

14th Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 14th September 2017

This is my fourteenth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 28 July – 31 August 2017.

Executive Summary

London Environment Strategy

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The Webbs Industrial Estate site, which was a former glass lampshade and bulb factory, will now be transformed with 330 homes, all of which will be affordable and available as shared ownership.

Health Inequalities Strategy

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/health/health-inequalities/have-your-say-better-health-all-londoners?source=vanityurl>.

IAAF World Championships London 2017

I am delighted to report on the success of the IAAF World Athletics Championships London 2017 which took place at the London Stadium between 4 August – 13 August.

The record-breaking attendance is a real testament to the hard work all the partners put in to make London 2017 the fantastic event it turned out to be.

Appointment of London's first Chief Digital Officer

On 25 August, I announced that I had appointed Theo Blackwell as the capital's first ever Chief Digital Officer (CDO).

As London's first CDO, Theo will play a leading role in realising my ambition to make London the world's smartest city, ensuring that the capital's status as a global tech hub helps transform the way public services are designed and delivered, making them more accessible, efficient and responsive to the needs of Londoners.

Policing, Crime and Security

Tackling violent content on video sites

On 7 August, I called on YouTube and its parent company Google to crack down on online videos that encourage gang violence and knife crime, and am urging the internet giants and all online platforms to do more to remove this content and prevent it reappearing.

YouTube had refused to take down four violent videos reported to them by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in December 2016. The videos depicted gang members threatening and goading rival gangs, describing how they would murder them, making shooting hand signals and waving a Rambo knife to a soundtrack of violent rap. Collectively, the videos had been viewed more than 356,000 times. Despite YouTube's own rules stating that 'threats, harassment, intimidation (and) inciting others to commit violent acts...are taken very seriously' and the Met providing detailed context, the site claimed no breach had taken place.

I believe that online platforms must take a tougher stance on gang and knife-related videos, put stricter rules in place and act quickly to take down content that violates them.

I'm pleased to say that subsequent to this intervention, the offending videos have been taken down, and we will continue to work closely with the MPS and hosting sites to ensure that when concerns are raised, they are acted upon.

The cost of policing football matches

On 8 August, I wrote to the Chief Executive of the Premier League regarding London's top-flight football clubs contributing more to the cost of policing matches in the capital.

Currently, clubs pay only a fraction of what it costs the MPS to police match days, and the cost of policing these matches is not accounted for in the Government's National and International Capital Cities grant.

However, the Premier League is the richest football league in the world, and at a time where the police are under unprecedented pressure, it is right that we have that discussion on recouping more of the policing costs of Premier League football matches.

Body worn video for firearms officers

On 14 August, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, joined MPS officers to mark the rollout of body-worn video cameras to overt firearms officers.

These cameras make a tremendous difference to the accountability of policing, providing an unimpeachable record of officers' interactions and actions, helping to reduce unfounded complaints, increase public confidence and provide better evidence for prosecutions.

Nowhere is this more important than in the work of our dedicated firearms officers, who often have to respond to the most serious and difficult incidents imaginable.

Fighting for the resources our police need

The horrific attacks in Spain and Finland this month have underlined once again the realities of the terror threat facing police and security services in this country and around the world. My thoughts remain with the people of Spain and Finland, and particularly with the victims and their families.

Against this continued threat, I have again warned about the impact of the continued Government underfunding of policing. Without urgent Government action to significantly increase police funding, officer numbers at the MPS are likely to return to levels last seen in 2003. This is plainly unacceptable – London is home to 1.5 million more people than it was in 2003, crime is increasing around the country and the terror threat, as described by the country's most senior counter-terror officer, is unprecedented.

I continue to welcome and encourage the Assembly's support in ensuring London's voice is heard loud and clear by the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Home Secretary.

Transport

Night Tube boosts London's economy by £171m in its first year

On 18 August, I was delighted to hail the huge success of the Night Tube after economic and passenger numbers for the first year far exceeded predictions.

Figures released to mark the service's one-year anniversary showed that the Night Tube has had nearly eight million journeys, boosted London's economy by £171 million in its first year alone, and is supporting more than 3,600 jobs.

New research by London First and EY has also predicted that the Night Tube will be even more beneficial to the economy than previously forecast, with latest estimates indicating that over the next 30 years it will add £138 million of value to London's economy every year. This is significantly more than the £77 million a year previously forecast.

The Night Tube has proved extremely popular with Londoners and visitors to the capital, with over 8 million journeys having now taken place, exceeding predictions by around 15 per cent.

It has helped millions get to work or get home at night quickly, safely and affordably. It has also cut late-night journey times by an average of 20 minutes and, in some cases, by up to an hour.

Some of the most popular Night Tube stations with late-night travellers have been central London destinations like Leicester Square and Tottenham Court Road, as well as Brixton, Liverpool Street and Stratford.

Grants available to encourage more Londoners to take up cycling

On 31 July, TfL invited community and not-for-profit groups across London to apply for grants to get their communities cycling.

This year, up to £300,000 is being made available to help 30 groups offer a range of cycling initiatives aimed at people who may not otherwise ride a bike. Initiatives include cycle training, loan bikes, guided rides and courses to teach basic cycle maintenance. New projects will receive up to £10,000 over three years.

