

22nd Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time 22 June 2023

This is my twenty second report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 5 May – 8 June 2023.

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

Executive Summary

Affordable Homes Programme

On 15 May, I confirmed that I had smashed my affordable housing goal. Over the course of 2016-23 the Homes for Londoners Affordable Homes Programme started building over 116,000 homes, surpassing the target agreed with government.

This was achieved following another record-breaking year of delivery last financial year, with work started on 25,658 affordable homes, up from 18,840 in 2021/22. This is comfortably the most affordable housing starts every recorded by City Hall. Councils and housing associations achieved this record delivery despite rising inflation and interest rates.

I announced these figures in a speech in east London at one of the many new communities being created at Royal Eden Docks, which is being developed by Mount Anvil alongside Newham Council and Riverside Housing Association. It was a pleasure to thank all the council, housing association and other partners who have stepped up to the plate to deliver the homes London desperately needs. I look forward to continuing to work with them through the new 2023-26 Affordable Homes Programme.

Major expansion to ULEZ scrappage scheme to cover all small businesses in London and all London families receiving child benefit

On 1 June, I announced the expansion of the £110m scrappage scheme from end of July, meaning thousands more Londoners and businesses will be eligible for financial support to replace polluting vehicles. This is part of a major extension of London's biggest ever scrappage scheme ahead of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) expanding on 29th August 2023.

The majority of vehicles in London are already ULEZ compliant and will not have to pay anything. But I completely understand the concerns of people who may not have a compliant vehicle and are worried about how they'll make the transition. I've listened to families and small businesses in outer London who want more support and I'm pleased to be able to announce a major expansion to the scheme run by TfL to ensure we can help them. The changes include:

- Allowing all Londoners receiving child benefit to apply. There are currently 874,710 London families in receipt of child benefit, with 578,315 in outer London.
- Allowing businesses registered in London with fewer than 50 employees to apply. Currently, only those with up to 10 staff can apply.
- Allowing charities operating in London to scrap or retrofit up to three vans or minibuses instead of just one.

- A new grace period for sole traders, microbusinesses, small businesses, and registered charities who have ordered brand-new compliant vehicles, but have been informed that delivery will be delayed past 29 August when the larger zone goes live – or if they have booked an approved retrofit appointment for a non-compliant light van or minibus before that date.

Expanding the ULEZ was an incredibly difficult decision for me. But with toxic air damaging the health of millions of Londoners and the need to tackle the climate crisis, I believe the cost of inaction would simply be far too high a price to pay. The ULEZ has been proven to work, already reducing toxic air pollution by nearly half in central London. Expanding it London-wide will help ensure five million more Londoners can breathe cleaner air and our bigger scrappage scheme will mean we can help thousands of families and small businesses make the transition to greener, cleaner vehicles.

Refugee Housing Programme

In April 2023, I launched my Refugee Housing Programme (RHP) to local authorities in London. The RHP makes available £126m to fund the delivery of up to 630 affordable homes for those with acute housing needs who have arrived in the UK via recent Ukrainian and Afghan resettlement schemes.

At the beginning of June, I expanded eligibility for my RHP to invite bids from housing associations and local authority housing companies. This follows my initial launch to local authorities in April 2023.

Launch of #ChampionMentalHealth campaign

Conversations around mental health are difficult. That's why to mark Mental Health Awareness Week, I launched a campaign in support of Londoners who #ChampionMentalHealth – in their families, places of work or their communities.

I am asking for Londoners to join the thousands of others who are committing to proactively champion positive mental health – sharing skills and knowledge to better support themselves and others. By pledging their support, Londoners will get access to the latest wellbeing training, resources and events, inspiration from fellow Londoners and updates on the work we're doing at City Hall to better support the mental health of Londoners.

Better mental health and wellbeing is something we all want to see and feel. Many of us are already doing what we can to make this a reality in our everyday lives. Whether that's supporting a loved one who is struggling, having a chat with a colleague who doesn't seem themselves, or making time for self-care in our day. Often this is happening without us even realising the difference it can make to someone's quality of life.

The campaign reminds Londoners they are not alone in this. That's why those who commit to #ChampionMentalHealth will get training opportunities, tools and other offers straight to their inbox to help them navigate these conversations with confidence and compassion.

You can sign up to the campaign here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/health-and-wellbeing/health-inequalities/mental-health-and-wellbeing-support-london>

Funding for Get Online London

On 25 May, I announced a further £1.2m funding to my Get Online London programme which is aiming to support 75,000 Londoners out of digital exclusion through a device, data or digital skills training. Get Online London is working to ensure all Londoners have the knowledge and tools they need to make the most of the internet. As the programme develops, the focus will be on expanding its reach to more communities, including those who face multiple disadvantages such as poverty, disability and social isolation. The service will also provide specialised support to help these communities overcome the barriers to digital inclusion.

My Chief Digital Officer led a Digital Inclusion Conference where he announced this new funding and presented the first-year results that over 11,000 Londoners have received free digital skills training, nearly 2000 devices into the hands of Londoners who are digitally excluded and over 26,000 free data sim cards distributed. The conference was supported by our partners on the programme, the London Office of Technology and Innovation and national digital charity the Goods Things Foundation.

Mayor's Skills Academies Quality mark

The 2023 application window for the Mayor's Skills Academies Quality Mark opened from 19 April to 19 May. The Quality Mark identifies and recognises providers in London who are delivering high-quality training in any of these priority sectors: creative industries; digital; green; health and social care; hospitality; and construction.

Applicants will find out in July if they will join the 26 current Quality Mark holders across London.

Grow London

On 10 May, I spoke at an event to launch London & Partners' new 'Grow London' service, which will help London companies scale-up and create jobs for Londoners. The new offer will deliver on my manifesto commitment to provide the most advanced and integrated business support offer that London has ever seen, with a range of programmes helping start-ups and scale-ups across high-growth innovative sectors such as Fintech, creative industries and life sciences.

Special announcement from King Charles III and Queen Camilla to welcome rail passengers

Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla recorded a unique announcement to mark the Coronation weekend, which was played at all London Underground stations and railway stations across the country between Friday 5 and Monday 8 May 2023.

The special message includes The King announcing the world-famous reminder to 'mind the gap'.

