

# 6th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

## Mayor's Question Time 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

This is my sixth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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

## Executive Summary

### Covid-19 and Recovery update

Initial economic data tentatively suggests that there has not been a huge increase in redundancies as a result of the ending of Furlough at the end of September. During the pandemic, Londoners have experienced relatively high rates of unemployment and furlough take-up, while the capital has also seen a slower recovery in employees and online job postings. There have, however, been stronger signs of labour market recovery in recent months, albeit with ongoing uncertainty around the end of the furlough scheme.

The London Recovery Taskforce met on 27 October, where it reviewed the economic picture for London's recovery, discussed next steps on the Economic Recovery Framework and, roles and responsibilities for all sectors in social recovery. The framework is available here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/londons-recovery-coronavirus-crisis/recovery-context/economic-recovery-framework-london>

To support the delivery of the work set out in the Framework, London Councils are forming a Task & Finish Group comprised of borough Leaders and Chief Executives to drive delivery of borough actions under the framework. Colleagues in the GLA Economic Development team are working to develop an action plan based on the Framework, which will be overseen by the Jobs and Skills Implementation Group (JSIG).

Members of the Recovery Board met informally on 1 November to take stock on engagement with London's diverse communities on recovery. The meeting was chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard.

On 11 October, the GLA and London Councils met with Minister for London, Paul Scully MP, to talk about the economic recovery framework and to discuss a unified approach to recovery across the capital. It was agreed that these meetings would become regular, and that further focused meetings on key topics including the Green New Deal, young people and infrastructure would be established.

The Recovery Programme team ran a London Recovery Workshop with representatives from boroughs, London Councils, government departments and the GLA on 30th September. It focused on building relationships across the layers of London government to resolve blockages and issues and to share best practice. The team are planning to host similar workshops and events with representatives from other UK and international cities.

## **COP 26 and Chair of C40 Cities**

Between the 1-3 November I attended COP26 to highlight the role that cities can play in tackling the climate and air pollution emergencies, the world-leading action that we are taking in London and what further powers and funding cities, including London, need from respective national governments. At the conference, the role of Chair of C40 Cities was formally handed over to me from outgoing Chair, Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles. For further details of the meetings and events I attended, including my announcement of an additional £30 million of investment into the Mayor's Energy Efficiency Fund, please see the International section below.

## **ULEZ expansion**

On 25 October, I expanded the Ultra Low Emission Zone up to, but not including, the North and South Circular Roads to create a single zone 18 times the size of the central London ULEZ. This is an important part of my aim to ensure London has the best air quality of any major world city, going beyond the legal requirements to protect human health and minimise inequalities. 45 per cent of London's population live within the expanded zone, but the air quality benefits will extend beyond its borders, with an expected 30 per cent reduction in nitrogen oxides emissions London-wide. To launch the scheme, I met with representatives from communities, boroughs, the emergency services, businesses and charities to celebrate the action they've taken to help clean up London's air.

## **Night Tube and Night Overground return to support economic recovery and night safety in the capital**

On 14 October, TfL announced that the Night Tube will be returning in time for the busy Christmas period after being suspended since March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Services on the Central and Victoria lines will run throughout the night on Fridays and Saturdays from the evening of Saturday 27 November.

On 3 November, TfL announced that Night Overground services between Highbury & Islington and New Cross Gate would also return from Friday 17 December, running every 15 minutes throughout the night on Fridays and Saturdays.

The resumed services will provide more options for customers who need to travel at night either for leisure or for work, while also making journey times shorter and offering safer routes home for women, girls and all Londoners. Restoring night running on these lines will help businesses like bars, clubs and restaurants as London's night-time economy continues to recover following the pandemic.

It will also provide a safe, quick travel option for Londoners and visitors looking to make the most of all the capital has to offer in the evenings, and those who need to travel to or from work at night.

## **Boost for the City with Waterloo & City line set to return to a full weekday service**

On 28 October TfL announced that the Waterloo & City line will provide a full weekday service from Monday 22 November as London continues to recover from the pandemic. The line, which connects Waterloo and Bank stations, is an important commuter link for thousands who come into London to work in the City each day.

The Waterloo & City line shut in March 2020 in response to the Government's advice for people to work from home. As a link predominately used by commuters, demand for the line plummeted. In June this year, TfL reintroduced peak time-only weekday services on the line, to support those gradually returning to the office.

From 22 November, the Waterloo & City line will operate a full service from 06:00 in the morning to 00:30 at night. At peak times, between 06:30 and 09:30 and between 16:00 and 19:00, it will run every three minutes, and at off-peak times it will run every five minutes.

This will enable customers to stagger their journeys throughout the day and will make flexible working easier by improving travel options to and from the City outside of peak hours.

The reintroduction of the full weekday service will also be helpful for anyone travelling into the centre of London to sample the city's unique retail, hospitality and culture.

### **EV launch – LEVC factory, Coventry**

On 15 October, I visited the London Electric Vehicle Company (LEVC) factory in Coventry. I was joined on the visit by Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority, Andy Street, and we discussed building bridges between London and the rest of the country and how London can help both the national pandemic recovery and the levelling up agenda. The visit coincided with the publication of draft 2030 Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Strategy, due to be published in full later this year. The strategy includes a key commitment to unlocking land owned by the Greater London Authority Group and the boroughs for EV charging.

London's EV charging infrastructure now accounts for approximately a third of the UK's total charge points and represents a 55 per cent increase in EV charging points delivered in the three years from 2019 to 2021. However, new modelling from TfL estimates that by 2030 London could need 40,000 – 60,000 charge points, of which up to 4,000 will be rapid charge points, that could fully charge a vehicle in as little as 20 minutes. It is thought that public sector land could accommodate around 1,000 of the rapid charge points London may need by 2030.

### **London Climate Summit**

On 28 October, I provided a keynote address at the London Climate Summit, a joint event from the GLA and London Councils at the London Guildhall. The event heard from 13 guest speakers from business, NGOs, community groups, local authorities and youth representatives to highlight London's commitment and capacity to deliver net zero. I shared my vision for a more connected city that is greener, more equal, healthy and resilient, and where all Londoners residents, business and diverse communities can thrive. This was a high-profile event in the lead up to COP26, and served as a launchpad for action at the national level at the conference starting the following week. Several hundred attendees watched the event online, with around 50 guests invited to attend in person.

### **New campaign launched to stamp out sexual harassment on public transport**

On 27 October TfL, in partnership with the Rail Delivery Group, British Transport Police, Metropolitan Police Service and women's safety groups, launched a new campaign to tackle sexual harassment on the transport network. The campaign highlights various forms of unwanted sexual behaviour that can take place on public transport and aims to send a strong message to offenders that sexual harassment is not tolerated on TfL's services.

Sexual harassment is a form of violence, most often directed against women and girls in public places. The safety of women and girls is an absolute priority for TfL and this new campaign is one element of TfL's work to ensure everyone can travel with confidence.

The campaign aims to challenge the normalisation and dismissal of this behaviour as 'something that happens' to women and girls on public transport and in other public spaces, making it clear that it is never acceptable and that the strongest possible action will always be taken.

By raising awareness of these issues, I am encouraging Londoners to look out for and support each other, and for bystanders to speak up so that perpetrators can be held accountable for their actions.

### **TfL unveils memorial design for London's transport workers who tragically lost their lives to coronavirus**

On 11 October, TfL released designs for a new permanent memorial to London's transport workers who have tragically lost their lives to coronavirus. The new memorial will be created on a pedestrian plaza on Braham Street in Aldgate. The space will contain a plaque paying tribute to London's transport workers as well as benches to allow quiet reflection and remembrance. A cherry blossom tree will also be planted, echoing the new public garden of blossom trees created in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to commemorate all Londoners who lost their lives to coronavirus.

Tragically, the number of transport workers who helped to keep London moving during the pandemic have passed away from coronavirus has now reached 100. TfL is also aware of a number of taxi and private hire drivers who have sadly died and, alongside trade bodies, continue to offer their families support.

Their loss has been devastating for me all at TfL, and the permanent memorial will pay tribute to the critical role they played in London's fight against this global pandemic.

### **Let's Do London**

On 11 October I launched Pop Up London, a free family-friendly festival of outdoor theatre, circus, dance, magic, music, puppetry and more that celebrated the diversity of London. The festival was part of my Let's Do London campaign to encourage visitors back into the heart of our city. This project also supported our capital's creative freelancers, who have been hit hard by losing work due to the pandemic. From 23-31 October, the festival saw over 200 artists and creative freelancers performing in public spaces in central London over October half term, including at Trafalgar Square, Canary Wharf, King's Cross station, St Paul's Churchyard and many more locations.