To encourage an even wider range of people to take up cycling, an additional £3,000 grant is this year available for new and existing projects to buy electric bikes.

Over the last two years, TfL's Cycling Grants London programme has helped 46 community groups encourage over 12,000 people to cycle.

Funding boost for London's electric vehicle charging infrastructure

On 3 August, TfL, announced the allocation of almost £4.5 million to London boroughs to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure on London's streets.

A total of 25 boroughs, each receiving up to £300,000, will install up to 1,500 standard-speed on-street charging points in residential areas.

The new funding, in partnership with London Councils, will provide residential charge points to assist those without access to off-street parking to make the switch from polluting vehicles to zero-emission vehicles. They will be in addition to the network of rapid charge points TfL is installing by the end of 2020.

DLR celebrates 30 years of serving east London

This August, the Docklands Light Railway has been celebrating 30 years of service. To mark the anniversary, TfL launched the '30 things to do by DLR' travel guide and an easier to read line map.

The new line maps can be found on board the trains and at stations. Using different colour shades for each branch of the railway, it will simplify journey planning for customers and help provide clearer interchange information.

Officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 30 July 1987, and operating its first passenger service on 31 August 1987, the DLR began with just 11 single-carriage trains that served 15 stations. It has continued to grow, being extended six times to help meet east London's growing population, and now serves Bank in The City, Beckton, Lewisham, London City Airport, Woolwich Arsenal and Stratford International.

Today, the entirely step-free railway carries 122 million passengers, up from 6.7 million in its first year, and encompasses 45 stations with 56 trains on 38 kilometres of track.

Latest Bakerloo line extension consultation shows continued strong public support

On 8 August, TfL announced that proposals to extend the Bakerloo line beyond Elephant & Castle had received strong public support as the results of the latest public consultation were published.

The Bakerloo line extension will be vital to meeting the needs of the capital's growing population, which is expected to increase from 8.7 million today to more than 10 million by 2030. It will support new homes and jobs in south east London, improve connectivity and capacity, and reduce journey times for tens of thousands of people.

At least 25,000 new homes and 5,000 new jobs could be supported as a result of the Bakerloo line extension, with extra capacity on London Underground for 65,000 journeys in the morning and evening peak, helping relieve congestion on local bus and National Rail services.

The consultation, held earlier this year, attracted over 4,800 responses. Around two thirds of respondents expressed support for the scheme overall.

New technology trials to transform bus safety in London

On 16 August, TfL announced plans to test new safety technology on London buses.

The technology will receive a completely independent trial at the Transport Research Laboratory, which has been appointed to work with TfL, bus manufacturers and operators to trial a range of innovative safety measures including:

- Autonomous Emergency Braking Systems that allow the vehicle to detect its surroundings and automatically apply the brakes;
- Features to alert pedestrians and other road users of the presence of buses, such as lights or audible warnings;
- A re-design of the front of buses, which could reduce the impact of a collision;
- Changes to bus interiors to improve passenger safety, such as higher-grip flooring and softening sharp corners; and
- Improvements to vision for drivers, including improved mirror design.

The results of the trials will feed into a new Bus Safety Standard that will be incorporated into bus operator contracts from the end of 2018.

TfL has also published a report on Intelligent Speed Assistance, following a successful trial in 2016. Bus operators are required to fit the technology, which limits the speed at which buses are able to travel, from later this year.

Transport for London awards new cleaning contract to ABM UK

On 14 August, TfL announced it had awarded a five-year contract for the provision of cleaning and associated services to ABM UK – guaranteeing 2,800 people will receive the London Living Wage.

The contract includes the cleaning of Tube stations and trains, bus depots, head office buildings and the London Transport Museum.

It is one of 6 facilities management contracts that have been consolidated from 50 as part of TfL's work to improve public transport, whilst reducing day-to-day operating costs and delivering the best possible value for money.

The new contract includes a commitment to pay employees the London Living Wage, as well as a reduction in the number of agency workers throughout the lifetime of the contract. This will result in 95 per cent of staff being directly employed by ABM UK.

As part of the procurement process, all of the bidders were required to submit an Equality and Diversity plan and ABM UK will be tracked on the delivery of their plan throughout the contract.

They will create 150 apprenticeship positions, offering people the chance to earn while they learn, and will also provide opportunities to support people who may encounter barriers when trying to gain employment and once they're in the workplace.

The Economy, Business, Enterprise and Regeneration

Plans to boost digital connectivity across London

On 10 August, I announced a package of measures to boost digital connectivity across the capital and tackle London's areas of poor connectivity, known as 'not-spots', including the appointment of a troubleshooting 'Not Spot Team'.

I also announced a City Hall summit, the Digital Connectivity Funding Forum, which will bring together London's local authorities to support them in applying for the Government's Digital Infrastructure Funding, discussing the work of the Not-Spot Team and sharing ideas and best practice on connectivity.

Transport for London is also working to bring mobile connectivity to London Underground tunnels, one of the most high-profile not spots in the country.

London is widely regarded as Europe's leading technology hub, with a growing sector of over 40,000 digital technology businesses employing almost 200,000 people, as well as major bases of many leading global tech companies.