The announcement was heard by everyone travelling by train or tube to celebrate the Coronation weekend across the country. Their Majesties sent their best wishes to passengers "wherever you are travelling", with the announcement set to be played in all 2,570 railway stations across the United Kingdom.

King's Garden Party

On 3 and 9 May, over 50 of my Team London Ambassadors welcomed special guests invited to the King's first Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. They provided guests with information about the event, wayfinding support to the venue from Green Park station through St James Park to the palace, looking after the general welfare of all guests, and providing an excellent visitor welcome.

Coronation Volunteers

On 6 and 7 May, 438 of my Team London volunteers supported the Coronation of His Majesty The King. Volunteers supported a number of key central London locations to welcome domestic and international visitors to the city to mark this historic event. My team engaged a diverse group of volunteers, reflecting the diversity of London, to support London through the Coronation, with 40% of volunteers coming from a Black, Asian, and minority ethnic background, and 10% having a disability.

Volta Trucks Tottenham Hub Opening

On 8 June, I visited the new Volta Trucks freight hub in Tottenham alongside my Walking and Cycling Commissioner, Will Norman, to see the new fully electric heavy goods vehicle (HGV), the Volta Zero, which is being trialled in London over the next year. I met with the Volta Trucks team as well as a number of their key customers. The Volta Zero produces no emissions at the tailpipe, significantly reducing its contribution to London's toxic air and carbon emissions. The Volta Zero also meets my Vision Zero safety requirements for HGVs, while the design, development and roll out of the Volta Zero has led to a number of green jobs across London and the UK.

Policing, Crime and Security

New London Policing Board to be created

On 23 May, I announced my plan to establish a London Policing Board to oversee and scrutinise the urgent reform of the Met.

Londoners with diverse lived experiences and backgrounds and a wide range of professional and personal skills are invited to apply and help drive forward the changes and improvements needed to make London a safe city for all.

Establishing a London Policing Board chaired by the Mayor was a recommendation in Baroness Louise Casey's review of culture and standards in the Met - which I requested - to increase the transparency and accountability of the Met to all the diverse communities it serves.

This action is part of my commitment to turning the recommendations of the Baroness Casey review into long-lasting and meaningful change to improve the service the Met provides to Londoners and foster a more open, fair and responsive culture within the force.

In line with Baroness Casey's recommendation, the new board will drive forward the changes needed, based on the transparent approach to accountability now used by Transport for London, with meetings held in public and a membership representing a range of skills and lived experiences. Arrangements will reflect the different legal structures in place for policing, including the oversight powers I have as Mayor and the operational independence of the Commissioner.

Members of the board will provide specialist advice to assist me in holding the Met to account in delivering the reforms needed to rebuild confidence and trust in the police.

I would encourage Londoners to consider applying - full details of the roles and application process can be found at www.joinlondonpolicingboard.co.uk. The closing date for applications is 3rd July.

On patrol with specialist officers working to tackle violence in capital

On 25 May, I joined specialist Met officers on patrol in Haringey to see first-hand how the police are tackling violence affecting young people in the capital through enforcement and education. Operation Denali sees specialist Met police teams carrying out targeted high visibility patrols and proactive activity in busy high streets and transport hubs, to tackle crime in areas known for high volumes of serious violence and knife carrying. The operation has focused on six boroughs - Haringey, Enfield, Croydon, Lewisham, Greenwich and Newham - and since it launched in January 2022, police have made more than 1,900 arrests and removed 500 weapons from the streets. In Haringey, homicides have fallen by 40 percent, 49 dangerous weapons have been seized and 196 arrests made since Operation Denali began in January last year.

Alongside enforcement work, education and prevention is also vital. After joining officers on Operation Denali, I went on to meet with neighbourhood officers, local community youth workers, police youth engagement representatives and Reverend Wood from local community charity, Hope in Haringey, at Tottenham police station to hear about the work they are doing together to educate young people on the dangers of carrying knives.

Fresh investment in GPS tagging to monitor offenders and protect Londoners

On 26 May, I announced new £900,000 City Hall investment to extend the London GPS tagging pilot programme which is working to keep Londoners safe by tagging knife crime and domestic abuse offenders who have been released from prison.

The innovative £4.5m scheme works by those who have served custodial sentences for knife crime offences, such as being in possession of a knife, robbery, aggravated burglary and GBH, as well as domestic abuse offenders being fitted with a GPS tracking device, which is issued under strict licence conditions.

Fresh evaluation of the GPS tagging pilot shows that the use of this technology is helping to reduce the risks offenders pose to their victims and putting the emphasis of behaviour change on perpetrators not victims. Since 2019, more than 1,600 knife crime and domestic abuse offenders have been tagged in London – more than half of those have complied and the technology has worked to recall more than 500 who breached their conditions.

This scheme is using state-of-the-art technology to protect victims and enhancing our partnership work with the probation service and police to better manage offenders and build a safer London for everyone.

Transport

TfL awards first contract as part of new project for electric charging points on public land

Transport for London has awarded Zest a contract to roll out 39 new electric vehicle (EV) charging bays across 24 locations in south and southwest London by the end of 2024 including outer London boroughs such as Sutton and Bromley.

The charging infrastructure will be placed in parking bays near key routes used for essential road journeys typically made by high mileage, commercial users - including taxis and freight.

Part of TfL's EV Infrastructure Delivery Programme, these new EV charging bays further expand London's charging network. This will help deliver on our pledge to unlock land owned by TfL and other members of the Greater London Authority, including the London Fire Brigade, the London Ambulance Service, and the Metropolitan Police, as well partners in the NHS, to increase the density of the rapid charging network across the city.

This innovation sees TfL take public land to the private market to help bring the infrastructure needed to keep London at the forefront of the electric vehicle revolution.

TfL appoints IMG to further grow its global brand licensing programme

Transport for London has announced a multi-year deal with internationally renowned licensing agency IMG to expand its brand engagement and licensing programme both within the UK and across the world.

The new multi-year agreement will see IMG manage and build on TfL's existing licensing programme, which has seen major collaborations with brands in recent years such as Arsenal, Kurt Geiger and Uniqlo.

Working together, the two companies will look to extend TfL's internationally recognised brand across new markets, with a special focus on engaging children and supporting wellness and active travel products. These will include apparel and accessories, home, gift and stationery, publishing, food and beverage, toy and games, and experiential experiences.