On 22 October, I welcomed Little Amal, a 3.5-metre-tall puppet of a young Syrian child refugee, to London. Little Amal travelled 8,000km across Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium before arriving in the UK to raise awareness of the urgent needs of young refugees. We celebrated her 10th birthday with a range of events across central London, including a night vigil at the Royal Opera House attended by my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and a celebratory event in Trafalgar Square where I presented a video message on the importance of giving asylum to those in need. On her walk, Little Amal also visited the Roundhouse, the V&A and the London Borough of Lewisham – my next London Borough of Culture in 2022 – stopping at the Migration Museum and the Refugee Café.

## **London Film Festival – Mayor’s Film Gala**

The 65th BFI London Film Festival ran from 6 - 17 October. As part of it, I hosted a Special Presentation film screening of the UK premiere of the British film, *Ali & Ava*, directed by BAFTA-nominated Clio Barnard. Last year, my investment in Film London last year helped to generate £374 million and 4,000 employment opportunities for crew in London on feature films and high-end television productions.

## **Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm – Untold Stories Community Grants Fund**

On 21 October, my Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm launched Untold Stories, a new £1m fund to support community-led projects that increase diversity and representation in London’s public realm. The grants programme follows the publication of the first comprehensive audit of public sculpture and monuments across the capital – a national research project by Art UK, part funded by my Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm. This landmark study reviewed sculptures in public spaces across London over the last 1,000 years. It found that out of almost 1,500 monuments in the capital, the number of sculptures featuring animals is double that of named women.

I also announced a new partnership with Bridging Histories to create an interactive platform to enable Londoners and anyone interested in the capital’s diverse history to learn more about the city.

## **Diwali**

On Saturday 23 October we welcomed back live events on Trafalgar Square with the return of our ‘Diwali in London’ event – marking an important festival for Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. It was a new hybrid event, with a screen rather than a stage, showing fantastic performances and content from London and beyond.

The event was well attended, with audiences enjoying delicious food and creative activities, and we were delighted to see both Rangoli (colourful Indian Diwali motifs placed on the ground), as well as a special focus on Kolkata, Bengal with their Alpana – a similar concept in white design. We were also delighted to enjoy a special partnership with the National Gallery to showcase works of cultural significance. The night brought back a festival of beautiful lights and was live streamed. Content can also be viewed online for those who missed out on the night.

## **BHM reception**

On 25 October, I was delighted to host the Black History Month reception in City Hall’s London Living Room, an evening filled with some of London’s finest arts, culture and live entertainment with outstanding Caribbean cuisine. It was fantastic to welcome our stakeholders, colleagues and organisations we have worked closely with over the last 18 months for an evening of celebration.

## **NFL UK Foundation Launched**

On 14 October, I launched the new NFL (National Football League) Foundation UK with the NFL Commissioner. The Foundation works to tackle inequality and lack of opportunities in society by supporting young people aged 12-20 to realise their potential, access positive pathways and take ownership of their futures.

I also announced a combined £1 million investment with the NFL to the Foundation's work in London over a two-year period, from April 2022 to March 2024. The GLA will invest £500,000, matched by a £500,000 investment from NFL UK. This funding will be used to fund 8-12 community sport organisations working with young people in London, focusing on mental health and wellbeing; the reduction of serious youth violence and youth unemployment; and character development through Flag Football projects. The initial pilot for this programme, delivered in partnership with NFL UK, has evidenced a uniquely inclusive model, particularly successful in engaging young women and girls.

This new investment will enable further development in youth advocacy in London, through annual Youth Summits which bring together Foundation beneficiaries and senior leaders from business, politics and the voluntary sector.

### **London Poppy Day**

On 4 November, my Team London Major Event volunteers supported the Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal Day at three key stations across London. Volunteers were supporting service men and women by encouraging members of the public to donate to the poppy appeal cause.

## **Policing, Crime and Security**

### **Restoring confidence in policing**

The horrific murder of Sarah Everard by a serving police officer has severely damaged the public's confidence in the police. That trust has been further eroded by the news of another officer being charged with rape as well as reports of sexism, misogyny, racism, homophobia and sexual misconduct amongst some groups of officers.

I've been clear with the Commissioner about the scale of the challenge we face. We have a huge job to do to regain the trust of women, girls and all Londoners. I will continue to play my full part in holding the MPS to account to deliver the change we agree is needed.

Following the sentencing of Sarah's killer, I held detailed discussions with the Home Secretary about how best to rebuild trust and confidence in the police. We agreed the gravity of the situation required no less than a proper inquiry which will examine the failures that led to a serving police officer killing Sarah Everard so that they can never happen again.

I also worked with the MPS to agree to appoint an independent reviewer of police culture and standards within the MPS, and I welcome the appointment of Baroness Casey to lead this.

While I know the vast majority of officers are decent and dedicated public servants, the inquiry will address reports of widespread cultural issues within the MPS, including issues of misogyny, sexism, racism and homophobia as well as thoroughly examining recruitment, vetting, training, leadership and standards of behaviour among officers and staff.

Fundamentally, change needs to happen to regain the trust of women, girls and all Londoners. However, I'm clear that there is no time to waste. While these vital pieces of work are carried out, I will continue to hold the MPS to account so that we see the changes we need right now.

We must stamp out misogyny, sexism, racism and homophobia, root out those who abuse their trusted position as officers, and ensure that tackling violence against women and girls is treated with the highest priority.

### **Remembering Sir David Amess MP**

We were all horrified by the murder of Sir David Amess MP on 15 October, as he held a surgery for his local constituents. Sir David was a dedicated public servant, widely liked and respected by his colleagues. My thoughts are with his family, friends and staff during this unimaginably difficult time.

This was a senseless, cowardly and despicable attack on someone who was doing his job, working to help those he was elected to serve. His killer must face the full force of the law. I remain in close contact with the Met Police Commissioner as our police and security services continue to investigate this attack. I urge any witnesses or anyone with information about this incident to contact the police. My office has also been in touch with some of London's community organisations to reassure them and to advise on how to stay vigilant.

As Mayor, I will continue to tackle radicalisation and violent extremism in London and work to do everything necessary to keep our city safe. And I will continue to lobby Government to take all

necessary steps to address the threat of extremism and radicalisation, including through the Online Harms Bill.

### **Black Men for Change Launch**

On 18 October, Lib Peck, Director of London's Violence Reduction Unit, attended the Hackney CVS launch of their Black Men for Change programme at City Hall which is funded by the Violence Reduction Unit under the community development initiative. She spoke about the importance of role models in the community and the impact they can have on the lives of young people.

### **Ask for Angela launch, City of London**

On 21 October, my Night Czar, Amy Lamé, spoke at an event to mark the City of London's rollout of the Ask for Angela campaign. The campaign, which was launched by my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, earlier in August, makes accessing vital support quick and easy for those feeling unsafe or threatened on a night out. So far 800 frontline staff across London have taken Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE) training as part of the campaign, with other boroughs coming on board to promote it to their night time businesses.

## Transport

### **Best September ever for Santander Cycles as hires reach highest level since pandemic started**

On 7 October, TfL announced that more than one million hires were made in September, with an average of 40,660 per day - a new record for the month. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, TfL's flagship cycle hire scheme continues to go from strength for strength with its highest September hires as increasing numbers of Londoners returned to the office.

There were 1,219,804 hires during the month, an average of 40,660 daily hires - well above the 37,917 average daily hires in September last year and the 32,323 average daily hires in the three Septembers prior to the pandemic. Santander Cycles were a lockdown lifeline for many Londoners, so I'm delighted that the scheme is now playing a key part in London's recovery from the pandemic.

Our record September hires echoes the wider trend of more Londoners choosing to cycle.

We are determined to do all we can to build on this further - including by introducing electric Santander Cycles to the network and expanding the scheme to new areas - to ensure a green and sustainable recovery for our city.

### **TfL signs new contract for FORS to continue its work in making vehicle fleets across the UK safer and greener**

On 13 October, TfL announced the signing of a new contract with Sopra Steria to run the fleet recognition scheme FORS, which works to make vehicle fleets across the UK safer and greener.

The new contract will begin in January 2022 and will last for five years, with Sopra Steria taking over from the current administrators AECOM. FORS, which was created by TfL in 2008, is an accreditation scheme recognising freight and fleet safety and environmental standards.

The voluntary scheme audits fleet operators and awards bronze, silver and gold accreditations by asking them to demonstrate exceptional levels of best practice in safety and efficiency. It commits fleet operators to achieve high vehicle and driving standards relating to road safety, and environmental performance.

### **Thames Water fined £100,000 for unsafe street work practices**

On 18 October TfL announced it had successfully prosecuted Thames Water for four safety streetworks related offences committed on the TfL Road Network. The works took place on the Purley Way, Eltham Road and West Hill in October and November 2019, with prosecution delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Ensuring that street works are safe for people walking, cycling and using London's roads is vital as badly managed works can create hazards and danger for people on the roads.