But while the capital leads the way in tech growth, there are parts of the city where slow and unreliable broadband is a source of concern and frustration for businesses and residents alike, such as in Rotherhithe and parts of Westminster and the City of London.

I made a manifesto commitment to help improve connectivity in London by tackling areas of poor internet provision and ensuring better access to public sector property for digital infrastructure.

My new Not-Spot Team will be going out to London's most problematic connectivity spots, to work with local authorities and providers to identify and deliver solutions to improve connectivity.

TfL will also shortly be issuing a formal notice seeking feedback from the industry on how it can best take advantage of its underground and street-level assets to improve connectivity across the capital, while also generating a commercial return.

I am also writing to all local authorities in the capital to encourage all boroughs to bid for the Government's Digital Infrastructure Funding and giving guidance on how best to use access arrangements, known as 'wayleaves', to get more fibre in the ground and into buildings. The GLA has already supported work of the City of London Corporation to develop a standardised wayleave agreement, and now intends to work across London to develop standard mobile wayleave.

Skills for Londoners Capital Fund

I have approved receipt of £56 million of Government funding awarded to the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) as part of the Growth Deal 3 allocation.

I have also approved the spend of £114 million of Skills for Londoners funding, including:

- (i) £98 million as a contribution to the costs of successful applications to the Skills for Londoners Capital Fund main programme;
- (ii) £3 million as a contribution to the costs of successful applications to the Skills for Londoners Small Projects and Equipment fund; and
- (iii) up to £5 million revenue expenditure for costs both to support applicants in the development of their proposals and to provide for associated operational expenditure and programme support costs to enable the delivery of the programme, and within this sum, £1.5 million to enable the launch of the Development Support Fund.

I have also agreed to delegate to the GLA's Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment, decisions to approve detailed allocations of the funding proposed in consultation with LEAP.

Plan and deliver modern and inclusive infrastructure for a grow

I have approved receipt of up to £500,000 from the London Lane Rental Scheme Fund and expenditure of up to £1,479,000 over the next four financial years for continuing the work on improved planning and delivery of infrastructure across the capital, subject to the GLA's annual budget-setting process.

Commitment of the European Regional Development Fund

I have approved the commitment and award of up to £6.5 million European Regional Development Fund to applicants of the fifth call for proposals to support jobs and growth. Following on from the award of funding, officers of the Greater London Authority's European Programmes Management Unit will manage the Funding Agreements.

Housing and Land

New planning rules to boost affordable housing

On 16 August, I published my new Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) which sets out that at least half the new homes built on public land in London will have to be affordable to benefit from faster planning permission.

My new SPG sets out my innovative approach to increasing the levels of affordable housing, while also speeding up decisions in the planning system. It will help raise affordable housing levels from the low of just 13 per cent given planning permission that I inherited from my predecessor.

My new approach offers developers of private land a fast-track route through the planning process, bypassing costly and protracted viability negotiations that have become the norm for applications in London, if they meet a strict minimum of 35 per cent affordable housing without public funding. Developments on public land will have to achieve at least 50 per cent affordable housing to qualify for the fast-track route.

All developments should get underway within two years of planning permission being granted or else they face detailed scrutiny of the financial modelling behind their plans. Any developments that do not meet the minimum affordable thresholds will also face further scrutiny as they near completion, with financial details in the application being published online for the public to see, and a share of any unexpected profits being re-invested in more affordable housing.

On the back of the SPG, my officials have also written to all London councils urging them to make use of my expert viability team if developers try to reduce affordable housing levels after planning permission has been granted.

First 100 percent affordable housing site bought by City Hall

On 24 August, I was pleased to announce that a site purchased last year, Webbs Industrial Estate in Walthamstow, has been released for development with 100 per cent affordable homes for first time buyers.

In one of my first actions as Mayor, I instructed the GLA to buy the former Webbs Industrial Estate, a plot of land that had stood derelict for seven years, with the intention of finding a development partner to build more new and genuinely affordable homes for Londoners.

The site attracted a City Hall record number of bids – 13 – with Catalyst housing association selected as preferred bidders. Catalyst will now work in conjunction with partners including Swan Housing Association and architects C.F. Møller Architects.

The deal comes ahead of my plans for City Hall taking a greater role intervening in land decisions across the capital. More detail about these plans will be in my upcoming London Housing Strategy.

The Webbs Industrial Estate site, which was a former glass lampshade and bulb factory, will now be transformed with 330 homes – all of which will be affordable and available as shared ownership – along with a creative hub providing more than 3,000 square metres of new affordable workspace and artist studios, a park area to serve both existing and new residents, and retail space in the heart of the Blackhorse Road area.

Investing in more than 1,000 'Pocket homes' for first-time buyers

On 15 August, I revealed that I have invested £25 million as part of an innovative deal to boost new factory-built affordable one and two-bed homes for first-time buyers in the capital.

My investment in Pocket Living will see work start on at least 1,059 new homes by March 2021, with a third expected to be built off-site in a factory and dropped into place. They provide homes for first-time buyers, typically one or two-bed flats, that are sold at least 20 per cent cheaper than market sales. Pocket homes are aimed at local people who must already live in the borough and be first-time buyers. The deal also ensures all homes built remain affordable for the lifetime of the building.

