work over the next two years, will take place in London in early 2019.

### **Global Climate Action Summit and C40 Steering Committee**

On 12-14 September, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy represented me at the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS) in San Francisco to present London's plans and progress on tackling climate change. The summit aimed to provide a platform for cities, states, regions, the private sector and civil society to demonstrate progress on climate action and make further commitments to deliver the Paris Agreement.

In parallel to GCAS in San Francisco, C40 held their annual Mayoral Steering Committee meeting, on which I serve as Vice Chair for Europe. I joined this meeting by telecall to provide an update to the 14 Mayors in attendance on the recent environment successes in London in the areas of greening, solar and air quality and to announce the new divest/invest initiative London will lead

with New York, my new Business Climate Leaders programme and to invite the Steering Committee to London's week of Climate Action in July 2019.

As part of GCAS I also committed London to two multi city climate commitments alongside 25 other Mayors. Commitments were to implement zero carbon buildings by 2030 and advancing zero waste. My London Environment Strategy currently goes further than these targets, showing London to be an international leader amongst cities.

### **London Business Climate Leaders and announcement of London Climate Week**

On 13 September, I announced the launch of my new London Business Climate Leaders made up of 11 of London's leading businesses.

The companies, who together employ more than 165,000 people in London, will work with the me on ambitious projects to cut levels of pollution and emissions far in excess of Government targets. This will include using 100 per cent renewable energy in their London properties by 2020 and tackling air pollution by supporting the transition towards zero-emission vehicles by 2025.

This new group includes a strong cluster of property and construction companies, representing London's and the UK's largest developers: Derwent London, Landsec, ISG and Morgan Sindall Group. It also includes multi-national businesses Tesco and Siemens and global media organisations such as Sky, Informa and RELX Group.

The businesses will also disclose emissions for their London operations by Autumn 2018. Other London-operating businesses are now being invited to join the initiative and pledge their support for making London a zero-carbon city by 2050.

As part of this launch, I also announced plans for the first ever London Climate Action Week on 1– 8 July 2019. It will showcase the capital as a global hub for climate expertise, services and action and engage Londoners in the ambitious work underway across business, finance, culture and other sectors.

### **Mayor's Entrepreneur and C40 Women4Climate**

On 7 September, I recruited 25 interns from 20 universities across London to support the 2018/19 Mayor's Entrepreneur competition. This year's competition has two additional awards for the technology and creative industries sectors. Interns will help deliver the competition and provide on-the-ground support at their universities. In addition, ten young women were selected from the applicants to receive career mentoring and guidance as part of London's participation in the C40 Cities Women4Climate initiative.

We received over 300 applications and have appointed students from UCL, Imperial, Greenwich, LSE, UEL, UWL, Middlesex, Queen Mary, Brunel, Goldsmiths, London College of Fashion, Central Saint Martins, London South Bank University, King's College, Birkbeck, Roehampton, Kingston, SOAS, London Metropolitan and Westminster.



## Education and Youth

### Open House

On Saturday 22 September, as part of Open House London 2018 City Hall was opened to the public. It was a fantastic day, giving Londoners a chance to admire the architecture of our wonderful building and learn more about my role, and the role of the Assembly and GLA staff. My Education and Youth Team ran a number of activities for families, including a children's quiz and a workshop from colleagues at the Institute of Imagination, exploring what cities of the future might look like! They also launched our new London Curriculum Family Explorer Trail, all about the world of work in London. These trails are a great way for families to explore the city, encouraging children to think big about what the future might hold.

### Jack Petchey Foundation 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

On 17 September, my Statutory Deputy Mayor Deputy and Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Jack Petchey Foundation at City Hall.

The winners of the Foundations' new open grant programme were announced, and these organisations will receive grants of up to £18,000 each for work supporting young people who struggle with their transition to adulthood due to adverse circumstances such as homelessness, leaving care, being young carers or facing illness, disability or mental health problems.

### Getting Ahead London

My Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney AM, launched Getting Ahead London 2018/19 - my programme to help talented senior leaders progress to headships in London schools – on Friday 14th September. The 60 senior leaders will be coached, trained and supported to secure their next promotion, so helping to address London's shortage of head teachers. The cohort is the most diverse yet: 52% are from a BAME group this year, compared to 40% last year and 30% in 2016/7.