## **The people cycling in London are more diverse than ever**

The latest data from TfL published on 19 October showed long-term trends in who cycles have changed, with participation much more representative of Londoners in 2020/21 than previous years.

Londoners from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities were not significantly less likely to have cycled over the past 12 months than white Londoners. 27 per cent as a whole had cycled over the past 12 months, compared to 24 per cent of Black people, 25 per cent of Asian people and 31 per cent of people from mixed backgrounds.

Life during the coronavirus pandemic boosted cycling levels overall, from 21 per cent of Londoners in 2019/20 to 27 per cent in 2020/21 but also widened participation, particularly among people from minority ethnic communities. Ensuring that people from all backgrounds feel comfortable cycling is vital to ensure a healthy, green and sustainable recovery from the pandemic.

The research also found that half of Black and Asian non-cyclists (49 per cent and 46 per cent respectively) are open to starting to cycle. The research found that that protected cycle routes on busy streets, less traffic on minor streets, and more secure cycle parking could help address barriers to cycling faced by people from diverse backgrounds.

TfL has been working closely with London's boroughs to deliver hundreds of kilometres of safer cycle routes, including more than 100km since the start of the pandemic; to build low traffic neighbourhoods right across London, and install thousands of new cycle parking spaces.

## **Exploring all London has to offer this half term with TfL's culture Tube and bus maps**

TfL reminded people that during half-term there are lots of places for families and friends to visit across London that can be easily accessed using public transport. Since the lifting of lockdown restrictions London has come back alive with events, attractions and places for people of all ages to visit.

Ridership on Tubes and buses continues to see week-on-week increases, with ridership at weekends being particularly strong as theatres, art exhibitions and sporting events reopen and people continue to experience all the city has to offer.

Using pay as you go with Contactless or Oyster allows customers to travel flexibly by simply touching in and out and only paying for the journeys they make, reducing the need to queue or buy tickets in the station. To help families plan activities during half term, TfL produced 18 culture maps, each with a unique design, highlighting places along Tube lines, London Overground and Docklands Light Railway for people of all ages to visit.

## **TfL teams up with Black Cultural Archives to launch Britain's first ever Black History Tube map**

On 12 October, TfL announced a new collaboration with Black Cultural Archives to launch the first ever Black History Tube map, celebrating the rich and varied contribution Black people have made to London and the UK from pre-Tudor times to the present day. The reimagined map, which can be viewed at [www.tfl.gov.uk/Black-history-map](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/Black-history-map), replaces station names across the iconic Tube map with notable Black people from history, with the associated Tube lines renamed to link them together by common themes - Firsts and Trailblazers; Georgians; Sports;

Arts; LGBTQ+; Physicians; Performers; Literary World and Community Organisers. By doing so, the map aims to highlight how Black people have played an intrinsic role in all parts of British life for thousands of years. The unique map is available to buy as a poster online in person at Black Cultural Archives in Brixton and via their online shop <https://blackculturalarchives.org/shop>

### **Osterley becomes London's 89th step-free Tube station**

On 8 October, TfL confirmed Osterley Underground station on the Piccadilly line has become step-free, helping people with accessibility needs to access the station and the wider transport network. Osterley has two new lifts and improved signage giving customers step-free access from the street to the station platforms.

Alongside these upgrades, boarding ramps will continue to be available to assist customers to board or alight the train, along with tactile paving along the full length of both platforms. The two new lifts will greatly improve access within the station for people with additional mobility needs, heavy luggage or those travelling with children in buggies. This will be especially helpful for those travelling to and from Heathrow airport on the Piccadilly line.

The completion of work at Osterley brings the total number of step-free stations on the Tube to 89 following the opening of two new step-free stations on the Northern Line Extension at Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station in September.

### **British Construction Industry Awards 2021**

I am delighted that the GLA's Infrastructure Coordination Service (ICS) won Partnership Initiative of the Year at the British Construction Industry Awards for our collaborative streetworks approach, along with our partners Thames Water, Transport for London, Cadent Gas Limited, SGN and UK Power Networks.

This award recognises the positive impact of our innovative partnership working with utilities and others to coordinate a 'dig once' approach to streetworks, minimising congestion and disruption on London's roads. To date, the approach has saved 426 days of disruption and created up to £4.1m of wider social value.

### **National Underground Asset Register (NUAR) launch**

My Infrastructure team will be working with Government to deliver the next phase of the National Underground Asset Register (NUAR), a digital map of underground pipes and cables designed to improve efficiencies in construction and development, as well as improving safety by eliminating accidental strikes. NUAR will reduce the disruption caused by fixing leaks and putting in new infrastructure, saving time and money.

The Geospatial Commission which leads the project on behalf of Government confirmed their plans to build a National Underground Asset Register after successful pilots in London and the North East. We secured up to an additional £400,000 to expand participation across all London boroughs and infrastructure providers, and to contribute strategically to the launch of a national system.

## **Regulators' Pioneer Fund**

My Infrastructure Coordination Service (ICS) has been awarded £200,000 from the BEIS Regulators' Pioneer Fund (RPF) to research potential regulatory changes to support collaborative streetworks across the UK's utility companies. The thinking is that, by embedding our collaboration approach into utility company business plans, we can help make this innovative way of working business as usual, creating disruption-reduction benefits and cost savings to both businesses and Londoners.

The project will build on a successful pilot that saw a collaborative streetworks incentive implemented implemented for London-based gas distribution network operators and will explore the potential for a cross- infrastructure sector regulatory incentive (or incentives) encouraging streetworks collaboration.

## **Fire and Resilience**

### **London Strategic Coordinating Group**

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

### **Big Resilience Conversation**

On 6 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, in her role as Chair of the London Resilience Forum, attended the Big Resilience Conversation Workshop held by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

### **London System: Cumulative Pressures Roundtable**

On 11 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, chaired a virtual roundtable to discuss London's cumulative pressures to the London system over the coming months.

### **LRF Chairs Call**

On 13 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, chaired a meeting with Resilience Forum Chairs from London. The Forum discussed COVID-19 preparations, as well as a number of wider resilience issues and presentations on current resilience topics.

### **Winter Preparedness**

On 14 October my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, attended a meeting of the London Resilience Forum on Winter Preparedness, chaired by my Chief of Staff.

### **London Resilience Forum**

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, chaired a virtual meeting of the London Resilience Forum. The forum discussed some of the initial learning from COVID-19 in relation to future protracted incidents and received updates from members with regard to their ongoing preparedness for COVID-19 and other incidents.

## **Growth, Skills and Regeneration**

### **Love Our Colleges**

18-22 October marked Colleges Week, part of the Association of Colleges' (AOC) 'Love Our Colleges' Campaign, which celebrates what colleges do to build communities, boost businesses and support individuals.

Colleges and the FE sector more broadly are playing an important role in London's recovery, and are key partners in my mission to ensure that Londoners can access the training and education they need to fulfil their potential and find good work. On Tuesday 19 October Deputy Mayor Jules Pipe visited Morley College to mark Colleges Week, seeing some of the facilities that have been supported by my Skills for Londoners Capital Funding, and thanking the college for all their work over the past year. I also used social media to mark the start of Our Colleges Week on 18 October.

### **Escape Restaurant official opening at HMP Wormwood Scrubs**

On 1 October I joined professional restaurateur Fred Sirieix to officially open the Escape training restaurant at HMP Wormwood Scrubs where I was able to see first-hand the impact of the £108,000 investment from my Skills for Londoners Capital Fund, (Small Projects and Equipment Programme). The existing staff canteen has been transformed into a café and full-service restaurant for staff, run by prisoners, to give them real-life experience in front of house service, cooking and business skills. Learners are gaining the skills and experience required for employment to reduce re-offending. Fred Sirieix was there as the Founder and Trustee of 'The Right Course' who provide the training courses for the learners.

### **The National Youth Theatre reopens**

On 6 October my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe visited the National Youth Theatre (NYT) in Islington as they reopened their doors following a major refurbishment. With £2m in support from my Good Growth Fund, the transformational £4.5m upgrade has created a fully accessible creative production house for young people to develop their skills, build their creative practice and progress into employment. My investment means that the NYT can double its provision to provide free training and accreditation to local young people and ensure that more underrepresented, diverse and talented young people can progress in the creative industries.

### **Barts Health Learning Hub officially opened**

On 8 October my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe opened the Barts Health Futures Learning Hub, which benefitted from £149,000 from my Skills for Londoners Capital Fund. It is an excellent example of an employer-led partnership between Newham College and Barts Health NHS Trust. The project has transformed an underutilised space at the Stratford Campus of Newham College into a learning centre which will be used by both Newham College and Barts Health NHS Trust to provide pre-employment and apprenticeship training for the NHS. Training will lead to a variety of roles, such as nursing, paramedic, ancillary and business support. It will evolve over time to reflect the changing needs of the NHS and care sector.

