

27th Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Mayor's Question Time 21 December 2023

This is my twenty seventh report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 3 November – 7 December 2023.

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

Executive Summary

Standing together against hatred and extremism

The last few weeks have been an incredibly traumatic time for many Londoners, particularly those with family and friends in Israel and Gaza. The situation is truly heart-breaking.

The conflict and escalating humanitarian crisis is having a direct impact on London and Londoners. There have sadly been increased cases of abhorrent antisemitism and Islamophobia in the capital. I'm determined to lead from the front and work with communities to stand united against hate in all its forms.

My £3m Shared Endeavour Fund works to strengthen communities against extremism, encourage Londoners to stand up to hate and intolerance, safeguard vulnerable Londoners from radicalisation and help to stop the spread of extremist ideologies. Since it was launched in 2020, more than 70 projects have been supported with over 90,000 Londoners benefitting. A further 23 projects are being delivered this year which will take the number of Londoners benefitting to 140,000.

New Superloop routes

On 5 December I was pleased to launch two brand new express bus services in outer London, as latest ridership figures show demand on all Superloop routes has increased above the network average level. The SL10 route between Harrow and North Finchley and a further route, the SL1 between North Finchley and Walthamstow Central are now in operation.

The Superloop is a network of express routes in outer London connecting town centres, hospitals, schools and transport hubs and is a key part of my commitment to improving the bus network in outer London to maximise the benefits of the London-wide ULEZ expansion.

New TfL data shows that customers are already taking advantage of the Superloop network. The data so far shows demand on all Superloop routes has increased above the network average level.

- The average weekly demand on route SL7 in October has seen a 62 per cent change relative to June (before the SL7 was rebranded)
- The hours of operation on SL8 were increased at launch and the average weekly demand on SL8 in October has seen a 15 per cent change relative to June (before the route was rebranded)
- Although SL6 and SL9 had unchanged service levels, there was a 16 per cent change for October relative to June, and 3 per cent for SL9 for the same months

- Frequency on route SL7 (Heathrow Central and West Croydon) has doubled from two buses per hour to four buses per hour when it launched in August, leading to an increase in passenger usage

The full loop of the Superloop will be complete by Spring 2024, as the SL2, SL3 and SL5 enter service. The SL4 which runs from Canary Wharf to Grove Park will open in 2025.

More than 95 per cent of Londoners now live within 400 metres of a bus stop. In addition to the Superloop, TfL continues to pursue enhancements to the bus network in partnership with London's boroughs.

It is fantastic to see the Superloop already encouraging more people onto London's bus network. It's proving a real game-changer. Now people travelling in outer London are getting another boost before Christmas with two brand new routes coming into service, making it easier to see friends and family, or to visit local town centres or services. I'm delighted to see so many Londoners benefitting from the Superloop so far, and there's much more to come."

London's first Rough Sleeping Charter

On 7 December, we launched the capital's first ever Rough Sleeping Charter, a public commitment for Londoners to work together to end rough sleeping. More than 100 charities, faith groups, businesses and people with lived experience have helped to design and develop the charter, creating a shared purpose and vision for tackling the challenge of rough sleeping in the capital.

The rough sleeping charter started with a small group of organisations and city government officials – the Connection at St Martin's, Groundswell, Housing Justice, The Passage, YMCA St. Paul's, Bloomberg Associates, the Greater London Authority and London Councils — who wanted to engage better with the community and build a bigger movement around the goal to end rough sleeping.

At £36.3m, the GLA rough sleeping budget in 2023/24 is now more than four times the £8.45m a year it was when I took office. Our pioneering 'In for Good' principle has meant, following intervention from City Hall-funded services, more than 75 per cent of those who received support were not seen sleeping rough again. More than 16,000 rough sleepers have been helped off of the streets since I was elected Mayor in 2016.

£500,000 investment in street tree-planting as half-millionth tree of Mayoralty planted

On 1 December, we marked National Tree Week today by announcing a half a million pounds investment into tree-planting across the capital as he planted the 500,000th tree funded during his Mayoralty.

London boroughs will be supported to plant almost 3,000 street trees this winter. In addition, the Mayor is giving away another 40,000 trees to Londoners in partnership with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)'s 'I Dig Trees' campaign.