The partnership will help brands access these assets, as well as iconography for rail and river services, buses, active travel modes such as walking and cycling, as well as the Elizabeth line. This new addition to London's public transport network opened in May 2022 and already its iconic purple colour theme is seeing brands eager to collaborate with TfL on a wide range of products.

Non-emergency ambulances, police cars and fire vehicles to use TfL bus lanes after trial

Starting from 19 May, ambulances, police and fire vehicles across the capital have been granted access to bus lanes on London's main arterial roads while on duty, even when not dealing with an emergency. This follows a successful 12-month trial with Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation Trust that saw fewer missed appointments, and no negative impact on bus journey times.

It found that the number of missed NHS appointments fell by around 20 per cent and saved the Trust money, with no impact on bus journey times. The trial benefited patients who are unable to use public transport to attend appointments, reducing journey times and delays.

There are more than 8,000 emergency service fleet vehicles that use London's roads, meaning the Metropolitan Police Service, the London Fire Brigade and the London Ambulance Service will benefit from less congestion and faster journey times, helping to provide a better service to all Londoners. Outpatients who rely on patient transport at all the capital's hospitals will now be less likely to miss appointments with knock on savings for the trusts themselves, and improved health outcomes for many patients.

Full peak Elizabeth line timetable introduced as railway celebrates remarkable success in its first year

On 22 May the Elizabeth line's full peak timetable commenced, meaning customers from Shenfield and east London can now travel directly to Heathrow Airport for the first time, with more trains to the airport overall

More than 150 million journeys have been taken across the Elizabeth line in its first year since opening on 24 May 2022, with around 600,000 journeys taking place on weekdays. The Elizabeth line has already become one of the most used railways in the country as it continues to support new housing, jobs and economic growth

The introduction marked the final milestone of the Crossrail project, realising more of the benefits that were promised by Transport for London and the Department for Transport as joint sponsors including higher frequencies, greater connectivity and faster journey times.

With the introduction of the new timetable, peak time frequencies will increase from 22 to up to 24 trains per hour between Paddington and Whitechapel, with 16 trains per hour running off-peak. The peak will also now last for longer, increasing capacity even further.

A year since opening, the Elizabeth line has transformed travel across London and the South East and is now the most popular railway in the country. An incredible 3.5 million journeys are made a week, as passengers enjoy the modern trains, beautiful step-free stations and reduced journey times.

New data shows that despite progress, more action is needed to prevent death and serious injury on London's roads

The latest casualty statistics published show that while progress is being made, the capital has also seen a return to near pre-pandemic levels of the number of people killed and seriously injured on London's roads.

The devastating consequences for the families, friends and communities impacted by these deaths and life-changing injuries is immense and collective action is needed to achieve the Vision Zero goal of eliminating death and serious injury from London's streets by 2041. TfL is working closely with London's boroughs, the police and other partners to carry out the work needed to achieve this goal.

Last year was the lowest year on record for fatalities, with 101 people tragically killed on London's roads, excluding 2020 and 2021 which were heavily affected by pandemic related lockdowns and changes in travel patterns. There has been significant progress made against the Transport Strategy baseline of 2005-09.

The number of people killed and seriously injured on London's roads has reduced overall by 38 per cent against this baseline, with the number of children killed or seriously injured 63 per cent lower than the baseline. This is very positive and welcome progress, with London consistently outperforming the national average in this area

Environment

Deputy Mayor meeting with London Councils Transport and Environment Committee

On 9 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with Mayor Glanville in his capacity as London Councils Transport and Environment Committee chair. This was a regular catch up, providing the opportunity to update and outline any new priorities linked to our green recovery.

Deputy Mayor meeting with Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah

On 9 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues met with Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah to discuss the implementation of the ULEZ expansion and the use of the scrappage scheme.

Deputy Mayor led a group meeting with Emma Howard Boyd

On 9 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues met with Emma Howard Boyd, former chair of the Environment Agency, to discuss climate resilience in London.

Sustainability Awards

On 10 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues gave the opening address at the Sustainable City Awards 2023, delivered by Global Action Plan. The awards shine a spotlight on the creativity, perseverance and hard work of schools, the public sector and volunteers to make London more sustainable for its residents and communities. The awards recognise work led by or involving people from diverse and/or marginalised groups to promote inclusion in

environmental and social action. Event details, including winners, can be found here: <https://www.globalactionplan.org.uk/sustainable-city-awards>

Deputy Mayor visit to Addison Lee in West Drayton

On 15 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, and my Deputy Mayor for Transport, Seb Dance, visited Addison Lee's West Drayton fleet hub, to see the new electric vehicle (EV) charge points which have been installed. During the visit, my Deputy Mayors spoke with the Addison Lee team about their target to reach a fully zero emission passenger vehicle fleet by the end of 2023 and met drivers to hear about their experiences driving a zero emission vehicle in London.

Deputy Mayor attended in-person event, Thames Estuary 2100 event joining the panel discussion

On 17 May, the Environment Agency published its ten year review of the [Thames Estuary 2100 plan](#). The review has amended the plan in the following ways:

- brought forward the deadline for adapting flood defences upstream (west) of the Thames Barrier by 15 years to 2050
- confirmed that all options for replacing the Thames Barrier (end-of-century options) should remain open until a decision is made
- brought forward the deadline for deciding on an end-of-century option from 2050 to 2040
- Upgrading of defences (east) downstream of the Thames Barrier are still required by 2040. My Deputy Mayor Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues joined a panel as part of the launch event, to discuss London's preparedness for climate change and the implementation of the plan

Deputy Mayor visited the Walthamstow Net Zero Carbon Fire Station

On 18 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues visited Walthamstow Fire Station to see retrofit works undertaken to deliver London's first net zero carbon fire station. My Deputy Mayor saw first-hand the hard work that has gone into the project. Measures included energy efficiency measures, smart controls, solar panels, an electric cooker and an air source heat pump. This project will act as an important pilot for the London Fire Brigade as it develops and delivers a range of programmes designed to support their Net Zero by 2030 target. My Deputy Mayor also heard about the next five fire stations that will be retrofitted to net zero using Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding.