## **Not-for-profit arts space Studio Voltaire reopens**

In October Studio Voltaire, a not-for-profit arts organisation, held a series of re-opening events to welcome the public to their new spaces. With £500,000 support from my Strategic Investment Fund, the extensive £2.8m refurbishment project has transformed the site in Clapham with new high-quality facilities and public spaces. My investment increased the amount of support the organisation can offer to artists through the creation of 42% more artists' studios; a new public workshop; new public café and garden; as well as space for the headquarters of the charity ActionSpace. The project has transformed how visitors experience the organisation's buildings and programmes.

## **A new design framework to commission architectural, placemaking & urban planning services**

On 15 October I announced the process to establish my Architecture + Urbanism Framework; a streamlined way for the public sector to access high quality design and planning services to support construction projects across the city. I'm using this opportunity to reinforce my commitment to improving diversity in the built environment sector by taking action to address the under-representation of women and people from minority groups amongst our suppliers. I have also taken targeted steps to reduce barriers to access for Micro and Small Enterprises. The framework will support the economic, environmental and social recovery of London post COVID-19 and help promote sustainable, zero-carbon renewal by ensuring we have the right mix of skills and experience available to support public investment.

Read more at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/city-hall-blog/mayors-architecture-urbanism-framework>

## **Migrateful cookery school now has a permanent base**

In October Migrateful opened its permanent cookery school in London. Migrateful has been supporting refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to share their traditional cuisines with the public. Training supports them to become professional cookery class teachers, building skills and confidence whilst overcoming language barriers to access employment and integrate successfully within the UK. The project was delivered following a successful community crowdfunding campaign to raise £123,000 from more than 800 backers, and I pledged £45,000 through my Make London programme.

The cookery school has transformed the front room of the Peel community centre in Clerkenwell into a bespoke venue with an open-plan kitchen where participants will receive one-to-one cooking guidance from chefs cooking their family recipes.

## **Mission Kitchen at the Food Exchange launches**

On 4 November my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, launched the Mission Kitchen at the Food Exchange project at New Covent Garden Market. Reinforcing my commitment to skills development, business support and creating jobs, the project received £3m from my Good Growth Fund to create a world-class shared kitchen facility to support food start-ups and food related SMEs. The project addresses a critical need in a sector that has significant skills shortages and the highest start-up failure rates of any industry in the UK. By making kitchen space, commercial catering equipment and professional business support available at affordable rates, it significantly reduces the barriers to entry to help Londoners start

and grow a food business. Skills development programmes create pathways into employment for disadvantaged or excluded groups.

## Housing

### **Deputy Mayor visits new homes for rough sleepers**

On 13 October, my Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development, Tom Copley, visited Olive Morris Court in Haringey, the first volumetric modular housing in London for former rough sleepers funded through the GLA's Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme.

The new 32 modular home supported accommodation development will provide much-needed homes for those who have been homeless, supported by funding from the GLA. This is part of a programme of over 1,000 longer-term homes for rough sleepers that I am delivering.

### **Review launched to further improve GLA Group housing delivery**

On 13 October, I appointed Lord Bob Kerslake to lead a review to further improve and streamline housing delivery across the wider GLA Group and deliver more of the genuinely affordable homes Londoners need. This follows a commitment in my 2021 manifesto.

The review will examine housing delivery across the GLA Group and make recommendations to enable the group to work together more effectively and benefit from collective experience and expertise. It will provide a high-level view of housing delivery across the group to date, identifying the number of homes built and the different routes to delivery. The review will also inform the best way to approach piloting a City Hall developer – which forms one of my key housing manifesto commitments – to further expand the supply of much needed low-cost homes for Londoners.

A number of different parts of the GLA Group are involved in housing development and will be included in the scope of this review. These bodies include: Transport for London (TfL), London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), Old Oak Common and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC), as well as the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and the London Fire Commission (LFC).

Lord Kerslake has commenced work on the review and a full report will be published in early 2022.

### **Deputy Mayor visits Holloway Prison site**

On 20 October, my Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development, Tom Copley visited the former Holloway Prison, which is the site of an exciting new housing development led by Peabody housing association. Thanks to support from my Housing & Land team, the finished scheme will deliver 60% affordable housing, of which 70% will be for social rent.

# The Economy, Business and Enterprise

## **UK Global Investment Summit**

On 19 October, I attended the Government's UK Global Investment Summit, which was an opportunity to meet with a number of top global business leaders and financiers, as well as dinner the night before hosted by the Lord Mayor of the City of London. The Summit's focus was on promoting UK investment opportunities in green technology and it provided an important opportunity to attract global investment into London-based projects which could assist in reaching my ambition for the capital to be net-zero carbon by 2030.

## **London Covid Business Forum**

On 27 October, I convened a meeting of the London Covid Business Forum, through which we have been working with business to progress the 'Roadmap to the Safe and Full Reopening of London's Economy'. The forum discussed how to build on the success of 'Let's Do London' with an international tourism marketing campaign to encourage the return of overseas visitors, which alongside other Forum members I have been calling for the Government to fund.

## **London Business Week**

The London Business Hub's 'London Business Week' series of events, in partnership with Amazon, Google, Department for International Trade, Lloyds and Microsoft, took place from 12-15 October. It included a programme of in-person and online events themed around business recovery for London's SMEs. Over 300 small businesses participated throughout the week. My Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, took part in a panel discussion with Emma Jones, Enterprise Nation and John Boumphrey, Amazon UK Country Manager. The discussion opened the Amazon Bootcamp: Exporting for Businesses in London event. It touched on the value of selling globally, reaching new customers through digital platforms and tactics for growing a brand.

## **London Business Hub Wayfinder**

In October the London Business Hub soft-launched a new Wayfinder (Business Navigator Pilot) service in partnership with the boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth and Wandsworth. It provides a single 'front door' for small business owners in these areas to access free, unbiased business support. The service is led by a dedicated Wayfinder team who will help businesses navigate through support, resources and funding opportunities from hundreds of providers. An official launch is being planned for later in the autumn.

## **Engaging with business and promoting London**

On 6 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, and my Night Czar, Amy Lamé, visited independent hospitality businesses in Southwark and met with traders at Borough Market, Anchor Bankside Pub, Flat Iron Square and the Lalit Hotel to hear first-hand about businesses' re-opening plans, their challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic, and to highlight City Hall's business support offer and to promote the Let's Do London campaign.

On 19 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, met with Shevaun Haviland, Director-General, British Chambers of Commerce along with Richard Burge, Chief Executive,

London Chamber of Commerce to discuss skills shortages, the green agenda and business as a force for good.

On 21 October, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, gave the opening address at London & Partners' Globalization virtual panel discussion event to an audience of entrepreneurs and business leaders across three continents from London, Seattle and key cities in India to promote London's strengths as a leading world-class city for technology, market access, talent.

On 3 November, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, met with Daniel Frumkin, CEO Metro Bank, to discuss the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, London's recovery, competition in Banking as well as opportunities for collaboration on key initiatives.

On 3 November, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, met with Rose Marley, CEO Co-operatives UK, to discuss how Co-operatives UK and the GLA can work together to support democratically-owned businesses in London. They also discussed Co-operatives UK's ongoing support for the Boosting Community Business Fund.

### **Levelling up and London high-level policy discussions**

On 8 October, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, and my Deputy Chief of Staff, Richard Watts, spoke alongside Minister for London Paul Scully and other London Recovery Board members at a series of round tables on 'Levelling Up and London'. It was very encouraging to see so many of London's key influencers and policy makers talking about the importance of London being levelled up alongside the rest of the country. What's more it was great that City Hall is now part of an exciting new London Research and Policy Partnership. Co-led by London Government and the University of London, this Partnership aims to harness the capabilities of London's more than 40 universities with the policy-making expertise of London government.

'Levelling-up' is arguably the biggest domestic policy of the Government's agenda. The forthcoming White Paper expected this autumn seeks to improve 'livelihoods and opportunity in all parts of the UK', a newly branded Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and a new ministerial team, alongside a dedicated levelling-up team in the Cabinet Office, all point to the importance that the Government attaches to this agenda.

You can catch up on all the discussions, including my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, making a strong case to level up London on the first day of policy discussions on 17 September at: <https://london.ac.uk/london-research-and-policy-partnership/lrapp-events/levelling-and-london>

## Environment

### **GLA Queen's Green Canopy**

On 1 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues met with Colonel Dan Rex, Chief Executive of the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC), a UK-wide tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a tree for the Jubilee." They discussed potential opportunities for QGC-related tree planting in London, and shared goals including increasing London's tree canopy cover and improving green skills.