The funding, all of which will be paid back in full by the end of the next decade, will help finance ongoing site purchases for development. It will enable Pocket to increase its rate of delivery of high-density flats on small brownfield sites to provide more new and genuinely affordable homes for Londoners. Pocket will also look to use off-site construction where appropriate to speed up delivery.

I believe that off-site construction is another valuable tool that should be utilised and encouraged further as part of a range of measures needed to tackle London's housing crisis, because it means homes can be built more quickly.

New team to help homeless people sleeping rough on transport unveiled

On 29 August, I announced the creation of a new team dedicated to helping the rising number of homeless people who use Night Buses and Tubes as a place to sleep. The team will help find accommodation, provide access to support services, or reconnect people with family and friends to prevent them from ending up sleeping on the streets.

I announced these plans, which will initially receive £300,000 funding for 18 months, alongside a series of new projects from my million-pound Rough Sleeping Innovation Fund. This forms part of the £9 million I have committed to spending each year on rough sleeping services, and is in addition to the £50 million I am using to invest in accommodation to help people to move on from hostels and refuges.

Transport for London data has revealed that the number of homeless people sleeping on Night Buses in winter 2015/2016 was 121 per cent greater than the same period in 2012/13. This reflects a trend of rising homelessness seen more widely across the capital in recent years, though a sharper focus on rough sleeping at City Hall in the last year has begun to show signs of progress. Latest statistics show the rise in rough sleeping has halted for the first time since 2009 – with 8,108 people seen on the streets last year, virtually unchanged from 8,096 the year before.

Improved services may mean the number of rough sleepers rises in the short term as more people engage with new offers of support, whilst following the recent expansion of the Night Tube, a pilot of eight night-time outreach shifts found 164 homeless people on the Night Tube and Buses. This is a common issue in major international cities that offer late-night transport, with recent statistics in New York showing over 1,700 people sleep on their subways each night.

I want to prevent people using transport as a bed for the night and ensure they receive immediate help to access the accommodation and range of services they need.

The new night-time transport team will work as part of my London Street Rescue outreach team and focus on transport routes which homeless people are known to frequent, or that bus and Tube drivers have referred the team to.

Members of the public can also help alert the outreach team to anyone needing their help by using the online Streetlink service (www.streetlink.org.uk).

Estate Management Shared Service

I have approved the GLA's entry into a shared service arrangement with TfL, under section 401A of the GLA Act 1999, for the provision of estates management services on a cost recovery basis. The estimated cost for the first year is £506,000.

I have also delegated authority to the Executive Directors of Resources and Housing and Land to prepare, finalise and subsequently execute on behalf of the GLA documentation putting into place the arrangements under section 401A.

Disposal of Land at Creative Industries Quarter, Abbey Road

I have approved the transfer of GLA Land and Property Ltd's freehold interest in Phase 1 of the completed CIQ development at Abbey Road to the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham.

I have also approved the transfer of a strip of land adjacent to the CIQ development to the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham and, an increase in the project budget of £11,122 to cover additional project costs, valuation fees and, legal fees, for the transfer of the freehold interest.

Crystal Palace, National Sports Centre - Leisure Management

I have approved the extension of the contract under which Greenwich Leisure Limited provides leisure management services to GLA Land and Property Limited for a minimum of 2 years from the 1st April 2018, with an option to extend this by a further 1 year.

I also approved an exemption from the requirements of section 9 of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code in order to allow for a short-term contract extension without a competitive procurement exercise.

Environment

London Environment Strategy

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My Strategy sets out how I will aim to make London:

- Greener: Action will be taken now to plant more trees, make green spaces more accessible, and ensure more green roofs and green features are designed into new developments. Local authorities and community groups will be supported to manage

and value London's parks and biodiversity better. This will help to make sure that more than half of London is green by 2050.

- **Cleaner:** Action will be taken now to introduce less polluting buses, deter the most polluting vehicles from being driven in London, and clean up the air around schools and new developments. The rollout of sustainable drainage systems and improvements to the sewerage network will help keep the city's rivers clean. My new Energy for Londoners programme will help Londoners and businesses to generate more renewable energy. This will help London's buildings to be powered more cleanly, its entire transport system to become zero emission, and for London to be a zero carbon city by 2050.
- **Ready for the future:** Action will be taken now to plan for new flood defences and a new water resource for London, as well as to help transport, water and other infrastructure providers better prepare for the changing climate. New smart meters will be rolled out to help Londoners use less energy and water, higher recycling standards will cut waste, and Londoners will be helped to use less packaging. This will help London send zero waste to landfill by 2026 and recycle 65 per cent of its waste by 2030.

My public consultation on the draft London Environment Strategy is now open until 17 November. More information can be found at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/draft-london-environment-strategy-have-your-say>

London as a National Park City and Greener City Fund

My draft London Environment Strategy sets out my ambition for London to become the world's first National Park City. To achieve this, I am working with partners across London to set the criteria for a National Park City, which will include:

- Protecting and increasing the amount of green space in the capital;
- Increasing access to green spaces for Londoners of all ages, particularly in areas where there is currently a deficiency;
- Increasing the quality of green spaces, ensuring they are well maintained and create healthy habitats for wildlife; and
- Valuing London's green spaces, accounting for the health, environmental, social and economic benefits it brings to London.