Deputy Mayor delivered a speech at Invisible Dust event, Royal Docks

On 19 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues spoke at Forecast 2023. The event, organised by Invisible Dust brought together academics, journalists, authors, creatives and scientists to explore storytelling and creativity as a mechanism to actively responded to the planet's future, exploring themes such as energy supply, biodiversity and climate activism. Alice Share, Director of Invisible Dust and Mark Maslin, Professor of Earth Science Systems at UCL also spoke at the event, which is part of a wider programme of events titled '[Sea Change](#)' taking place across May in the Royal Docks and Thames Barrier Park.

Deputy Mayor Visit to Sustainable Ventures New Office Opening

On 30 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with some of London's cleantech innovators, businesses, and delivery partners at the opening of the new Sustainable Ventures' flagship workspace in County Hall – which will be home to 500+ entrepreneurs and innovators.

The event showcased the best of London's cleantech innovation and start-ups within the Better Futures programme and more broadly within London. The event was used to highlight the role (including the products and services being developed) these businesses will play in helping to meet the Mayor's Net Zero target for London.

Deputy Mayor speech at ECO CITY World Summit

On 6 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy gave a keynote speech to the EcoCity World Summit, hosted at the Barbican. The 2023 Summit brought together representatives from across the community to formulate and implement plans for the future of our cities, focusing on positive change and progress for cities and those who inhabit them. The Deputy Mayor outlined the Mayor's approach to achieving net zero and his associated environment programmes.

Environment and Health Challenges in a Changing World - Celebrating 30 years of Environmental Research Group activity and considering the next 30 years

On 6 June, I delivered the keynote speech on the first day of Imperial College London's Environmental Research Group (ERG) 30th anniversary event. The ERG hosted a two-day Air Quality and Health symposium with over 150 members from the research and academic community to celebrate the achievements made in air pollution research over the last 30 years. The findings from the ERG's research has helped to shape London's policies and measures to tackle air pollution. During my speech and fireside discussion with Prof. Frank Kelly I emphasised the importance of scientific evidence when deciding on the measures needed to tackle air pollution, the positive impacts of our bold policies such as the Ultra Low Emission zone, and highlighted the importance of scientific community in supporting our understanding of climate change and air pollution, as well as their impacts on health.

Panel discussion – Environment and Health Challenges in A Changing World

On 7 June, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues chaired a panel discussion hosted by the Environmental Research Group. This event was part of Environmental Research Group (ERG) 30th anniversary Air Quality and Health symposium. The panel emphasised the importance of measures to tackle air pollution to drive change, and discussed the biggest threats and opportunities to improving both outdoor and indoor air quality.

Fire and Resilience

London Resilience Forum and Borough Resilience Forum chairs meeting and BRF Chairs' Forum

On 10 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired a joint meeting of the London Resilience Forum and Borough Resilience Forum chairs.

Fire and Resilience Board

On 12 and 23 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired regular meetings of her Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board.

Fire and Resilience Board - deep dive

On 18 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired a deep dive to discuss LFB's response to its independent culture review.

Stronger Local Resilience Forums Programme

On 22 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, met with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities regarding the Stronger Local Resilience Forums programme.

Visit to London Borough of Havering

On 22 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, visited the London Borough of Havering to meet with its Chief Executive and councillors. The visit included a tour of Wennington and Rainham areas, affected by the fires last July, and a visit to Launderers Lane with firefighters to discuss issues around the illegal dump.

Exercise Spring Resolve: Consequence Management and Recovery Workshop

On 25 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, opened a workshop, organised by London Resilience, the Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network and the Home Office, that explored ways to improve recovery and consequence management following a terrorist incident.

Fire Performance Oversight Group

On 7 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, the London Fire Commissioner and I attended His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Fire Performance Oversight Group as part of the HMICFRS' Engage process.

Grenfell Response Steering Group

On 8 June, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, attended a meeting to discuss the progress of the recommendations in response to the Grenfell fire.

Growth, Skills and Regeneration

London Learning Awards

On 5 June, I opened nominations for my 2023 Adult Learning Awards. I am calling for nominations from across London's skills sector, and stories of Londoners, employers and adult learning providers who have achieved personal success or made significant contributions to helping Londoners lead happier, healthier lives through adult learning.

Stakeholders will have until Monday 24 July to nominate across ten categories, from Inspirational Adult Learner of the Year to Learning for Good Work Employer of the Year, culminating in the award ceremony on 2 November. After a successful inaugural event last year, this year's awards will continue to deliver my commitment to raise awareness of adult learning and champion London's skills sector.

National Numeracy Day

On May 17, I marked National Numeracy Day, an annual awareness day that empowers adults and children take action to build their confidence and skills with numbers needed for work and home. My Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration, Skills, Jules Pipe, wrote a piece for FE Week, highlighting how the success of Adult Education Budget numeracy provision and the London Multiply programme have been to increasing numeracy levels in London, and the importance of a local approach to skills training.

Officers from my Skills and Employment team launched a Big Number Natter on my platform, Talk London, providing space for Londoners to talk about their own math anxiety and feel more confident using numbers, and visited London Multiply provision happening across London, including Hammersmith and Fulham, Morley College, and Westminster Adult Education Centre.

London Careers Community of Practice (CoP)

My careers programme is developing good practice among practitioners to support young Londoners in secondary and post-16 education. A London Careers Community of Practice (CoP) for practitioners was convened to support students that are in Alternative Provision settings. The focus of the CoP was improving capacity for delivering work experience for young people studying in London's Alternative provision, recognising the benefits to student motivation, learning achievement and aspiration is improved through engagement with employers. This also complemented our three events delivered by Dr Deidre Hughes to provide school and college practitioners with tools and tips to understand how careers education can be used to re-engage 'school avoiders.'

West London Disability Hub - Action on Disability Centre for Independent Living (Good Growth Fund)

The West London Disability Hub in Hammersmith and Fulham which received £154,000 from my Good Growth Fund officially opened on 7th June. As part of a wider social housing development transforming a brownfield site on the Clem Atlee estate, the ground floor premises have been fitted-out to create a fully accessible hub and low-cost community space. The project will enable Action on Disability (AoD), a Deaf and Disabled People's organisation expand its services in west London (covering Employment, Youth and Independent Living support, Welfare Benefits advice, and advocacy). The building provides disabled parking spaces, cycle storage, meeting rooms, and an open plan office for 20-desks, amongst others. The creation of a new community garden will also facilitate access to green space for the project's beneficiaries.