### **London Community Energy Fund**

On 1 October, I launched the fifth phase of my London Community Energy Fund (LCEF) as part of my Green New Deal mission. I have allocated £665,000 of grant funding to help communities generate their own efficient and clean energy sources, contributing to meeting my Solar Action Plan target of 1 gigawatt (GW) solar energy by 2030. Since its launch in 2017, the LCEF has helped to support 86 community energy projects across 26 London boroughs with capital and project development funding. The latest round is now open until 17 November for organisations with proposals for energy projects that will benefit communities in London. For more details please see our webpage.

### **Meeting with UK Cities Climate Investment Commission**

On 4 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, hosted a meeting with the Cities Climate Investment Commission (CCIC) partners to discuss their work and the work being undertaken at City Hall on my financing facility. The CCIC Report is being led by Core Cities, London Councils and the Connected Places Catapult and aims to leverage the combined scale and powers of cities across the UK to mobilise finance and drive investment into low and net zero carbon projects. The meeting discussed how these two workstreams could remain complementary and support London in developing investable climate projects and mobilising the level of private sector finance needed to reach London's net zero target.

### **Real Estate**

On 5 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, gave a keynote speech at Real Estate Live on London's plans for net zero and COP26. Real Estate Live is a week of free online events designed to keep the UK's property and regeneration sectors talking, while showcasing the wealth of opportunities that remain across the country. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues' speech covered my ambition to make London net zero carbon by 2030, the wider benefits to the economy of taking climate action, tackling social inequalities and my plans for COP26.

### **Impossible Goal event**

On 5 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, appeared on a panel session at the Dcarbonise Week - Virtual Sustainability Summit. This is the UK's largest renewable and low carbon exhibition and conference, providing education, guidance, and best practice across the sector on becoming net zero. The panel session was titled 'Net zero - impossible goal? Tales from the cities and regions' and Deputy Mayor Rodrigues provided an update on four main areas: climate adaptation, resilience and our climate vulnerability map; my

Green New Deal; work around my financing facility and the opportunities for green jobs and skills in London; and the need for national government to provide the additional funding and powers we need to meet our climate targets.

### **British Embassy Women leaders event**

On 6 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, joined a panel hosted by C40 Cities and Emily Cloke, Consul General at the British Consulate, Los Angeles, discussing how women leaders are supporting financing for climate action. The panel discussion featured representatives from Los Angeles, Salt Lake City and Boston, with a mostly US audience.

### **Barcelona Debate**

On 6 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended a debate organised by the City of Barcelona alongside David Belliard, Deputy Mayor of Paris on Public Space, Transport and Mobility; Francesca Bria, innovation economist and digital policy expert; and Brent Toderian, President of TODERIAN UrbanWORKS in Vancouver, who is a specialist in advanced and innovative urbanism, city-planning and urban design. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues discussed what the main lessons learned from the pandemic have been and the new strategies needed to implement a new urban model to respond to it.

### **Sao Paulo pre-COP conference**

On 7 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, gave a keynote speech to the Sao Paulo Pre-COP26 conference. The Brazilian city hosted the event to highlight the urgency of climate change and the opportunities for achieving net zero economies.. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues' speech covered the need for urgent action on climate, my 2030 net zero ambitions and the importance of international city collaboration through networks such as C40 Cities.

### **Surface water flooding roundtable**

On 8 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, and my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Fiona Twycross co-chaired their fourth roundtable on flooding. Following the serious flooding incidents over the summer I called an urgent roundtable to bring key partners together to ensure everything possible is being done to reduce the impact of extreme weather events on our city. These meetings will continue as partners identify solutions to improve London's resilience. The roundtable group is examining the short-term operational improvements that partners with flooding responsibilities can implement to improve London's incident preparedness and response. The roundtable meetings have also established a task and finish group that will look at the longer-term solutions needed to help our city become more resilient to climate related flooding impacts in future.

### **Breathe London Event**

On 12 October, I visited Michael Bloomberg at Bloomberg Philanthropies' offices, to announce the Breathe London Community Programme. Funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies, the programme will award 60 free air quality sensors to local London communities. Applications are open now for the first 10 sensors. The programme aims to reach communities that have poor air quality, are in deprived or low-income areas, and have a high proportion of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Londoners. I also announced the opening of the online purchasing platform,

allowing organisations and individuals to buy a sensor, enabling them to monitor local air pollution, lobby for local change, or measure impact of schemes.

### **Air pollution and inequalities report**

On 12 October, I published a new report which found the gap between the most and least deprived areas of London for exposure to harmful nitrogen dioxide has narrowed by up to 50 per cent since 2016. However, the report also found that communities that have higher levels of deprivation, or a higher proportion of people from a Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic background, are still more likely to be exposed to higher levels of air pollution. The analysis, commissioned by City Hall, shows that significant inequalities remain, and more work is needed to further reduce pollution levels and the health inequalities that result from unequal exposure to air pollution. The report can be viewed at: <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-publications/air-pollution-and-inequalities-london-2019>

### **Food flagship Initiative workshop**

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, opened a Food Flagship Initiative (FFI) workshop: From data to action – city led interventions for a circular economy for food. The FFI is a collaboration between the GLA, ReLondon and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation. It aims to bring together public and private partners to support a just transition to a circular economy for food in the city, supporting London's climate and environment goals as well as wider community and health priorities. The workshop was attended by more than 70 people representing London's boroughs and waste authorities as well as the GLA group and third sector organisations. The group shared insights and received feedback on research into the climate impacts and hotspots of food waste across London and identified key interventions to create a better food system for the capital.

### **Albany Park opening**

On 14 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended the reopening of Albany Park in Enfield with representatives from Enfield Council, the Environment Agency, Thames21 and pupils from Prince of Wales School. My Green Capital Grants programme part-funded a large river restoration scheme which has seen the Turkey Brook taken out of a concrete channel into a new naturalised channel through the park. The redesigned green space now provides flood protection for hundreds of nearby homes as well as improved access to nature. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues joined local primary school children planting in the new wetlands.

### **Green Finance roundtable**

On the 18 October, I hosted a Chatham House roundtable with private financial institutions to discuss how London can accelerate private sector finance into its climate change programmes. Following my opening address, GLA climate and finance officials set out work underway on a financing facility, before the Green Finance Institute led a discussion around potential options for driving greater levels of private finance. This work will inform optioneering work underway on the Financing Facility which we expect to conclude by the end of 2021.

### **Borough Climate Conference breakfast meeting and Climate Conference**

On 19 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at the London Councils Climate Conference. The conference briefed London boroughs on the fast-

changing climate policy landscape ahead of COP26, the role of London Councils' flagship climate programmes and how they can benefit from and engage with those programmes, and to share learning and best practice around the projects and innovations. The online event was attended by borough politicians and officers, TfL and ReLondon. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues' remarks covered London's net zero target and opportunities for London boroughs and the GLA to collaborate effectively, including through the London Recovery Board's Green New Deal mission.

Ahead of the Conference, Shirley met with councillors and directors from across the London boroughs representing the 7 London councils workstreams on climate.

### **Adam Vaughan New Scientist interview**

On 6th October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, was interviewed by Adam Vaughn from the New Scientist magazine. The interview focussed on the ULEZ and the impact that it has had on London's air quality, as well as looking forward to the impacts of expansion. The article appeared in the 20th October edition of the New Scientist.

### **ITV London with Sally Williams**

On 20 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, was interviewed by ITV London's Sally Williams for a piece in the build up to COP26 looking at London's environmental policies. My deputy Mayor outlined my plan for achieving net zero by 2030, as well as what London needs others to do to help with to reach the target. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues also reinforced that whilst the COVID-19 pandemic has been a true crisis in every sense of the word, this could pale in comparison to the impact of the climate emergency. Also discussed was the climate action that is being taken in London, including the plans for the ULEZ expansion on 25 October.

### **Sub national leaders event**

On 20 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended a meeting with the UN High Level Climate Action Champions and the COP Unit in the UK Cabinet Office to run through opportunities for collaboration at COP26. The meeting brought together Mayors and other sub-national leaders for planned messaging from the UK government during the two-week conference, and how to highlight the progress made in cities and regions ahead of COP26.

### **EV World Congress**

On 20 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, recorded a keynote speech for the EV World Congress event held in Bristol. The event brought together policy makers, electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure providers, fleet owners, and energy experts to discuss how to best develop the infrastructure to support EVs. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues spoke about London's leading role in the EV transition, what I am doing to support EV uptake and the rollout of EV charging in the journey to making London a net zero carbon city by 2030, and how this is helping the levelling-up agenda across the country.