Six schools with senior leaders on Getting Ahead London are also in this year's Schools for Success programme, which celebrates schools in the capital who are making exceptional progress, especially with low prior attaining pupils.

## Communities and Social Policy

### EU Portal Micro Grants Scheme

In September, I awarded £20,000 in grants to community organisations to undertake outreach activities with European Londoners. This includes information events and legal outreach to vulnerable groups. The work will focus on groups of European Londoners who are most at risk of not accessing information and advice about applying for Settled Status after the UK leaves the EU.

## **European Day of Languages**

On 26 September, City Hall celebrated European Day of Languages. We welcomed 60 English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learners and their teachers. The event highlighted the barriers that many learners face when trying to access suitable ESOL provision. Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder spoke about the Social Integration team's innovative work to overcome these barriers. He also shared the work of the Skills team, which is preparing for the devolution of the Adult Education Budget.

## **Deputy Mayor Matthew Ryder speaks at CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP**

On 25 September, My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder participated in a discussion on 'Social Mobility and Ethnicity' for the BME network at CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP. Matthew spoke about social mobility in the legal profession, not just from the perspective of diversity of gender and ethnicity, but also in relation to social class.

## **Serious Youth Violence Visits**

My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder continued his visits to organisations that are addressing the root causes of serious youth violence. On 24 September, Matthew visited the Bright Education Centre in Lambeth. The visit allowed Matthew to hear directly from young people and staff about the key issues which are affecting young people in Lambeth.

## **Economic Fairness indicators**

On 20 September, I launched a new website on the London Datastore that catalogues economic fairness measures relating to employment, opportunity and living standards. The site offers an unprecedented insight into the economic outcomes London's residents and workers experience. To promote the launch, Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder gave a speech at Toynbee Hall on poverty and economic fairness.

## **Our Time: Launch of first cohort**

On 19 September, I spoke at the opening event of the first GLA Group Cohort of Our Time: Supporting Future Leaders initiative. I announced the sponsorship initiative, the biggest of its kind in the public sector, in May as part of my #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign. The initiative aims to tackle gender inequality in the workplace and break down the barriers that prevent women from reaching the top of their professions.

The 32 participants and their champions, including Deputy Mayor Justine Simons, gathered for the first time to hear about the initiative. The agenda included a speech from Chief Officer, Mary Harpley, interactive workshop sessions and a case study panel discussion. The participant and champion pairs are now embarking on a 12 month sponsorship journey together. This will include ongoing one to one conversations, as well as formal face to face events throughout the first 6 months.

## **Black Men in Law Network**

On 18 September, My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder delivered a keynote presentation at the first formal event by the

Black Men in Law Network. Matthew spoke of his own personal journey into law and his progression towards becoming a QC. The network exists to inspire and support Black men who work in the legal profession and those who want to enter it.

### **Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder meets The Bishop of London**

On 17 September, My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder presented an overview of City Hall's work on social integration to senior staff from the Diocese of London. The new Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, requested the meeting to find out more on 'major trends taking place in London.' This is one of a series of meetings with senior external stakeholders which the Bishop is hosting to inform how the Diocese will serve London's communities over the next 5-7 years.

### **Guidance for Professionals Supporting Young Londoners With Insecure Status**

On 14 September, my Social Integration team launched guidance to help carers, teachers and those supporting children and young people to understand the rights to British citizenship and residence. The guidance provides an overview of what a child or young person's legal rights might be, and information on what can be done to support them. This is in addition to our guidance for young people which launched in July 2018.

### **Black Majority Church Leaders Meeting**

On 14 September, My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, and I, hosted a meeting with the leaders of Black majority churches in London. Faith leaders do vital work in their communities and are in a unique position when it comes to supporting young Londoners to make the most of their gifts. I am ensuring we continue this engagement and build on it in the future, and I have plans to host a follow-up meeting in December.

### **London Strategic Migration Partnership**

On 13 September, My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder chaired a regular meeting of the London Strategic Migration Partnership (LSMP). Statutory partners and civil society representatives who attended discussed unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, asylum accommodation and support, and vulnerable EU nationals post-Brexit.

### **Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder visit to Bristol**

On 6 September, My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder met with Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol City Council, and local stakeholders. Matthew shared learnings on my Social Integration Strategy, 'All of us'. Bristol is yet to define its approach to social integration and is keen to learn from London's definition and policy programme. So far, their work has focused on supporting Marvin Rees' role in the Global Parliament of Mayors, with a focus on migration and integration.