Royal Institute of British Architects London Awards

Five Good Growth Fund projects won at the Royal Institute of British Architects London awards on 12 May. These were Holborn Community Centre, Lea Bridge Library, the National Youth Theatre in Finsbury Park, affordable artist studios in Clapham, and affordable workspace at the British Academy of Film & Television Arts headquarters. The awards celebrate the design quality of projects being delivered in partnership with communities across London.

Housing

Renters (Reform) Bill

On 17 May, the government introduced the long-awaited Renters Reform Bill to parliament. I have persistently called for a better deal for private renters and have campaigned for government to adopt my London Model as a blueprint. I welcome the promised end to Section 21 'no fault' evictions, the introduction of open-ended tenancies and the Property Portal which will be modelled on my own 'Report a Rogue' tool. But the bill needs to go further to protect renters.

It is a missed opportunity to improve affordability, despite asking rents increasing by 14 per cent of the past year. This is why I continue to call on the government to make rents more affordable for Londoners by realigning LHA with median rents and giving me the power to implement a two-year rent freeze.

I will also be calling on MPs to amend the bill to ensure that it does enable Londoners the right to stay in their home for longer and new loopholes don't undermine the security promised. In particular I will be calling for protection for survivors of domestic abuse to ensure they cannot be made homeless because of their partner's anti-social behaviour.

HMO licensing and asylum seekers

On 17 May, I set out my concerns about government plans to temporarily exempt asylum accommodation from HMO licensing requirements, removing basic, vital, housing protections for asylum seekers. I am concerned that this will introduce a two-tier system, one for asylum seekers and another for all other renters, resulting in an increase in overcrowding and poor housing conditions for people seeking sanctuary in London.

Empty homes

On 23 May, I joined Westminster City Council in calling for stronger powers to crack down on empty homes in London, including powers for councils to set higher rates of council tax on empty homes and fewer restrictions on the use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders.

There are estimated to be around 30,000 long-term empty homes across London, which could have a combined value of £20 billion at current average property prices.

International Relations

US Ambassador reception in honour of Dr Jill Biden

On 6 May, I attended a reception hosted by HE Jane Hartley, US Ambassador, in honour of Dr Jill Biden, First Lady of the United States of America.

Meeting with High Commissioner, Vikram K Doraiswami

On 11 May, I met with the Indian High Commissioner, Vikram K Doraiswami, alongside my Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal. This was a productive meeting where I reinforced and celebrated the strong relationship enjoyed between London and India. We also discussed the importance of our shared cultural and business connections, which I look forward to continuing see grow.

UN Special Advisor Selwin Hart at City Hall

On 31 May, I hosted UN Special Advisor Selwin Hart at City Hall and discussed collaboration between London and the United Nations to take actions on the climate emergency.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

Business roundtable

On 23 May, I held a roundtable with leading business representatives to discuss how to respond to the challenges posed by Brexit, Covid and inflation, which are impacting London's businesses. Representatives from WSP, NatWest, DLA Piper, Heal's, Canary Wharf Group and KPMG attended the discussion. Access to talent; skills shortages; post-Brexit competitiveness; investment opportunities; and London's global appeal and support for the UK's prosperity were among the topics raised.

Opportunity London at UKREIIF

On 16 May, my Deputy Mayors Rajesh Agrawal and Jules Pipe spoke at the UK Real Estate and Infrastructure Investment Forum in Leeds, a key conference for the UK property sector and local and central government. In partnership with Manchester a range of events and networking receptions were organised and hosted to promote Opportunity London. Rajesh and Jules spoke on a broad range of panel and networking events about Opportunity London and L&P's work on investment, as well as my Net Zero programmes and the need for green investment in the built environment. Rajesh also took part in a networking event with Metro Mayors, investors and the Trade Investment Minister Lord Johnson. On 17 May, Jules also spoke at the launch event for London Councils' new London Infrastructure Framework.

International promotion

On 23 and 24 May, my Deputy Mayor Rajesh Agrawal led the London delegation to IMEX Frankfurt 2023 and spoke about the importance of business tourism to London's economy, as well as speaking at the 2023 Policy Forum. The London Convention Bureau was also exhibiting at the event.

On 24 and 25 May, Rajesh attended the ChangeNOW 2023 conference in Paris on climate change.

On 5 and 6 June, Rajesh led a London delegation to the leading fintech conference, Money 20/20, in Amsterdam highlighting the importance of the sector to London's economy.

Workforce Integration Network Business Breakfast

On 1 June, my Deputy Mayor Rajesh Agrawal hosted a business breakfast to discuss how we can continue to advance workforce integration and equality in London, that brought together business leaders in key sectors, namely, the creative industries, healthcare and the green economy. Rajesh spoke on the importance of workforce equality, diversity and inclusion along with David Kester, CEO of DK&A and 'London Equity and Design' partner and Deputy Mayor Debbie Weekes-Bernard. Rajesh encouraged large employers at the event to join my Mayor's Design Labs 2023, a key programme of the Workforce Integration Network.

Business Engagement

On 11 May, my Deputy Mayor Rajesh Agrawal and I met with the High Commissioner of India, Vikram Doraiswami at City Hall.

On 1 June, my Deputy Mayor Rajesh Agrawal met with Jon Guy, Secretary General of the Islamic Insurance Association of London (IIAL) to discuss London's Islamic finance industry and to support IIAL in promotion of shariah-compliant insurance and business here.

Community and Social Policy

London Migration Data Hub

At the beginning of May my officers from the London Strategic Migration Partnership and City Intelligence launched the London Migration Data Hub. The platform is a decision-support tool for statutory partners to facilitate the implementation and maintenance of a 'fair share' approach to the support of refugees and people seeking asylum across London and inform the allocation of funding and services for the benefit of the different populations. The London Migration Data Hub contains the latest data on various migration and housing pressures in the boroughs. This platform is instrumental to the delivery of a London Regional Asylum Plan that seeks a fair distribution of the asylum accommodation across London.