### **WEF Radio Davos podcast**

On 21 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, recorded a podcast for Radio Davos - the World Economic Forum's (WEF) online radio station. Radio Davos

supports the WEFs mission to engage the foremost political, business, cultural and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues spoke about London's world-leading efforts to reduce air pollution and the role of the ULEZ expansion in achieving my aim for London to have the cleanest air of any major world city.

#### COP 26 Mayors & Regions Advisory Council

On 21 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended the COP26 UK Mayors and Regions Advisory Group, which brings together representatives from across the UK to discuss plans in the lead up to COP26. At this meeting regions provided details of their events ahead of and during COP26, and the UK Govt shared an update on preparations for the upcoming conference in Glasgow.

#### **Pre-COP Sky dinner**

On 24 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy Shirley Rodrigues, attend a Pre-COP 26 dinner hosted by Sky. The event was an opportunity to engage with business, investors and government officials on plans for COP 26 and discuss the ambitions of London both at the summit and the afterwards.

#### **Retrofit London Launch**

On 26 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues spoke on a panel at the launch of the Retrofit London programme, one of London Councils' seven major climate programmes. I have supported the background work to develop the Retrofit London Housing Action Plan and officers have been invited to join the programme steering group, to work together with boroughs and others on relevant Mayoral initiatives which can support the delivery of housing retrofit. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues contributed views on how we can collectively tackle major housing retrofit challenges through the programme, making reference to key GLA initiatives in this area and setting out the GLA's thinking on how to overcome barriers around the supply chain, resident engagement and the wider policy framework.

#### **Air Quality News / Environment Journal interview**

On 29 October, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, recorded a podcast for the Air Quality News / Environment Journal. Deputy Mayor Rodrigues spoke about London's world-leading efforts to reduce air pollution and the role of the ULEZ expansion in achieving my aim for London to have the cleanest air of any major world city.

## Education and Youth

### **London Child Poverty Summit - poverty and childcare panel discussion**

14 October was this year's London Child Poverty Summit - a day-long event run by the Childhood Trust and the London Child Poverty Alliance as part of London Challenge Poverty Week.

My Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney, was invited to chair a panel discussion on poverty and childcare, focussing on the challenges that many working families face in accessing affordable and high-quality early education for their children. Insight was provided by fantastic panellists, including two London parents, June O'Sullivan, Chief Executive of the London Early Years Foundation, and Alexandra Topping, Senior Reporter for the Guardian, who shared findings from a recent survey of working parents, which found the UK's childcare system to be 'financially crippling' and in need of radical change.

I know just how tough things are for many working parents in London - especially as childcare costs are higher here than elsewhere in the country. I will continue to call on the Government to increase funding to the early years sector and will do all I can, alongside partners, to ensure that London parents can understand and access their childcare entitlements.

### **Children's mental health roundtable**

On 19 October, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney, spoke at a Children's mental health roundtable hosted by King's College London (KCL), alongside the Children's Commissioner for England Dame Rachel de Souza. Whilst Joanne shared insights into the role of City Hall in improving outcomes for children and young people, she also heard about the cutting-edge academic research produced by the Institute of Psychology and Neuroscience at KCL and the desire to work collaboratively to support our young people. Dame de Souza provided an update on the priorities for children's mental health as set out in her [Big Answer](#) report published in September.

### **More Than Just a Care Leaver event**

On 26 October, my Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney, delivered a speech at the More Than Just a Care Leaver event, run by my Peer Outreach Team at London Stadium. This event was part of National Care Leavers Week and was an opportunity to reaffirm my commitments to London's care leavers. On the day, young care experienced Londoners come together to share performances, speeches and discussion about how the care system affects their lives. Earlier this year, I was pleased to refresh my commitments to the Care Leaver Covenant. I remain dedicated to doing what is in my power to improve outcomes for care leavers, including increasing collaboration amongst London local authorities.

### **Launch of Involving Young Londoners Toolkit**

In support of National Youth Work Week 2021 (1-7 November), the Greater London Authority and Partnership for Young London are launching the 'Involving Young Londoners' Toolkit. The toolkit demonstrates how young people can be empowered to make decisions and take ownership through research and evaluation. Through my New Deal for Young People I am committed to putting young people at the heart of London's recovery and championing youth work and the huge impact this has on young people's lives.

## Communities and Social Policy

### **London Civic Strength Index Launch**

On 6 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities & Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard launched the London Civic Strength Index. Commissioned by the GLA and developed by the Young Foundation, the Index provides a definition and framework for civic strength and starts a conversation about its presence across London. The event was chaired by Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of Sutton Council and co-chair of London's Social Recovery work strand.

### **Black Majority Church leaders meeting**

As part of Black History Month engagement, on 18 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, held an online meeting with Black Majority Church leaders. The church leaders were presented with priority work we are undertaking at City Hall and given an opportunity to feed back their own priorities and work in the community.

### **Voter ID briefing to MPs and Committee stage of the Election Bill**

On 20 October, I sent a briefing to London MPs and to the public bill committee members for the Committee stage of the Elections Bill. In the briefing, I reiterated evidence that certain provisions in the Bill have the potential to disenfranchise already under-registered and under-represented Londoners. I also shared my support for a briefing into the potential impact of Voter ID based on the London Voices research which shows the majority of London's civil society has deep concerns about the equality implications of photo voter IDs and supports inclusive democratic reform, especially residence-based voting rights for all Londoners.

## Health

### **Promoting Water only schools**

In July, London's child obesity taskforce launched a competition asking London's school aged children to design an advert promoting the water only message to other young people. I filmed a video message encouraging young people to enter the competition which was shared across social media platforms. The competition closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, and close to 200 young people have submitted entries. The winner will get a chance to see their design be brought to life by spending an afternoon with a top London advertising agency. Promoting water only schools, where children only drink water or milk while in school, is one of my manifesto commitments working towards tackling child obesity rates in the capital.

### **Pandemic Response**

I continue to meet regularly with senior leaders from the NHS and the new London Office for Health Promotion and Disparities (OHID) to discuss the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, London's recovery, and other health issues, such as reducing the backlog of non-emergency treatment in the NHS. I am briefed in detail on the current situation and its impacts on London and Londoners, including considering what more needs to be done to reduce future risks and any move to the Government's 'Plan B', and how we can align our resources and messaging to Londoners about what they can do to protect themselves as winter approaches.

These meetings have recently included a focus on the fuel shortages and how this affected vital health services, the ongoing vaccine rollout, including the current vaccine booster campaign, and London's performance on vaccines for 12-15-year olds. I was delighted to hear London was now in a leading position in the rates of vaccination in care home staff – a real turnaround.

### **World Mental Health Day 2021**

On 10 October, I was proud to once again support World Mental Health Day (WMHD) by sharing a [video message](#) to mark the day. I urged Londoners to join me in speaking openly about their mental health, with us all having a role to play in lifting the stigma. I reflected that our city should be a place where Londoners feel comfortable talking about whatever is bothering them. This is more important than ever as we recover from the pandemic. The wellbeing of Londoners is vital if we are to build a healthy and successful future for our capital.

I am proud that this video opened the final event of our young Londoner-led WMHD festival, co-developed by my Peer Outreach Team and Thrive LDN.

This year's festival theme was Never Alone LDN. It saw young people come together and share messages of hope through film screenings, live music performances, creative workshops, and panel discussions, all held at Rich Mix, a dynamic arts and creative centre in the heart of east London. This year, the festival was also supported as part of Thriving Through Culture, a series of cultural programmes to support children and young people's mental health and meet the ambitions of London's Recovery Missions.

I'm delighted that young Londoners led the way in creating a range of fantastic events to mark this year's World Mental Health Day, with diversity, expression and creativity at its heart.

### **LAS Quarterly Meeting**

On 27 October I met with Daniel Elkeles the interim Chief Executive and Heather Lawrence OBE, Chair of the London Ambulance Service (LAS). We discussed on-going pressures on the Service as we go into the winter period and how we can work together to encourage the retention and recruitment of staff. We also discussed the development of the LAS' Estates Strategy, engagement with the public as this develops and how we can work together across the GLA family to share resources.

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

### **Youth Summit on Racial Justice**

On 1 October, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, hosted a youth summit with young Londoners on racial justice, and the actions they could take to make London a fairer place. Other speakers included professional opera singer Peter Braithwaite, and young activist and founder of The Halo Code, Olamide Taiwo. More than 2,500 young people from 65 schools across London attended from their classrooms. The event was delivered by Big Ideas as part of Team London Young Ambassadors.

## **Virgin Money London Marathon 2021**

On 3 October, my Team London Major Event volunteers supported the London Marathon, providing a visitor welcome and wayfinding service to visitors at mile 18 in Canary Wharf. A total of 15 volunteers took part at the event.