## Health

### Health Inequalities Strategy

On 3 September I presented my final health inequalities strategy to the London Assembly plenary. My vision is to make London a healthier, fairer city where nobody's health suffers because of who they are or where they live.

There are currently wide variations across London in healthy life expectancy and my strategy, which was consulted on last year, includes a raft of bold measures that will tackle the determinants of health which lead to these variations. It focuses on five key areas: healthy children, healthy minds, healthy places, healthy communities, and healthy living. Reducing health inequalities requires commitment from a range of organisations and I will work with partners from all sectors to deliver this strategy. The health inequalities strategy can be viewed and downloaded here: [www.london.gov.uk/health-strategy](http://www.london.gov.uk/health-strategy)

## Team London, Sports and Volunteering

### Team London and Thrive LDN grants

On 1 October, Team London and Thrive LDN Grants opened for applications. The grants will give up to £10,000 to community groups, small charities and voluntary organisations to run projects which encourage young Londoners to volunteer. Most participants will be new to volunteering and will come from groups that are disproportionately affected by poor mental health. These includes those within the criminal justice system, young refugees and asylum seekers. Applications close on 12 November 2018

Apply here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/volunteering/effective-community-engagement/team-london-and-thrive-ldn-small-grants>

### Deputy Mayor Matthew Ryder speaks at UKactive

On 12 September, My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder spoke at a UKactive event, alongside leaders from other cities. He shared information on City Hall's innovative approach to using sport for social integration. Matthew spoke of the need to prioritise equalities and integration. Without this, our programmes will not reach the communities that are most inactive and can benefit the most from more active lives. The event was part of UKactive's National Summit – the largest gathering of physical activity stakeholders from across the UK.

### Deputy Mayor Matthew Ryder speaks at Centre for London

On 3 September, My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility, Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder took part in a panel discussion at Centre for London's 'More, Better, Together' – A strategic review of giving in London' launch. This report looks at the scale and impact of the giving of time and money in London and identifies what the city can do to give more. It makes specific references to the GLA and Mayor's Fund for London. Earlier this year, I commissioned Rocket Science to undertake an independent review and to make recommendations on how the GLA can further support better giving in London. My team will respond to these recommendations in due course.

## Culture and Events

### Culture Seeds

Culture Seeds, my £1 million micro grants programme, has awarded a further £49,758 to 12 projects supporting grassroots community-led arts, culture and heritage activities. This takes the total distributed since May 2018 to £162,638 in 21 London boroughs.

Throughout September, Culture Seeds delivered a number of projects including The Sir Hubert Von Herkomer Arts Foundation's final summer school exhibition created by young people who live on the Queen's Crescent Estate in Camden; in Hackney, Wilton Estate's Tenants and Residents Association held their 'East End Knees Up' with live music performances and family drumming workshops for local residents; and Redbridge Music Lounge's band performed in residential care homes across Redbridge as part of their 'Music for the Mind' project.

### Liberty Unbound

This year, Liberty, my annual festival to celebrate work by Deaf and disabled artists, took a fresh new approach. Instead of one event, we worked with Circulate London to bring Liberty to heart of three London boroughs over the course of three days to ensure even more Londoners could take advantage of the festival. I was proud to present Liberty Unbound on the 30 August in Deptford, 1 September in Enfield and 2 September in Hounslow. This year's showcase featured performances by Graeae's [Iron Man](#), Candoco and Deaf Rave.

### Totally Thames

In September, I once again supported Totally Thames, one of London's most spectacular cultural celebrations. Taking place over 30 days, the festival is a fantastic celebration of the River Thames. This year it featured over 100 artistic, community and participatory events across the city including in Richmond, Southwark, Greenwich, and Barking and Dagenham. From the World's Oldest River Race to the Rivers of the World programme, Totally Thames offered something for everyone.

### Frieze Art Fair

On 3 October, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE attended the opening of Frieze Art Fair, including Frieze Masters. In its 16th year, the fair attracts galleries worldwide and contributes to London's position as the second largest art market in the world. Last year Frieze London received 60,000 visitors, it generated £66 million and an additional £52 million in visitor spend. Frieze Sculpture in Regents Park, where the best contemporary and modern art can be seen, for free by millions of visitors to the park.