Illegal Migration Bill – summit to explore the consequences

On 25 May, my officers convened a summit to explore the far-reaching consequences of the Illegal Migration Bill on migrant Londoners, civil society and statutory services. Over 200 delegates from across the city attended the meeting which included a powerful Q & A session with recognised experts on the legal implications, and the impact on destitution, exploitation and on the lived experience of migrants. This meeting will shape our work to support services and people impacted by the bill and help London to continue to welcome people seeking sanctuary and uphold their rights

Windrush Justice Programme

On 16 May, my Deputy Mayor Debbie-Weekes Bernard attended Action for Race Equality's Windrush 75 event, marking the 75th anniversary of HMT Empire Windrush arriving at Tilbury. The event platformed groups on Action for Race Equality's Windrush Justice Programme (WJP) who are at the frontline of the Windrush Scandal, whose advocacy support for people affected by the Windrush Scandal makes them experts on needed reform.

Children and Young Londoners

UNICA EduLAB webinar "University-based Schools of Education serving capital cities in Europe"

On 9 May, Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, joined a panel of experts from university-based schools and departments of education, along with top administration leaders from capital cities of Europe, to participate in a panel discussion and Q&A session on how schools of education, local authorities and schools can work together to support their cities.

UNICA, the institutional Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe, brings together 56 member universities and is the leading institutional academic inter-university network in Europe. The webinar was delivered in partnership with Kings College London.

New Deal for Young People (NDYP) Inception Event

Over 29 newly funded organisations, all assessed via a Mentoring Quality Framework, attended an Inception Event at Coin Street SE1 on 13 May, where Lib Peck, Director of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and Co-Chair of the New Deal for Young People, presented my vision for the mission.

The quality and range of newly funded providers is exceptional and collectively, via 53 newly funded organisations, will reach over 17,000 young people through mentoring.

Culture

Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board and Genesis Foundation Panel Discussion

On 5 June, in partnership with the Genesis Foundation, my Cultural Leadership Board hosted a panel discussion, entitled 'People Make Places'. The panel focused on how innovators, artists, cultural place-makers and community representatives work to ensure that the arts and creative remain central to the regeneration of East London. The panel included, Amanda Parker, Vice Chair of the Board, Gus Casely-Hayford, Director V&A East, and Bob and Roberta Smith, Artist, and was conversation chaired by Brenda Emmanus.

London Borough of Culture Round III Launch

On 11 May, I published the prospectus and guidance notes for boroughs interested in applying to become London Borough of Culture for 2025 and 2027 and receive £1.35 million funding. Applications are submittable from July 2023, however a deep engagement programme with boroughs has begun, who are being encouraged to start the process of drafting bids and reimagining how to make culture an integral part of their future.

Unpacking the Credits

On 19 May, I launched Unpacking the Credits. This program, for young Londoners, raises awareness of a range of careers available, across the creative industries. In partnership with HBO, Bloomsbury Publishing, Disney's The Lion King, Sony Music, Grimshaw Foundation and Yinka Ilori we have created six short films and educational resources. The films showcase jobs in visual effects, publishing, theatre and stage productions, music, architecture, and design. The educational resources which include 12 lesson plans for teachers, parents, carers and guardians will be distributed to secondary schools and education institutions across all of London's boroughs.

Vauxhall Night Time Enterprise Zone Launch

On 30 May, the Night Czar, Amy Lamé launched the Vauxhall Night Time Enterprise Zone (NTEZ). Together with Bromley Town Centre and Woolwich, Vauxhall is one of the first ones of my NTEZ programme, which I launched last year. The Night Czar spoke alongside representatives from the Council and the local BID.

Civil Society and Sport

London's Lifelines

On 5 May, my Civil Society Volunteering team celebrated the scope, diversity and impact of volunteers in London by launching the [London's Lifelines](#) video. The London's Lifelines website was developed by a cross sector group of volunteer involving organisations and convened by my Civil Society team to highlight the importance of everyday community social action to London and Londoners. The London's Lifelines video was launched to coincide with the coronation and the Big Help Out to acknowledge the thousands of volunteers across our city who contributed to the successful delivery of events over that weekend as well as on many other occasions.

Team London Volunteers 2023 programme

Recruitment for this year's Team London Volunteers closed in May with over 800 applications -the highest we have received yet, showing how valued volunteering on this programme has become to those wanting to give back to our city. The Visitor Welcome programme will take place for 5 weeks over the summer from 3 August until 3 September 2023 at key locations in the city (Greenwich Cutty Sark, St James Park, Piccadilly Station, Parliament Square and Trafalgar Square). This involves volunteers providing a warm and friendly welcome to domestic and international visitors, promoting the arts, cultural events and supporting and promoting businesses and tourism. We are now in the process of confirming the successful volunteers by end of June, with training taking place online and in person in July.

Mayor of London Sport Leadership Academy

Activities for my Mayor of London Sport Leadership Academy began in May 2023, with 20 community organisations appointed to support the Academy and curriculum. One young person from each of these organisations will be selected to form part of the Youth Academy Board, who will be co-designing the curriculum. In addition, each of the selected organisations will recruit 5 young people who will enrol on the Leadership Academy.

The Mayor of London Sport Leadership Academy aims to support underserved young Londoners by delivering a long-term sport leadership programme including leadership and conflict resolution skills, sport for change delivery, governance and first aid.

Future Ready Fund

13 organisations delivering my Future Ready Fund came together for their first workforce support session on 5 June at City Hall. The workforce support is an ongoing package provided by Mentivity C.I.C, this will allow capacity building and upskilling for all coaches and other organisational staff who will be delivering my Future Ready Fund. Organisations working with the Sport Team and the VRU as part of the Future Ready Fund will be provided access to workforce upskilling resources to ensure that they are supported to provide adequate provision to young Londoners. Mentoring is a central focus of the support provided to young Londoners, in addition to Trauma-informed and Mental Health awareness practices, networking and best practices sharing opportunities.

Health

NHS & OHID meeting

On 01 June, I had my regular meeting with senior leaders from the NHS and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID). We discussed current operational pressures on the NHS, including the backlog for planned treatment and the impact of industrial action. We also discussed work underway between the NHS and the MPS to ensure people in mental health crisis receive the right care from the right person. The NHS's chief midwife spoke to the recommendations in the Assembly's report on maternal health and care. We touched on the impact of the Government's announcement about the delayed New Hospital Programme and on the ULEZ patient reimbursement scheme, and I was briefed on current public health issues.

London Ambulance Service Meeting

On 05 June, I met with the Chair and CEO of London Ambulance Service (LAS). We discussed their current performance, the LAS Five Year Strategy and their Estates Vision. We also discussed the LAS share of resilience funding in London. Finally we talked about the recent MPS initiative: Right Care, Right Person and LAS support with implementation. I will continue to champion, challenge and collaborate with the London Ambulance Service to ensure Londoners receive the high quality services they need and deserve.