The new £500,000 funding is all part of our £3.1million Trees for London Fund. In his Environment Strategy, the Mayor has committed to increase tree cover in London by 10 per cent (from 21 per cent to 23.1 per cent) by 2050 to protect and enhance the capital's environment for future generations. London's trees now cover an area that would fill Hyde Park more than 239 times.

The Living Wage Foundation launch of Living Wage Week in London

Following my announcement of a 10% increase in London Living Wage at the London Stadium in late October, Statutory Deputy Mayor Joanne McCartney spoke at the launch of Living Wage Week in London on Monday 6th November. As well as highlighting the new London Living Wage rate of £13.15 per hour, the event marked GLA's accreditation as a Living Hours employer. This gives GLA staff earning the London Living Wage more predictable and guaranteed working hours, alongside a fair rate of pay. The Kia Oval became the latest iconic employer in the capital to receive accreditation as a London Living Wage employer. Members of the 'Make London a Living Wage City' Steering Group, which I co-chair, and campaigners were thanked for their efforts in growing the number of London Living Wage employers to over 3,500. This is a six-fold increase since I became Mayor in 2016.

TfL figures show the Tube now reaching 4 million journeys per day

TfL has confirmed figures showing that the Tube reached 4 million journeys in late November, a further step towards ridership returning to pre-pandemic levels.

In the week of 19 - 25 November, 24.78 million Tube journeys were completed. Thursday 23 saw the highest number of Tube journeys with around 4.05 million, demonstrating a further milestone for London's transport network as it rebounds following the pandemic. This is up 7.6 per cent on the equivalent day last year (24 November 2022), when ridership was around 3.76m. With more than 500 trains in service across the network, the Tube's frequent service is vital for commuters, shoppers and visitors to London, and its success helps support economic growth in London and around the country.

London outbuilding the rest of the country

On 11 November, I released new analysis showing that London has been outbuilding the rest of the country when it comes to housing completions.

Analysis of official data showed that London increased its housing stock by 8% since 2016, compared to just 6% for the rest of England. The analysis shows that if the rest of England had increased its housing stock at the same rate as London, it would have meant a 300,000 increase in new homes across the country - equal to the Government's housing target for an entire year. Nevertheless, despite the boost to homebuilding in London in my Mayoralty, it is clear that much more is needed, and I continue to urge the Government to invest the £4.9bn a year required to build genuinely affordable homes at the scale our city needs.

Annual Service of Remembrance

On Friday 10 November 2023, I jointly hosted City Hall's Annual Remembrance Day service, alongside the London Assembly and City Hall Branch of the Royal British Legion. The service which has a historic link to London government organisations and agencies, saw wreaths laid by myself, Chair of the London Assembly, The Royal British Legion and its City Hall Branch, Greater London Lieutenancy, senior representatives of the Metropolitan Police Service, Transport for London, London Fire Brigade, London Ambulance Service, The Environment Agency, London Councils, Royal British Legion and the Armed Forces.

The Right Reverend Lynne Cullens, Bishop of Barking, led the service and gave an address, along with contributions from other faith leaders from the Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Hindu communities.

Marking Windrush 75, and as part of the acknowledgment of the contribution the Commonwealth made specifically to the first and second World Wars, this year there was also a focus on British serving personnel and veterans who were either first, second, or third generation Windrush. The High Commissioner for Jamaica, H.E. Alexander Williams, was also invited to read a letter from a WWI Jamaican soldier as part of the service. Members of the West Indian Association of Service Personnel, Windrush Museum, and the British West Indian Heritage Trust also attended the event.

New funding for 'The Cyber Helpline' to help better protect Londoners from online harm

On 6 December, we announced £170,000 of funding for a dedicated London team of cybersecurity experts to better protect Londoners from online harm.

The new investment is part of a one-year pilot to boost the reach and capacity of the award-winning charity 'The Cyber Helpline' which has already helped 600,000 people nationally since 2020 and directly supported more than 40,000 victims.

The new dedicated helpline team, funded by City Hall, will provide Londoners with free expert advice on cybercrime – including specialist one-to-one support for victims. The service works via a secure chatbot on the website, recording and processing requests for help and advice 24 hours a day and passing them on to a dedicated London team for one-to-one phone and email contact as needed. The majority of The Cyber Helpline's cases have been about online harassment, cyberstalking, sextortion and hacked social media accounts, with fewer than 35 per cent of those seeking help reporting their cases to police.