### Sylvia at the Old Vic Theatre

On 21 September, I attended the performance of Sylvia at the Old Vic Theatre, a new contemporary musical by two prominent women in theatre - hip hop choreographer Kate Prince and writer Priya Parmar. The production is about the life of Sylvia Pankhurst and her contributions to the women's suffrage movement. It was created to mark the centenary of the first women winning the right to vote this year and some of cast performed at the unveiling of the Millicent Fawcett statue on 24 April 2018. My Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE also attended the show on the 11 September.

## **Royal Opera House - launch of renovation works**

On 20 September my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries Justine Simons OBE attended the opening of the £50 million renovation of the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden designed by award-winning architects Stanton Williams. This refurbishment of this iconic venue includes a brand new Linbury Theatre with 25 per cent of seats priced at £25 or less, made the Royal Opera House more accessible and for the first time is open to the public. With an extensive programme of ticketed and free daytime events, activities and festivals open to people of all ages.

## **London Design Festival**

On 17 September, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, gave a speech at the 2018 British Land London Design Medal Awards, to celebrate London's outstanding design talent. Justine encouraged business leaders and designers to join my Enterprise Advisor Network to inspire the next generation. The winners of this year's Awards were Czech Architect Eva Jiřičná, fashion designer Grace Wales Bonner, designer Hussein Chalayan, and architect and designer Neri Oxman. This year, London Design Festival is expected to welcome a record 450,000 visitors, with almost a quarters of visitors coming from overseas and is expected to generate £26 million in sales.

On 18 September, Justine Simons OBE launched the London Design Festival landmark commission in Trafalgar Square *Please Feed the Lions*, an interactive sculpture by artist and designer Es Devlin. Justine Simons also awarded the Public Award medal from the London Design Biennale voted for by visitors to the London Biennale, to Guatemala.

## **Tate Year 3 Project by Steve McQueen**

On 18 September, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, spoke at the launch of Year 3, a project by Turner Prize and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen CBE, a project commissioned by Tate, Artangel and education partner A New Direction. This work will create the most ambitious visual portrait of London citizenship, explored through the vehicle of the traditional school class photograph, by inviting every Year 3 primary school class in London to be photographed. The class photos will be brought together into a single large-scale free to view installation at Tate and a London-wide outdoor exhibition.

## **London Fashion Week**

On 14 September, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, attended the launch of the 68th edition of London Fashion Week along with new Chair of British Fashion Council Stephanie Phair. The Deputy Mayor visited the main trade exhibition, met key businesses and design talent and saw showcases of British designers. London Fashion Week saw 80 designers, over 100 brands, and guests from over 50 countries come to London.

On 18 September, Justine Simons attended a reception at Number 10 Downing Street for the fashion industry hosted by Prime Minister Theresa May. The event promoted the UK's fashion industry and encouraged international trade. The British Fashion Council released new figures showing that fashion now contributes £32 billion to the UK economy and employment figures ranking the fashion industry to be nearly as large as the UK financial sector.

## **London Fashion Week supports Behind Every Great City**

On 13 September, London's famous department stores, Harrods, Harvey Nichols, and Fortnum & Mason unveiled window displays showcasing the history of the women's suffrage movement in London in support of my #behindeverygreatcity campaign. The stores worked with the British Fashion Council as part of London Fashion Week, and each pledged commitments to advancing women's careers in fashion and retail in London.

## **NEXXT STEP: Women in Music mentoring project**

On 13 September, I announced a new project with BBC Radio 1Xtra DJ Sian Anderson, funded by the Government's Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme, to support young women in music.

The NEXXT STEP project, which is part of the Mayor's #BehindEveryGreatCity campaign, will mentor and promote 10 new women artists aged 18-24 from London. They will have access to a month of writing workshops and studio sessions in October, which will culminate in writing, recording and performing at the XOYO venue for two nights. They will then perform in a final show at City Hall.

## **Stepping stones schools' theatre visit**

On 11 September, 122 secondary age students from schools participating in my Stepping Stones programme attended a free theatre production of Dreamgirls in the West End. After the performance, the students met the cast and production team to find out more about the theatre industry and how they can get involved. The schools in attendance participated in my summer school programme – Stepping Stones – which supports vulnerable young people transition from primary to secondary school.