Showcasing London's Right to Thrive partnerships and projects

On 23 May, an event at Toynbee Hall celebrated the Mayor's commitment to community mental health through his Right to Thrive initiative. Right to Thrive has been delivered by Thrive LDN and the Mayor of London to support the mental health and wellbeing of communities through free training and capacity-building opportunities for individuals and grassroots organisations to help develop new skills and build resilience. Particularly for those at higher risk of unfair treatment based on their identity, beliefs, or social class, and in some cases a combination of these.

Since 2018, the Mayor has invested more than £450,000 through the initiative in grassroots and community led organisations engaging directly with Londoners at disproportionate risk for poor mental health and wellbeing. This has funded 43 grassroots projects.

The event was an opportunity to provide a stage for the Right to Thrive beneficiaries to present their community work and showcase the impact they have made to date. Meanwhile promoting the Right to Thrive Community of Practice, sharing how it has developed so far and encouraging further engagement with other organisations.

Old Oak & Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)

Affordable workspace in Park Royal

On 12 May, OPDC was delighted to celebrate the launch of the Park Royal Open Access Workshop as part of London Craft Week, organised by Park Royal Design District.

Funded by OPDC and Ealing Council through the Acton and Park Royal Creative Enterprise Zone, the workshop provides affordable workspace for creatives. Based in EX2 studio in Park Royal, it offers shared equipment and facilities, as well as flexible space for meetings, events and workshops.

London Legacy Development Corporation

Esports

Over a three-week period in May, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (the Park) hosted one of the most popular events in the global eSports calendar – the League of Legends Mid-Season Invitational. In total, more than 100 professional eSports teams and over 860 players competed at the Copper Box Arena, further cementing the Park’s reputation as a global venue for eSports.

Walking and cycling

On 10 May, London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) announced a £150 million investment to improve walking and cycling connections on the Park. The investment will deliver 26 different schemes ranging in scale from small neighbourhood junction improvements to major infrastructure changes and it will contribute to my net zero targets for London.

Additional funding of £270,000 from my Green and Resilient Spaces Fund will also increase the number of trees planted along Westfield Avenue, helping to preserve local watercourses and improve the biodiversity of the route.

Women’s Safety Charter

Organisations across the Park joined forces on 10 May to launch a Women and Girls’ Safety Charter, enshrining their pledge to promote and protect the safety of women on the Park and across the wider LLDC area. Signatories to the charter include the London Boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest; London Stadium; Greenwich Leisure Limited; Lee Valley Regional Park Authority; East Village; Here East; Canal and River Trust; Get Living; the Metropolitan Police and Westfield.

East Bank

UAL’s London College of Fashion announced that from September 2023 (when it opens the doors to its new East Bank home), it will be offering a public-facing, free cultural programme that celebrates east London’s artists and communities. The programme will also seek to attract Londoners to visit East Bank by offering unique and exciting events.

The 2023 RHS Chelsea Flower Show included The Sadler’s Wells East Garden created by east London-based planting designer Alexa Ryan-Mills and inspired by Sadler’s Wells’ fourth venue due to open at East Bank in 2024. The garden celebrated the next generation of dancers and appreciators of dance in east London. School 21 in Stratford received the plants and materials from the garden for use in their outside space following the close of the flower show.

Chobham Manor

I was pleased to see Chobham Manor, the first residential neighbourhood on the Park win a Royal Institute of British Architects award on 12 May. The 880-home neighbourhood completed last summer. It has won several awards over the years, including the 2019 NLA Mayor’s Prize for its community focus and coherent, thoughtful design.

Future Gardeners

In May, a Future Gardeners course started at the Park. The free course upskills local people seeking entry level jobs in the horticulture industry. At the end of the course, the budding horticulturists will receive a City & Guilds qualification as well as pre-apprenticeship training. They will also be able to form links with key employers in the sector including some at London's parks and gardens.

Carpenters Entrance

On 15 May, LLDC Director of Design, Peter Maxwell, joined Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz OBE, residents from Carpenters Estate and project partners to mark the start of construction works for a new entrance to Stratford Station.

The £8.4 million project is a joint initiative between Newham Council, Transport for London (TfL), the Greater London Authority, and LLDC. It will improve access and connections to the station for residents. The commencement of the works is an important milestone in the context of a wider ambition of achieving the long-term redevelopment of Stratford Station.

London Assembly Plenary

On 18 May, LLDC Chief Executive Lyn Garner and Transition Sponsor Dr Paul Brickell appeared in front of the London Assembly for a Plenary session on the proposed boundary changes of the LLDC area from 1 December 2024 to coincide with the return of planning powers to the four Growth Boroughs of Newham, Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest. As part of the session, Assembly Members also asked questions about the future of LLDC more generally.

London Youth Games

It was announced on 22 May that the London Youth Games Finals Festival will be held on the Park over the weekend of 1-2 July. The two-day event gives young people the chance to follow in the footsteps of Sir Mo Farah, Christine Ohuruogu MBE and Sir Bradley Wiggins, who all competed in the London Youth Games before going on to represent Team GB.

The event represents the first time five Olympic venues in the Park will host London Youth Games' biggest weekend, providing sports opportunities for young people across the capital.

ABBA Anniversary

27 May marked the one-year anniversary of the ground-breaking ABBA Voyage concert, with over 1 million visitors welcomed since the purpose-built arena opened on the Park last year. Up to 200 staff work on each performance, 75 per cent of which are local to the area.

Events

On 27-29 May, the London Aquatics Centre hosted the AP Race London International. The meet, which three-time Olympic gold medallist Adam Peaty helped organise, brought together top-level UK-based and international swimmers.

At London Stadium, the end of the Premier League season and a successful Europa Conference League run which has seen West Ham win the final against Fiorentina in Prague on 7 June, means the start of the summer event schedule. Launching the summer events programme was Burna Boy, the first African artist to headline a UK stadium who took to the stage on 3 June.

On 30 May, it was announced that YouTube collective The Sidemen will host a charity football match at the Stadium on 9 September, with all proceeds of the event to be donated to charities including Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM), youth charity Teenage Cancer Trust and wish-granting charity, Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity.