## **Sport Unites Fund**

In October, my Community Sport team awarded four grants totaling £47,000 to the first cohort of the Sport Unites Fund grantees.

The Sport Unites Fund supports projects that use sport and physical activity to improve mental and physical wellbeing of Londoners, tackle social isolation, bring communities together, and/or provide positive opportunities for young people to tackle serious youth violence. Grants of up to £50,000 are available for community sport initiatives taking place between October 2021 and June 2022 across two grant streams: New Ideas and Tried and Tested.

Under the first cohort, two New Ideas projects, piloting new approaches to community sport, and two Tried and Tested projects, scaling up successful work, were funded.

## **Culture and Events**

### **World Cities Culture Forum Digital Conference**

On 4 November my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, hosted the World Cities Culture Forum's digital conference on the recovery of the creative sector across the world. The conference included contributions from the Deputy Mayor of Paris, Secretaries of Culture from the cities of Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo and Cultural Commissioners from New York and San Francisco, as well as senior cultural delegates from member cities spanning 13 time zones. 12 sessions included a panel discussion on better ways to support the creative workforce and a workshop on developing innovative new funding models.

### **London Borough of Culture**

On 4 October my Culture and Creative Industries Unit held an event called Beyond Brent 2020, to celebrate the achievements, discuss the challenges and explore the legacy of Brent's year as London Borough of Culture in 2020. The hybrid event took place at the Kiln Theatre in Brent and various venues across the borough. It was hosted by Suprina Thapa and Leader of Brent Council, Muhammed Butt spoke along with young people and artists from the borough.

On 21 October, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, introduced an online event called As Lewisham Prepares. It shared what it was like to successfully bid for and then prepare to become a London Borough of Culture. The event was for cultural organisations and London Boroughs, and explored partnership working between local authorities and the arts community. It was produced in partnership with the London Borough of Lewisham, the Albany Arts Centre and featured key spokespeople from Lewisham's arts, government and social sector.

## International

### **COP 26**

Between the 1-3 November I attended COP26 to highlight the role that cities can play in tackling the climate and air pollution emergencies, the world-leading action that we are taking in London and what further powers and funding cities, including London, need from respective national governments.

### **C40 mayors' train to Glasgow**

On 1 November, I travelled by train from London to Glasgow with mayors from the international C40 Cities network, using the opportunity to discuss collaboration between our cities and how we can learn from each other in developing climate solutions. This included meetings with mayors of Los Angeles, Barcelona, Stockholm, Paris and Dhaka North, and Jesper Nygard, Chief Executive Office of Realdania. The journey also sought to highlight the importance of using public transport as a more climate friendly travel option.

### **C40 Steering Committee**

On 1 November, I attended the C40 Steering Committee in Glasgow to meet with fellow mayors on the committee and where the current Chair, Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, formally handed over the role to me with effect from December. I used the meeting to outline my priorities for my C40 Chairship, as well as to hear from steering committee members using their experience of climate impacts and opportunities in their cities to set out the priorities for their regions and where C40 can have most impact.

### **C40 Board Meeting**

On 1 November, I attended the C40 Board meeting in Glasgow to meet with members of the board to discuss my upcoming role as C40 Chair. In this meeting I outlined my priorities for my C40 Chairship, such as attributing two thirds of the C40 budget to cities in the Global South under my tenure, and my plans for a collaborative, green and fair recovery from the coronavirus pandemic for cities.

### **Welcome to Glasgow Breakfast**

On 2 November, I attended the 'Welcome to Glasgow' breakfast meeting which was co-hosted by the UK Prime Minister and the First Minister of Scotland, along with selected Heads of State and Government. I outlined how I'm determined for London to be a world leader in tackling the twin dangers of air pollution and the climate emergency and have put this at the heart of my mayoralty.

### **Generation Earthshot Reception**

On 2 November, I met with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and winners of the Earthshot Prize for climate solutions. Following London being chosen for the inaugural Earthshot Prize Award Ceremony in October, I used this reception to discuss the various innovative solutions that have been developed around the world to help us mitigate against climate change and adapt to the impacts that are already being felt in London and around the world.

### **Beyond the Pledges lunch hosted by Google**

On 2 November, I attended a business lunch with a select group of public and private sector leaders in Glasgow during COP26. Led by Al Gore, the discussion focused on Beyond the Pledges – how we can work together to help cities, businesses and people decarbonise. I used the event to highlight how we are working to make London a net-zero carbon city by 2030, working closely with businesses and public authorities including boroughs. Our Green New Deal is focused on decarbonising London’s transport, buildings and doubling the size of the capital’s green economy – which creates exciting opportunities to invest in the infrastructure needed to meet this target.

### **Cities Summit: Delivering Green Recoveries**

On 2 November, I delivered a keynote speech at the C40 flagship Cities Summit at COP26, which outlined the action cities are taking and the role they play in tackling the climate emergency. My speech closed the event and outlined the bold action that I have taken in London, from expanding the ULEZ to leading the charge towards financing the green economy and divesting from fossil fuel investments. As with previous C40 events I also used this opportunity to outline my priorities for leading C40 over the next 3 years including new announcements on spending two thirds of C40’s budget on cities in the Global South, the roll out of Breathe London air quality monitors to other cities around the world as part of the Breathe Global programme, and targeted global funding to ensure a fair and just urban transition as part of a Global Green New Deal.

### **Bilateral with the US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Secretary John Kerry**

On 3 November, I met with Secretary John Kerry, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate to discuss my vision and priorities in my new role as Chair of C40, what London is doing to combat climate change - including the expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone – and the urgent need for national and local government to work more closely together on our shared ambition to reach net zero.

### **Meeting with Chris Hohn**

On 3 November, I met with Chris Hohn, Chair and Founder of the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) to discuss C40’s strategic direction and my priorities as Chair.

### **Cities Race to Zero: Delivering Ambitious climate Action to Halve Emissions by 2030 and Deliver a Green and Just Recovery from Covid-19**

On 3 November, I attended a Cities Race to Zero event, which was hosted by C40 on behalf of the Cities Race to Zero campaign. This session celebrated the 1,049 cities who have joined Cities Race to Zero, committing to net zero by 2050 or sooner – showing how cities are leading by example in tackling the climate emergency. I spoke on a panel with fellow C40 mayors to outline how green finance must flow to those most affected but least culpable for the climate crisis , and how I will divert two thirds of C40’s budget to support cities in the Global South. I also outlined the role that London has been taking, along with New York, in leading the charge in divesting from fossil fuels.

## **Scotland's Green Investment Showcase**

On 3 November, I attended the Scotland's Green Investment Showcase event to give a keynote speech alongside First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, to an audience of financial investors. As well as using this speech to outline why London has been independently acknowledged as the world leader in green finance, I announced an additional £30 million of investment into the Mayor's Energy Efficiency Fund which will help unlock a further £150 million of private sector investment into energy efficiency, zero carbon transport and local energy projects in London. This meeting also provided the opportunity to highlight shared agendas between the Scottish and London governments in attracting green investment and developing mechanisms for leveraging private sector finance to tackle the climate emergency.

## **London Legacy Development Corporation**

### **London Stadium**

London Stadium continues to host Premier League, EFL and Europa League home matches for West Ham United, including matches against Brentford on 3 October, Genk on 21 October, Tottenham Hotspur on 24 October and Manchester City on 27 October.

On 26 October, LLDC's independent Planning Decisions Committee approved a planning application from the club to increase the capacity at football matches from 60,000 to 62,500.

Earlier in the month, London Stadium announced another addition to its exciting 2022 summer events calendar, with Red Hot Chili Peppers joining the bill for a sell-out show on 25 June 2022 and a second show on 26 June 2022. These are fantastic events which will support London's world-leading events industry and our post-pandemic recovery.

### **Green Spaces and Wild Places Discovery Day 2021**

On 14 October, over 200 London apprentices and trainees participated in a free 'Green Spaces and Wild Places Discovery Day' on the Park. Hosted by The Royal Parks Guild and LLDC, in partnership with The Tree Council and Close the Gap, the event gave attendees an opportunity to learn more about career paths in horticulture and environmental management. The programme of activities included a session on sports turf management from London Stadium's Head Groundsman, while students from local Chobham Academy learnt about the importance of ecology as part of a Field Studies Council session in the Great British Gardens.

### **Green Flag Award**

Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has been awarded a prestigious Green Flag Award for the eighth consecutive year. Celebrated with a flag-raising ceremony on 14 October, the accolade is a testament to all those who work to keep the Park open and maintained to the highest standards, particularly during the challenges of the last eighteen months. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the Park has provided a welcoming sanctuary for local residents – particularly those without access to personal green space – and will continue to be an important community asset as the city looks to recovery.