## **Launch of Waltham Forest's Fellowship Funding**

On Monday 10 September, my first ever London Borough of Culture, Waltham Forest, opened applications for its Fellowship Funding scheme, which will invest over £500,000 in local artists and organisations during 2019. There will be two types of funding to apply for - 'Make it Happen' cultural activity grants and 'Make it Work' space improvement grants. The funding will support activity between January and July 2019. A second round of funding will open in January 2019 to support activity from July to December 2019.

## **Fashion District Launch**

On 10 September, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE launched the new Fashion District along with designer Christopher Raeburn, Frances Corner OBE, Head of the London College of Fashion and Pro Vice-Chancellor of University of the Arts London and Caroline Rush CBE, Chief Executive of the British Fashion Council. The Fashion District is a partnership with London boroughs of Hackney, Haringey, Newham, Waltham Forest and Tower Hamlets to create a world-leading hub for fashion in east London, generating more than 15,000 new jobs and opportunities for young people.

It will also deliver 3,000 square meters of affordable workspace for designers and makers funded with £2.5 million through my Good Growth Fund and has recently has been awarded £6 million from the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

This initiative builds on my vision for East Bank – a £1.1 billion investment at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – which includes a new campus for London College of Fashion, bringing over 5,000 students to the area.

My Regeneration and Economic Development Team assisted the development of a strategic case for investment and will continue to support this partnership in delivering against Good Growth Fund investments.

### **Gigs Grand Final**

On 2 September, the Grand Final of my young buskers' competition, Gigs, took place at Westfield London in Shepherd's Bush. Throughout the summer, young musicians entertained crowds across the capital as part of Gigs, the young finalists were selected by music industry experts and over 40,000 members of the public who voted for their favourite acts. 24-year-old singer songwriter Laky from Lambeth was crowned overall champion. Over 50,000 people saw the Grand Final, judges included BBC Radio 1's Fuzz Chaudhrey, KissFM presenter Swarzy Macaly and artist Newton Faulkner.

### **GQ Men of the Year Awards**

On 5 September, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE attended the 2018 GQ Men of the Year Awards, honouring the international men and women who shape the world's style, politics, entertainment and sport. Actress and activist Rose McGowan received the Inspiration Award, recognising her bravery as one of the first women to speak out about sexual assault and harassment in the film industry. Londoners who also won awards included the Rt Hon David Lammy MP and artist Dua Lipa.

### **Arts Council England, London Area Council Meeting**

On 6 September, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries Justine Simons OBE attended the Arts Council England, London Area Council meeting. This was the first meeting chaired by Ruth Mackenzie CBE, who I appointed after an open recruitment process. Ruth Mackenzie CBE, is a well-respected cultural leader and will lead on the Arts Council work on London, playing a significant role in shaping the future of culture and the creative industries in the capital.

Ruth also joined the Arts Council England's, National Council, who are currently undertaking a public consultation on their 10-year strategy, to ensure diverse and local voices will be part of the new strategy.



## London Legacy Development Corporation

### **Bobby Moore Academy Opens**

The Bobby Moore Academy, a brand new all through school for east London, opened its doors to Year 7 and 8 students at their secondary site for the first time this September. When full, the academy, which is part of the David Ross Education Trust, will host 420 primary pupils and 1,140 secondary pupils – over 1,500 pupils in total. The first primary pupils also started in September.

The school offers world class facilities including state-of-the-art specialist science labs, design and technology labs, fantastic music facilities and a world class sports hall. The building also offers spectacular views of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park from the sports hall roof terrace. Pupils will have access to the fantastic facilities of the Olympic Park, including the London Marathon Community Track next to the Olympic Stadium.

### **London Assembly**

In September the chair and chief executive of LLDC appeared before the London Assembly to update on their work, answering questions from members on a wide range of issues including the London Stadium, increasing the supply of affordable homes, and sustainable transport. The chief executive and deputy chief executive also appeared before the London Assembly Budget and Performance Committee, answering questions on the London Stadium and East Bank.

### **Events**

LLDC continues to ensure that development sites are used for meanwhile events, including Oktoberfest, which runs for a month from the end of September. West Ham United Football Club has hosted three matches at the London Stadium, including victory over Macclesfield Town in the English Football League Cup third round. At the start of October, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park will host the Men's Hockey Anniversary International game at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, marking the 30th Anniversary of Great Britain Men's historic Olympic Hockey Gold medal at Seoul 1988. The Anniversary International sees Great Britain's men take on Belgium, ranked no. 3 in the World.

## Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

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

On 10 September, I submitted a bid to the Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government for £250 million of Housing Infrastructure Fund money to bring forward development at Old Oak North. A decision on funding is expected before the end of the calendar year.

# Planning

## Planning and Development Control 23 August 2018 to 25 September 2018

### Planning Decisions (Stage III representation hearings)

*Newcombe House, Notting Hill Gate, RB Kensington and Chelsea*

Having decided to become the local planning authority for the above case, I decided to grant planning permission, subject to planning conditions and prior written conclusion of a section 106 agreement.

*Beam Park, Former Ford Factory, New Road, Rainham & Dagenham, LB Barking and Dagenham and LB Havering*

Having decided to become the local planning authority for the above case, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, under powers I delegated to him, decided to grant planning permission, subject to planning conditions and prior written conclusion of a section 106 agreement.

### Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

*Car Park Site and Adjoining Land, Lion Green Road, Coulsdon, LB Croydon*

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

*17-21 Dingwall Road, East Croydon, LB Croydon*

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

*75-117 Boston Road, Hanwell, 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.

*Quayside Lodge, Parsons Green, LB Hammersmith and Fulham*

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

*Ark Swift Primary Academy, White City, LB Hammersmith and Fulham*

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

*King George's Gate, Tolworth, RB Kingston upon Thames*

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

*Woolwich Reach and Freemasons Road, Canning Town, 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.

*Ailsa Wharf, Poplar, LB Tower Hamlets*

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

*54 Marsh Wall, Isle of Dogs, 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.

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

*London East Business and Technical Park, Dagenham, LB Barking and Dagenham*

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

*Eastside Quarter, Bexleyheath, LB Bexley*

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

*141-163 Freston Road, North Kensington, RB Kensington and Chelsea*

The Deputy Mayor has written to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

*East Ham Market, Myrtle Road, LB Newham*

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

*19 Abbey Road, Park Royal, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation*

The Deputy Mayor has written to the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation stating that he is content to allow the Corporation to determine the application itself.

*Peabody Estate, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, LB Wandsworth*

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

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

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

- Leadenhall Court, 1 Leadenhall Street, City of London
- Former Stewarts Plastics Site, Waddon Marsh Way, Croydon, LB Croydon
- 1 Boord Street, Greenwich, RB Greenwich
- Fulham Gasworks, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Cargo Service Centre, Bedfont Road, Stanwell, LB Hounslow
- Kensington Forum Hotel, Cromwell Road, Kensington, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Brampton Manor Academy, Roman Road, North Beckton, LB Newham
- Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, LB Richmond upon Thames
- South London Mail Centre, Nine Elms Lane, LB Wandsworth

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

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

- Pylon Farm, Newyears Green Lane, Harefield, LB Hillingdon
- Tesco, Kennington Lane, Kennington, LB Lambeth
- Queen's Yard, White Post Lane, Hackney Wick, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Capital House, 42-46 Weston Street, London Bridge, LB Southwark

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

- Land to the East of Moorhead Way - Kidbrooke Village Phase 2 (West), RB Greenwich
- Land at Lionel Road South, LB Hounslow
- Heathside and Lethbridge Estates (Phases 5 & 6), LB Lewisham
- St Pauls School, LB Richmond upon Thames
- Development Site at Chelsea Barracks, City of Westminster
- Local Plan Review – Main Modifications, LB Newham
- Local Plan Review – Main Modifications, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 18), Sevenoaks District Council
- Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 19), Tandridge District Council

## **Key Engagements**

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

- I attended the Assembly Plenary on 3 September to answer questions on my Health & Inequality Strategy
- I met with Mike Brown, the Transport Commissioner, and Sir Terry Morgan, Chairman of Crossrail, on 3 September to discuss Crossrail
- I chaired a meeting of the London Business Board alongside Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner on 4 September to discuss policing in London
- I chaired the Homes for Londoners Board meeting on 4 September
- I had my regular meeting with Cllr Peter John, Leader of London Councils on 4 September
- I met with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner on 4 September
- I met with Mike Brown, the Transport Commissioner and Sir Terry Morgan, Chairman of Crossrail, on 5 September ahead of the London Assembly Plenary on Crossrail
- I attended the Assembly Plenary on 6 September to answer questions on Crossrail
- I had my regular meeting with Dany Cotton, the Fire Commissioner, on 6 September
- I met with the Dave Ward, General Secretary of the CWU, on 6 September to discuss transport issues in London
- I had my regular update with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on the work of the Violent Crime Taskforce on 6 September
- I attended the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association reception taking place at City Hall on 6 September
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 7 September
- I opened the Veteran's Aid New Belvedere House Hostel in Aldgate on 7 September
- I met with Andy McDonald MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport, on 10 September to discuss transport issues in London