Planning

Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)

The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & Skills, under powers delegated to him by the Mayor sent a letter in response to the following statutory Stage 2 referrals informing the relevant Local Planning Authority that he was content for it to determine the case itself.

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2022/0613	Former Electrobase/W heatsheaf Works Site	Bexley	09/05/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0242	Capel Manor College	Bromley	09/05/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0154	Meridian Water Phase 1B	Enfield	22/05/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0179	Kidbrooke Park Road South	Greenwich	22/05/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0057	Tolworth Tower	Kingston upon Thames	22/05/2023	Allow LPA to refuse	Stage 2
2021/0467	301-303 Ilderton Road	Southwark	22/05/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0353	Ilderton Wharf	Southwark	22/05/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0091	Exmouth Estate	Tower Hamlets	09/05/2023	No Stage 2 required	Stage 2

Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

I have asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following Stage 1 referrals:

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2023/0290	54-60 River Road	Barking and Dagenham	30/05/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2023/0296	SKLPC - India Gardens	Ealing	30/05/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2023/0310	70 Hanger Lane	Ealing	30/05/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2023/0277	8-10 Greenock Road, Acton	Ealing	25/05/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0265	Inmarsat House	Islington	25/05/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0272	Goat Road / Willow Lane Development	Merton	25/05/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0278	Battersea Studios 3	Wandsworth	25/05/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0263	1 Chapel Place	Westminster	25/05/2023	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0032	13-15a Thames Road	Barking and Dagenham	22/05/2023	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0243	Land Surrounding Freemasons Road	Newham	22/05/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0257	Holiday Inn Express, Victoria Road, London, W3 6UP	Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation	22/05/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0282	36 St John's Wood Road	Westminster	12/05/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2023/0189	Lok'n'Store- 1 Alfred's Way	Barking and Dagenham	09/05/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2023/0233	Manns Waste Management Site	Barking and Dagenham	09/05/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2023/0227	BRENTFORD LOCK WEST PHASE 3	Hounslow	09/05/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues

Stopping Up Order

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2023/0183	75 Avenue Road Stopping Up Order	Camden	09/05/2023	Do not hold Inquiry	Stopping up order

2023/0275	Stopping Up Order highway land at The Embankment	Richmond upon Thames	25/05/2023	Do not hold Inquiry	Stopping up order
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Stopping Up Order – correction from 21st Mayor’s Report

The previous Mayor’s report incorrectly recorded the Morlands Gardens Stopping Up Order decision as “Do not hold Inquiry”. It should have stated that the decision was “Hold Inquiry”.

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2022/0372	Morland Gardens stopping up order	Brent	20/03/2023	Hold Inquiry	Stopping up order

Stage 3

On 24 May 2023, the Final Decision Notice and S106 legal agreement were issued for Paddington Green Police Station.

London Plan

On 8 June, I published a suite of four London Plan Guidance (LPG) documents covering design and characterisation. These were: Characterisation and Growth Strategy; Optimising Site Capacity: A Design-Led Approach; Small Sites Design Codes; and Housing Design Standards.

The Characterisation and Growth Strategy LPG supports the undertaking of a borough or neighbourhood-wide character assessment which can be used to inform the understanding of a borough or neighbourhood’s capacity for change and growth, including potential locations where tall buildings may be appropriate.

The Optimising Site Capacity: A Design-Led Approach LPG sets out how the design-led approach set out in Policy D3 of the London Plan should be applied. This approach requires the setting of site-specific design parameters and codes for development sites to provide clarity over the future design. It should be used to determine the most appropriate form of development on a site.

The Housing Design Standards LPG provides a set of standards and checklist of London Plan policy requirements for housing. It covers placemaking and the public realm - focussing on the area around the site; shared spaces and ancillary spaces - focussing on communal spaces within the site; and homes and private outside space - covering private homes and spaces within the site.

The Small Site Design Codes LPG provides information on how to prepare area-wide housing design codes on small sites for a range of character types. This can support the development of design codes at plan-making stage by planning authorities and neighbourhood planning groups.

On 2 June, the Royal Docks & Beckton Opportunity Area Planning Framework (RD+BR OAPF) was published. The RD+BR OAPF sets out a vision to 2041 for one of London’s largest regeneration areas, and London’s only Enterprise Zone. The RD+BR OAPF was informed by successive rounds of public engagement. Over 36,000 homes and 55,000 jobs are expected be created across the

opportunity area (OA). An extension of the DLR to Thamesmead via Beckton Riverside will be key to unlocking the potential of the OA.

Key Engagements

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

- I visited the Met Police Operation Command Centre on 5 May.
- I attended the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May
- I attended a reception for the First Lady of the United States, Jill Biden on 6 May
- I visited the Grenfell Exhibition by Steve McQueen on 9 May
- I attended the Coronation Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 9 May
- I launched the London & Partners Grow London campaign on 10 May
- I met with the Indian High Commissioner to the UK on 11 May
- I visited the Royal Eden housing site in Newham on 15 May
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 16 May
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 18 May
- I visited Tottenham Court Road station to meet with the Transport Commissioner and station staff on the 22 May
- I held my regular planning meeting on 22 May
- I joined a roundtable of business leaders at KPMG on 23 May
- I joined Met Police officers on patrol in Haringey to see Operation Denali in action on 25 May
- I led the final stage of recruitment for the TfL Commissioner on 25 May
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 30 May
- I met with UN Special Advisor, Selwin Hart, on 31 May
- I met with Assistant Met Commissioner, Matt Jukes, on 31 May
- I met with the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission co-chairs on 1 June
- I held my regular meeting with the NHS & OHID on 1 June
- I met with the Deputy Met Police Commissioner on 1 June
- I met with the Chair and CEO of the London Ambulance Service on 5 June
- I launched the Met Police campaign to recruit 500 new PCSOs on 6 June
- I spoke at a conference organised by the Environmental Research Group on 6 June
- I attend the HMICFRS: Fire Performance Oversight Group on 7 June
- I chaired the Transport for London Board on 7 June
- I spoke at the PinkNews Pride Reception on 7 June
- I attended the Volta Trucks Tottenham Hub Opening on 8 June
- I received a petition from Fleur Anderson MP on 8 June
- I met with Prof Mariana Mazzucato from University College London (UCL) on 8 June