As a first step to making this happen, I have announced a new £9 million Greener City Fund for London to create and improve green spaces. Local groups can apply for the first £1 million of grants to plant neighbourhood trees and maintain green community areas.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/greener-city-fund>.

Fuel Poverty Action Plan

Alongside my draft London Environment Strategy, I have also published a draft Fuel Poverty Action Plan.

This sets out what I will do to help lift Londoners out of fuel poverty, and overcome the health effects of cold, damp, draughty living conditions.

It also explains what action I will take to improve collaboration and co-ordination among the wide variety of organisations that are working to tackle fuel poverty, including landlords, London boroughs, the Government and City Hall.

I will earmark over £10 million over the next four years for new energy efficiency delivery programmes. Part of this will include up to £500,000 over the next four years to support the creation or roll out of local advice and referral networks, including home visiting services, as a way of helping to improve the living conditions of fuel poor households.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/energy/draft-fuel-poverty-action-plan>.

Solar Action Plan

I want to see a solar revolution in London, with more heat and electricity generated from renewable solar sources. Therefore, my draft Solar Action Plan was published on 11 August alongside my draft London Environment Strategy and draft Fuel Poverty Action Plan.

It is estimated that my proposed programmes will more than double London's existing solar energy generation capacity to 195MW by 2030. However, I think London can, and should, go further than this. With supportive policy from the Government and the support of local government, the private sector, charities and individuals, my ambition is for London to install 2 gigawatts (GW) of solar energy generation by 2050, and around 1 GW by 2030.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/energy/draft-solar-action-plan>.

£1 million green grants up for grabs for plants, gardens and trees to improve air quality

On 30 August, I visited the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, in Richmond, to announce and encourage community groups to apply for my £1 million Greener City Fund to help deliver more trees, plants and green play areas in every neighbourhood in order to help improve London's air quality.

Trees and plants play an essential part in reducing London's dangerously polluted air, as well as being a vital part of our landscape. I want to protect London's Green Belt and help make the capital the world's first National Park City. My £1 million Greener City community fund is part of my wider £9 million funding to help schools, boroughs and local groups improve their local environments.

Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 are available for groups to apply for now and details are on the Greater London website at: www.london.gov.uk.

Grants can be used for a range of projects, from lining walking routes to schools with air quality boosting trees, to creating mini play spaces and community gardens in built-up areas.

Education and Youth

Prospex Community Centre visit

On 15 August, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, visited Prospex Community Centre in Islington, which has been awarded funding by the Mayor's Fund Kitchen Social Programme to help tackle holiday hunger.

As well as providing food for young people during the school holidays, their services also include encouraging those in need to attend a youth club, where the Community Centre offers a wide range of support, activities and one-to-one programmes, working with high risk young people referred by other charities and assisting those with no parental support.

#ourLDNsummer

City Hall has been helping promote the many summer activities available for young people aged 10 to 17 in the capital. Organisations from across London have been tweeting about the wonderful things that they have been doing at #ourLDNsummer.

On 1 August, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, met children and young people at the 20th anniversary year of Camden Unity Cup in Coram's Fields. This was organised by Fitzrovia Youth in Action, together with many partners including London Youth and the Young Camden Foundation. Hundreds of children played 5-a-side football and joined in other activities during the day.

On 17 August, Joanne visited Ovalhouse Theatre and saw more fantastic work at their Creative Youth summer schools, funded by the Hyde Foundation. Young people were learning new skills, making new friends and having fun in their community during three weeks of spoken word, dance and theatre, using artist residencies, devised storytelling and energetic games.

London Curriculum Family Explorer Trails

The London Curriculum is a fun way of teaching young people about our city. Since launching in July 2014, over 80% of London's secondary schools have joined up. A year ago, I extended the scheme younger pupils and nearly 350 primary schools are now also enjoying free learning resources, teacher 'lates' and a wide range of great activities for students.

This summer I have encouraged Londoners to get out and about with four new London Curriculum Family Explorer Trails. They're a great way for families to find out more about our wonderful city, and have fun in London too. Hundreds of families took part in four events in August to find out more about the London Curriculum, discover the trails and join in free family workshops.

On 5 August, my Statutory Mayor, Joanne McCartney, visited the National Theatre to join one of the events. As well as opening its doors to families, the National Theatre ran two special workshops on mask and headdress making and an exciting animation workshop with the British Film Institute.

Events were also hosted by the Museum of London, Science Museum and the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology and Grant Museum of Zoology. I am now looking to develop new trails next year, so even more families can discover their city together.

Education and Youth Work Programme 2017-18 to 2020-21

I have approved the Education and Youth work programme and associated expenditure of £2.258 million spread over the financial years from 2017-18 to 2020-21 (subject to the inclusion of appropriate break clauses in all funding agreements, and in all contracts awarded).

I have also approved receipt of up to £250,000 of European Social Fund, should it be forthcoming, for the early years leader programme spread over the financial years from 2017-18 to 2020-21.

Social Integration, Social Mobility, and Community Engagement

Slavery & Resistance – London Remembers event

On 22 August, I supported an event, SLAVERY & RESISTANCE. . . London Remembers, organised by the Windrush Foundation at the Bernie Grants Arts Centre in North London.

My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder, spoke at the event.