- I had an introductory meeting with Don O’Sullivan, Chief Executive, Galliard Homes on 10 September
- I met with Mary Harpley on her first day in the office on 10 September as the new Chief Office of the GLA
- I visited GFI on 11 September as part of the BGC annual charity day
- I met with Mike Brown, Transport Commissioner, and TfL Board Members on 11 September to discuss Crossrail
- I attended the Tavistock Square 7/7 Memorial Unveiling on 12 September
- I took part in a conference call with the C40 Steering Committee meeting in San Francisco on 12 September
- I attended Mayor’s Question Time on 13 September
- I met with Warren Kenny, Regional Secretary, London Region of the GMB, on 13 September to discuss Economic Fairness in London
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 13 September
- I met with Amanda Spielman, Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector (Ofsted), on 13 September to discuss how the Ofsted inspection regime can be improved to have a greater focus on addressing serious youth violence, child wellbeing, mental health and education attainment in London.
- I hosted a breakfast meeting with representatives of London’s Black Majority Churches on 14 September to discuss how we can work together to tackle violent crime in London
- I met with Pete Kavanagh, London and Eastern Regional Secretary of Unite on 14 September to discuss transport issues in London
- I visited the Newcombe House development site in Kensington on 17 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 17 September
- I met with Tulip Siddiq MP and Richard Ratcliffe, husband of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe on 17 September
- I had an introductory meeting with Manfred Weber MEP, leader of the centre-right EPP Group in the European Parliament, on 18 September
- I met with Mike Brown, the Transport Commissioner, and TfL Board Members on 18 September to discuss Crossrail
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 18 September
- I chaired the Newcombe House Representation Hearing at City Hall on 18 September
- I attended the opening event for the first GLA Group Cohort of the Our Time initiative on 19 September
- I chaired the Transport for London Board Meeting on 19 September
- I chaired the Adult Education Budget Mayoral Board meeting on 19 September
- I had an introductory meeting with Baroness Lola Young & Sir David Bell, the new Co-Chairs of Foundation for Future London, on 19 September
- I opened the extended Cycle Superhighway 6, which now runs from Elephant & Castle all the way to King’s Cross, on 20 September
- I attended the interviews with the final applicants for the position of the Deputy Metropolitan Police Commissioner on 20 September
- I had my regular update with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on the work of the Violent Crime Taskforce on 20 September
- I visited Grafton Primary School in Islington on 21 September to see the Chance to Shine Street Cricket project and to announce the next phase of the Young Londoners Fund
- I met with the cast and attended a showing of Sylvia at the Old Vic on 21 September

- I attended the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool from 22 to 24 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 25 September
- I had an introductory meeting with Jeff Weiner, CEO LinkedIn, on 25 September
- I visited Waltham Forest on 27 September to launch the third round of the Mayor's Air Quality Fund
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 27 September
- I had an introductory meeting with the Legacy Foundation, a London-based regeneration charity established by the footballers Rio Ferdinand, Mark Noble and Bobby Zamora, on 27 September
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 27 September
- I attended the Macmillan Coffee morning being hosted at City Hall on 28 September
- I attended the opening of the new premises of the Dale Youth Amateur Boxing Club on 28 September
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 1 October
- I attended the launch of Irwin Mitchell's London Employment & Professional Discipline team on 1 October
- I attended the Grenfell Inquiry on 4 October
- I met with Cllr Lib Peck, Leader of Lambeth Borough Council, on 4 October to discuss borough issues
- I met with Cllr Richard Watts, Leader of Islington Borough Council, on 4 October to discuss borough issues
- I attended the Tech 100 Reception on 4 October
- I attended a dinner hosted by Michael Bloomberg at the Victoria Miro Gallery on 4 October

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