## **Timber Lodge**

Timber Lodge - located in the north of the Park near the Lee Valley VeloPark – re-opened to the public on 11 October, with social enterprise Change Please announced as the new operators. Change Please train homeless people to become baristas and use 100% of profits made from their food and beverage outlets to improve the lives of those experiencing homelessness – through providing a living wage, housing, training and onward opportunities.

## **Your Neighbourhood Talks**

On 19 October, LLDC held its annual ‘Your Neighbourhood Talks’ event at Timber Lodge, following the cancellation of the event last year due to Covid-19. Centred around a theme of climate change, the event drew almost 100 local people who were able to meet Park partners, take part in a panel discussion on zero carbon living and visit a marketplace of stalls with wider information on Park activities.

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

### **Local Plan**

OPDC’s draft Local Plan continues to make good progress towards its adoption. Following the main modifications consultation in summer 2021, the modified Plan has been submitted to the planning inspector. If further hearings are confirmed by the inspector, it is anticipated these would take place in January 2022. It is expected the plan will be adopted early next year.

### **Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum**

OPDC has been undertaking public consultation on plans by the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum to extend their Neighbourhood Area boundary. The consultation closed on 26 October and officers are now reviewing the consultation responses and drafting recommendations. A decision on the extension will be taken by OPDC’s Board on 30 November.

## **Planning**

### **Local Plans**

*Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea New Local Plan review: Issues and Options (Regulation 18 stage2)*

On 4 October the GLA responded on my behalf to this consultation providing guidance to ensure the borough’s emerging Local Plan is consistent with the London Plan 2021

*Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames further engagement on the Local Plan Regulation 18*

On 19 October the GLA responded on my behalf to this consultation providing guidance to ensure the borough’s emerging Local Plan is consistent with the London Plan 2021

### **Planning Decisions**

*Ferrier Street Industrial Estate, LB Wandsworth*

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

*Site at 164-196 Trundley's Road and 1-9 Sanford Street, LB Lewisham (GLA ref 0080)*

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

*164-196 Trundley's Road and 1-9 Sanford Street, LB Lewisham (GLA ref 0079)*

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

*Sainsbury Outpatient Pharmacy Solomon Centre, 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.

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

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

*2 Sovereign Park, LB Ealing*

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

*City Tower and City Place House 40 - 55 Basinghall Street London EC2V, City of London*

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

*671-679 Old Kent Road, London, Southwark, LB Southwark*

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

*Becket House, LB Southwark*

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

*Land at Nos. 6, 61-81 and Coopers Yard, Eastmoor Street and Nos. 6 & 10 Westmoor Street, RB Greenwich*

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

*Site at 164-196 Trundley's Road and 1-9 Sanford Street, LB Lewisham*

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

*The Portal, LB Ealing*

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

*103 to 111A High Street, Croydon, CR0 1QG, LB Croydon*

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

*Carpentryright, Old Kent Road, LB Southwark*

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

*Stanmore Station Car Park, LB Harrow*

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Harrow to direct that the Mayor will act as the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the planning application.

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

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

- Lea Bridge Station Sites, LB Waltham Forest
- 4-6 Achilles Street SE14, LB Lewisham
- Land Comprising Public Car Park, Business Premises, Roads And Adjacent Land Lying To The North West And Rear Of The Green And Adjoining Featherstone Terrace, Dominion Road And Dilloway Yard, Southall, UB2, LB Ealing
- Pike Close, LB Bromley
- 14-21 Holborn Viaduct, City of London
- 280 Borough High Street & 145 Great Suffolk Street, LB Southwark
- Cranebank Training Centre, LB Hounslow
- Barnet House, 1255 High Road, LB Barnet
- The Ugly Brown Building, LB Camden
- Custom House, 20 Lower Thames Street & River Wall, Stairs And Crane, Custom House Quay, London EC3R 6EE, City of London
- Flint Glass Wharf, RB Greenwich
- 26-38 Leman Street, London E1, LB Tower Hamlets
- Euro House, LB Brent
- Stirling Gardens (3-15 Stirling Road), LB Ealing
- 66-70 High Street, Bromley, LB Bromley
- Royal Wharf - Plot 14b, LB Newham
- 456 - 472 Oxford Street, City of Westminster
- 16 Havelock Terrace, LB Wandsworth
- 38-48 Havelock Terrace, LB Wandsworth
- 21 St George's Road, LB Southwark
- 122 - 126 High Street, Bromley, LB Bromley
- Canada Water Dockside, LB Southwark
- High Path Estate, LB Merton

## Key Engagements

- I made a visit to Wormwood Scrubs for the Opening of 'Escape' restaurant, meeting offenders and teachers, talk to them about their new and training opportunities on 1 October
- I met with London Council's Labour group on 1 October
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 4 October
- I had a telephone call with the Home Secretary on 4 October
- I met with George Fertitta from Bloomberg to discuss ongoing projects on 4 October
- I met students and prize winners from King's College taking a course on London's Government on 4 October
- I held a meeting with creative industry leaders to discuss how sectors are progressing as London recovers from the Covid 19 lockdown on 5 October
- I had a telephone call with the Met Police Commissioner on 5 October
- I held my regular meeting with the CEO of London & Partners on 6 October
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner on 6 October
- I attended the opening of the London Film Festival at the Royal Festival Hall on 6 October
- I answered questions from members of the public during my regular 'Speak to Sadiq' phone in show on LBC Radio on 7 October
- I officially launched the 'Change Please' Rough Sleeping Buses, three London buses that have been repurposed to support those experiencing homelessness on 7 October
- I hand received a pledge of 100,000 community service hours from representatives of the Ismaili community on 7 October
- I held a regular meeting with the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) on 7 October
- I met with the Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to discuss London's recovery from Covid 19 on 11 October
- I launched first ever Black History Tube map celebrating the contribution Black people have made to London at Brixton Tube Station on 12 October
- I visited the Bloomberg Offices and viewed 'Bring London Together' by Yinka Ilori as part of my Let's Do London campaign and the Fourth Plinth Programme on 12 October
- I chaired the Violence Reduction Unit Partnership Reference Group on 13 October
- I visited Kew Gardens with TRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to highlight the aims of the 'Earthshot' awards, speaking with school children about clean air on 13 October
- I attended a special presentation of the film Ali & Ava as part of the 65th London Film Festival 13 October
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 14 October
- I launched the NFL Foundation, the new charitable arm of National Football League UK (NFL UK) and announced a ground-breaking £1m match-funded partnership with NFL on 14 October
- Ahead of the ULEZ extension, I travelled to Coventry to visit the London Electric Vehicle Company (LEVC) factory and Capita ULEZ headquarters as well as launching London's new EV strategy on 15 October
- I attended the Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Miami Dolphins NFL Game at Tottenham Stadium on 17 October
- I attended the 'Earthshot' award ceremony at Alexandra Palace on 17 October
- I met with members of the City Hall Transport Team ahead of the TfL Board on 18 October

- I chaired a meeting of the GLA Green Finance Roundtable on 18 October
- I observed a minute silence to remember Sir David Amess MP at 1400 on 18 October
- I attended a government Dinner for the Global Investment Summit being held in London on 18 October
- I attended the Global Investment Summit on 19 October.
- I met with Shahid Khan to discuss ongoing work with the NFL in London and projects leading to community legacy for Londoners on 19 October
- I visited the site of the new GLA City Hall 'The Crystal' to view progress on 19 October
- I chaired the Transport for London Board on 20 October
- I met with Liberal Democrat Council Leaders to discuss London transport, housing, regeneration and environment issues on 20 October
- I held my regular with the NHS and Office for Health Improvement and Disparities on 21 October
- I officially launched the ULEZ Expansion and met representatives from organisations that have taken action to prepare for expansion, including the emergency services, businesses and charities on 25 October
- I held my regular planning decisions meeting on 25 October
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 25 October
- I hosted the GLA Black History Month Reception on 25 October
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 26 October
- I visited Richard Radcliffe outside the FCDO to show my support for his continued campaign to ask the government to do more to free his wife Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe on 26 October
- I met with the Prime Minister, discussing mutual priorities, including economic recovery, levelling up and delivering the Government's net zero ambitions/COP26 on 26 October
- I chaired the London Covid Business Forum on 27 October
- I held my regular meeting with the London Ambulance Service on 27 October
- I spoke at a Violence Reduction Unit event: Young People's Action Group open evening on 27 October
- I chaired the London Crime Reduction Board on 28 October
- I spoke at the London Climate Summit on 28 October
- I received my flu jab and Covid-19 booster on 29 October
- I hosted a reception for Global Mayors and Leaders at the Guildhall ahead of the COP 26 Summit on 31 October
- I attended COP 26 Summit in Glasgow between 1-3 November

**Ends**