Matthew pledged my continued support for events commemorating International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, which is recognised by UNESCO on 22-23 August each year.

Volunteering

London 2017 Runners Thank You Event

On 22 August, Team London hosted a thank you event for the volunteers who helped deliver the World Para Athletics Championships and the IAAF World Championships earlier in the summer.

Over 4,500 volunteers were deployed by Team London to support both Championships. Over 750 volunteers attended the event at Building Six at the O2 and heard speeches from Laura Brown (Team London) and Niels de Vos (London 2017 Championships Director).

Team London Ambassadors

On 14 August, Team London Ambassadors began their summer volunteering shifts welcoming tourists and visitors to the capital. This year, over 500 volunteers, who speak 57 languages, are being stationed at Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Tower of London, Parliament Square and St James' Park during the busiest three weeks of summer.

Health

Health Inequalities strategy

On 23 August, I published my draft Health Inequalities Strategy 'Better Health for all Londoners' which aims to tackle London's health inequalities and improve the health of everyone living in the capital.

I also published a new map, released alongside the Strategy, which illustrates the wide health inequality within the capital. It shows the stark disparity in the number of years that Londoners in different boroughs can expect to live in ill health. For example, women suffer disproportionately with ill health in 30 of the 32 London boroughs – living in ill health for an average of 19.9 years, compared to 16.1 years for men.

Most starkly, women living in Tower Hamlets can expect to live for 30.1 years in poor health, whereas for men in Enfield, the number of years is just 11.7 – a gap of 18.4 years.

Life expectancy for Londoners is now more than 80 years for men and more than 84 years for women. My focus is to ensure that all Londoners can live as much of their lives as possible in good health. My new draft Strategy, published today for consultation, aims to reduce inequalities in the capital, improving the health of Londoners and helping them to live longer, healthier lives.

The outline strategy, which will look to address these inequalities and, in turn, improve the health of all Londoners, contains five strands. These are:

- **Healthy Children** – helping to ensure all of London's children have healthy places in which to learn, play and develop, and giving all young people the best start in life;
- **Healthy Minds** – supporting Londoners to feel comfortable talking about mental health, reducing stigma and encouraging people across the city to work together to reduce suicide;
- **Healthy Places** – working towards London having the best air quality of any major global city, making the capital's streets healthier, ensuring all Londoners have access to good-quality green space, tackling income inequality and fuel poverty, creating healthy workplaces, improving housing quality and affordability, and addressing homelessness and rough sleeping;
- **Healthy Communities** – encouraging all Londoners to participate in community life, equipping people with the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to improve their health, supporting the prevention of HIV and TB, reducing hate crime and enabling more Londoners to benefit from social prescribing (a way of linking patients with sources of support within the community to treat social, rather than medical problems); and
- **Healthy Habits** – working with partners towards a reduction in childhood obesity rates and a reduction in the gap between the boroughs with the highest and lowest rates of child obesity, and encouraging all Londoners to reduce smoking, alcohol and drug use among all Londoners, especially among young people.

As well as ensuring the GLA family is doing everything possible to meet these five key priorities, I am building partnerships with organisations across the capital to encourage them to implement measures that will contribute to the reduction of health inequalities.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/health/health-inequalities/have-your-say-better-health-all-londoners?source=vanityurl>.

Calling on employers across London to reduce mental health stigma

On 31 August, as part my drive to improve the mental health and wellbeing of all Londoners, I took part in a Mental Health First Aid training session and called on all employers to make mental health training programmes available to their staff.

My Deputy Mayor's joined me for the training session at City Hall, which is designed to equip people with the skills to recognise if a colleague, friend or family member is struggling with a mental health issue and be able to offer appropriate support.

Research reveals that Londoners report a lower level of life satisfaction, wellbeing and feeling of self-worth than the national average, and every week, more than 14 Londoners take their own lives. In the UK, approximately one in four people will experience a mental health problem each year and suicide is the leading cause of death in people aged between 15 and 24 and the biggest killer of men under 49. Mental ill-health also costs UK businesses £26 billion per year and is the leading cause of sickness-related absence.

I have vowed to help improve the mental health of all Londoners and am encouraging employers to make mental health training programmes available to their staff.

I am also calling on all employers to sign up to my Healthy Workplace Charter, which provides businesses with a range of tools to support staff health and wellbeing.

Culture and Events

Notting Hill Carnival

On 27 and 28 August, over a million revellers across two days of festivities attended this years Notting Hill Carnival.

For decades, Carnival has been one of the most important events in London's cultural calendar, bringing people together to celebrate the very best of London and our amazing diversity.

On Sunday 27 August, I was honoured to take part in the Opening Ceremony, which remembered all those affected by the devastating fire at Grenfell Tower with a multi-faith prayer, a minute's silence and the release of doves.

A minute's silence was also observed at 3pm across the event both days as a mark of respect for those who lost their lives. The survivors, families and members of the local community made it clear they wanted to use Carnival as a way for people to come together, honour and celebrate the lives of their loved ones, which is exactly what happened.

I would like to thank the concerted efforts of the emergency services and the multi-agency planning and response teams for enabling such a fantastic event to take place with minimal incident.

However, there were still a number of offences committed, including against police officers, over the course of the festival. This is totally unacceptable and I will continue to work closely with the organising committee, local authority, police and other partners, to ensure that Carnival becomes safer for all revellers and the police in the years ahead.

London is Open for the Summer

On 28 July, I launched London is Open for Summer, a campaign to reassure visitors to the city that the capital remains open to all with a diverse range of events, sights and shows for everyone to enjoy.

An illustration drawn by renowned artist Sir Quentin Blake is currently on all 240 London Underground stations, encouraging children and families to enjoy all the capital has to offer this summer.

A stellar line-up of stars from the worlds of sport, music and entertainment joined me to launch the campaign to tell the world that London is open for Summer, including Miranda Hart, Mo Farah and the Kaiser Chiefs.

Busk in London and Gigs

Throughout August, my Busk in London team are working with Transport for London to audition busking musicians for the London Underground. Busking on the Underground has become a feature in daily life in the capital and these auditions, which take place every two years, will showcase a new wave of musicians.

Thousands of Londoners and visitors continued to enjoy performances from talented young musicians in my Gigs busking competition, which ran until 6 August. The Gigs Grand Final will take place at Westfield London on Sunday 3 September.

Culture Autumn Season Launch

On 31 August, I launched the London's Autumn Season 2017 campaign at the Natural History Museum with invited guests from London's culture and tourism industry.

London's Autumn Season campaign celebrates the very best cultural offer across the city, demonstrating why London is the world's capital of culture.

London & Partners have also launched the 'Tourism Vision for London', an initiative that outlines how London can remain one of the most popular destinations in the world.

Events for London Programme 2017/18

I have approved the 2017-18 core Events Programme and associated expenditure of up to £2,022,000, of which £1,647,000 is net expenditure and, also approved the seeking of sponsorship from suitable partners in order to raise additional revenue for the core Events Programme, which will be used to enhance events within the Programme.

Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy

IAAF World Championships London 2017

I am delighted to report on the success of the IAAF World Athletics Championships London 2017 which took place at the London Stadium between 4 August – 13 August.

I attended the event, including the opening ceremony and the closing nights, where I witnessed the incredible atmosphere and world class athletics performances.

Over 700,000 tickets were sold and Londoners and visitors were treated to fantastic competition throughout. The record-breaking attendance is a real testament to the hard work all the partners put in to make London 2017 the fantastic event it turned out to be.

With the World Championships now at an end, the London Stadium has already begun its transformation back to football mode, ready for West Ham's first home-game on 11 September.

The community athletics projects funded by £400,000 I invested into the 2017 Inspiration Programme have now started, and Londoners are taking up the opportunity to get involved with athletics and try new activities.

Belgrave Harriers and Caius House visit

On 2 August, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney, visited Belgrave Harriers and Caius House at the Battersea Park Millennium Arena, along with 5 representatives from Team USA and the US Embassy.

Belgrave Harriers and Caius House are two projects funded by my Community Athletics Fund that aims to harness the interest and excitement of the two recent Championships and give Londoners the opportunity to try athletics over the summer.

Representatives from Team USA and the USA Embassy held a Question and Answer session with participants from the funded organisations to inspire them to continue taking part in athletics and celebrate the IPC World Para Athletics Championships and IAAF World Championships.

Old Oak and Park Royal

Funding to OPDC to develop a business plan for Old Oak North

I have approved an additional £0.8 million of funding for Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) from the Mayoral Development Corporation Reserve for additional work and resources to support the production of a business plan for Old Oak North, to be paid to OPDC as revenue grant funding under section 121 of the GLA Act 1999.

I have also agreed a delegation to the Executive Director of Housing and Land, in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources, to draw down from the Reserve to fund the

additional work and resources within Homes for Londoners needed to support OPDC's work and to bring forward wider development within the area.

General consent for OPDC to provide financial assistance

I have approved a general consent to OPDC, in accordance with sections 213 and 221 of the Localism Act 2011, for it to give financial assistance by way of grant, in accordance with a General Consent and subject to review by September 2018.

Budget and Finance

Amendment to the Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy

I have approved an amended Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy instalments policy that takes effect from 1 January 2018 and the arrangements for publishing the amended instalments policy in September 2017.

Appointments

London's first Chief Digital Officer

On 25 August, I announced that I had appointed Theo Blackwell as the capital's first ever Chief Digital Officer (CDO).

As London's first CDO, Theo will play a leading role in realising my ambition to make London the world's smartest city, ensuring that the capital's status as a global tech hub helps transform the way public services are designed and delivered, making them more accessible, efficient and responsive to the needs of Londoners. The appointment fulfils one of my key manifesto commitments.

Theo joins my team following work at GovTech accelerator Public Group, advising start-ups on the growing market in local public services, and was previously Head of Policy & Public Affairs for the video games industry's trade body, Ukie – where he ran a 'Next Gen Skills' campaign to get coding back on the curriculum.

Theo brings more than 20 years of experience in technology and digital transformation in both the public and private sector. In his role as cabinet member for finance, technology and growth at Camden Council, Theo has established Camden as London's leading digital borough through its use of public data – and this year they received national recognition as Digital Leaders 'Council of the year'.

Theo also sits on the Advisory Board of Digital Leaders and is a director of Camden Town Unlimited, a Business Improvement District which pioneered new start-up incubation in 'meanwhile' space.

Theo will work closely with my Smart London Board to develop a new Smart London Plan, and will play a central role in building collaboration across London's boroughs, and businesses, to drive the digital transformation of public services, as well as supporting the spread of innovation through common technology standards and better data-sharing. Theo will also

promote manifesto ambitions around pan-London collaboration on connectivity, digital inclusion, cyber-security and open data.

Planning and Development

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Barnet Copthall Stadium, Mill Hill, LB Barnet

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

North London Business Park, Oakleigh Park, LB Barnet

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

Catholic Club, Woolwich, RB Greenwich

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

Village Centre (Phase 3), Kidbrooke Village, RB Greenwich

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

211-227 Hackney Road, LB Hackney

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

Landmark House and Thames Tower, LB Hammersmith and Fulham

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

1 Burlington Lane, Chiswick, LB Hounslow

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

Royal Brompton Hospital, RB Kensington and Chelsea

I have written to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Meridian Square, Angel Lane, London Legacy Development Corporation

I have written to the London Legacy Development Corporation stating that I am content to allow the Corporation to determine the application itself.

Brunel Street Works, Silvertown Way, LB Newham

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

Mitre Yard, Scrubs Lane, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

I have written to the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation stating that I am content to allow the Corporation to determine the application itself.

226-244 High Road, Ilford, LB Redbridge

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

87 Newington Causeway, 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.

82 West India Dock Road, LB Tower Hamlets

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

Cuba Street, Isle of Dogs, LB Tower Hamlets

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

South Grove, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest

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

Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

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

- Mayplace Primary School, Bexleyheath, LB Bexley
- Cottrell House, Wembley, LB Brent
- Parkwood House, Wembley, LB Brent
- St Hughes Playing Fields, Bickley, LB Bromley
- Camden Goods Yard, Chalk Farm, LB Camden
- Copley Castle Bar Estate, LB Ealing
- Perfume Factory, Acton, LB Ealing
- Ashley Gardens, Tottenham Hale, LB Haringey
- Berol Yard, Tottenham Hale, LB Haringey
- SW plot, Hale Village, Tottenham Hale, LB Haringey
- 49-87 New Road and Able House, Rainham, LB Havering
- Former Alfa Laval Site, Brentford, LB Hounslow
- Access Self Storage, 30 Rugby Road, Twickenham, LB Hounslow
- Vantage Logistics Centre, Hatton, LB Hounslow
- Andover Estate, Holloway, LB Islington
- Store Road, North Woolwich, LB Newham
- 2 Scrubs Lane, Old Oak Common, Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation
- 24-34 Sutton Court Road, Sutton, LB Sutton
- Skylines Business Village, LB Tower Hamlets
- 4-10 Forest Road, Walthamstow, LB Waltham Forest
- 54-61 and 66-68 Oxford Street and 51-58 Rathbone Place, City of Westminster

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- British Library Newspapers, LB Barnet
- 101 Byng Road, LB Barnet

- Abbey Co-op Housing Sites, LB Camden
- Stephenson House, LB Camden
- Land at Sipson Farm, LB Hillingdon
- High Street Quarter, LB Hounslow
- 263-289 Holloway Road and 2-16 Eden Grove, LB Islington
- 185 Park Street, LB Southwark
- 198 York Road, LB Wandsworth
- Battersea Reach, LB Wandsworth
- Blocks M, N, P, Q & T, Battersea Reach, LB Wandsworth
- Greenwich Peninsula Site GP3 Planning Brief, RB Greenwich
- Mayfair Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2038, Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum
- Havering Local Plan - Direction of Travel/Emerging Local Plan, LB Havering

Key Engagements

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

- I attend the opening of the 2017 World Athletics Championships at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 4 August
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 7 August
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 8 August
- I met with Theo Blackwell on 8 August
- I attended the funeral of Mary Turner, the former President of the GMB, on 9 August
- I had an introductory meeting with His Excellency Mr Y. K. Sinha, the High Commissioner of India to the UK, on 9 August
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 10 August
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 10 August
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 10 August
- I met with Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley on 10 August to discuss policing and security
- I launched my draft Environment Strategy at Woodberry Wetlands, Stoke Newington on 11 August
- I attended the Premier League football match between Watford FC and Liverpool FC at Vicarage Road on 12 August
- I attended the 2017 World Athletics Championships at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 12 August
- I attended the 2017 World Athletics Championships at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 13 August
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 23 August
- I had an introductory meeting with Ken Marsh, Chair of the Metropolitan Police Federation, on 23 August
- I attended the Notting Hill Carnival on 27 August
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 29 August
- I had an introductory meeting with Edward Enninful, the new Editor of Vogue, on 29 August
- I visited the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, on 30 August

- I met with Sir Robin Wales, the Mayor of Newham, to discuss matters relating to the London Borough of Newham.
- I had an introductory meeting with His Excellency Mr Syed Ibne Abbas, the High Commissioner of Pakistan to the UK, on 30 August
- I attended a Mental Health First Aid training course on 31 August
- I met with Lenny Henry on 31 August to discuss his campaign to widen access for BAME to TV and media industries
- I had my regular meeting with Cressida Dick, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 31 August
- I attended the launch of the London Autumn Season at the Natural History Museum on 31 August

Ends