£100 million fund to accelerate London-wide decarbonisation, in partnership with leading UK investor

On 2 December we announced a new £100 million fund to support decarbonisation projects across London in partnership with Sustainable Development Capital LLP (SDCL).

The London EDGE Fund partnership will unlock additional investment from the private sector and enable many more organisations across the capital to make energy efficient choices. Sadiq has committed £50 million from City Hall which is to be matched by funds managed by SDCL, who will also manage the Fund.

EDGE will invest in projects that have the capacity to achieve significant reductions in energy usage, greenhouse gas emissions or other pollutants across London. Building on SDCL's expertise in low-carbon infrastructure, the Fund will focus on energy efficiency, on-site generation and clean energy solutions - areas key to helping London achieve net zero by 2030 – like installing building management systems, heat pumps, solar panels, and electric vehicle charging.

Policing, Crime and Security

Standing together against hatred and extremism

I was delighted to visit two Shared Endeavour Fund projects in the last month. On 3rd November, I joined young people and project leads at County Hall for a session of the Future Leaders programme, which is working with 600 young people across more than 100 different schools in London to empower them to both identify and challenge hate crime in all its forms. On 9th November, I visited Hornsey School for Girls to attend a session led by Stand Up! – an interfaith project that brings Jewish and Muslim educators into the classroom to create a safe space for young people to learn about issues of discrimination, racism and extremism. I would like to thank all of the organisations and participants involved for welcoming me, and for everything they are doing to encourage safer, more cohesive communities.

New funding to support victims of hate crime

On 20 November I visited the offices of GALOP with Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime Sophie Linden and London's Victims' Commissioner, Claire Waxman OBE, to meet with representatives from some of the organisations involved in the Community Alliance To Combat Hate (CATCH) Partnership. This Partnership of eight organisations including GALOP, supports victims of all forms of hate crime – from racism to religious discrimination and anti-LGBTQ+ abuse. On the visit, I announced an additional investment of £250,000 in new funding for CATCH and for my Shared Endeavour Fund.

CATCH is receiving the funding in addition to £2m it has already received from MOPAC, enabling it to reach more than 3,500 victims of hate crime a year. The Alliance will be prioritising additional funding for The Community Security Trust (CST) and Tell MAMA, who have faced exceptional demand supporting London's Jewish and Muslim communities impacted by rising tensions sparked by violence in the Middle East. I am deeply grateful to CATCH and to everyone working hard across the city to promote cohesion and support victims of hate.

On the same day, I also launched London for Everyone – a new campaign to unite communities, celebrate the capital's diversity and promote mutual respect, the campaign signposts Londoners to help and support services. This includes advice for new migrants to help them access key services as well as information on how to report hate crime and access support available.

Second meeting of the London Policing Board

On 6 December I chaired the second meeting of the London Policing Board. The Board is a key part of a package of measures I am leading to accelerate the root and branch reforms of the Met's performance and culture and comprises Members with a diverse mix of professional and personal skills and backgrounds.

In this session, the Board quizzed Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley on two key community safety issues in London – violence against women and girls; and violence affecting young people.

I would like to thank all of the Board Members for the energy, skill and commitment they have brought to this vital work, Sir Mark and his team for the positive way they have engaged with this important new scrutiny mechanism, and staff from MOPAC and the GLA for their professionalism in administering this new Board.

Transport

Transport usage figures

Across London, bus ridership continues to grow, with around five million journeys now being made daily. The new Superloop network limited-stop express bus routes, which by spring 2024 will circle the entire capital and connect key town centres, stations and transport hubs in outer London, are also helping to drive ridership in outer London.

The Elizabeth line has also massively helped to encourage people back onto public transport and supported increases in ridership.

It's fantastic to see London truly roaring back post-pandemic - this impressive boost in ridership will support London's and indeed the whole UK's economy recovery. There's no doubt that as Christmas approaches the appeal of London's world-leading shops, restaurants and other cultural is as strong as ever.

This data shows that people are returning to their pre-pandemic travel patterns. We can't rest on our laurels to further support this boom and deliver the world class transport system London deserves we need sustained capital investment over multiple years with adequate support from central Government. This will help us support jobs and economic growth in London and across the country, and build a better, more prosperous London for all.

Improving services for people with autism, learning disabilities or difficulties

TfL has joined forces with Bild (British Institute of Learning Disabilities) and People First to understand the views and opinions of people with autism, learning disabilities or difficulties to engage people with lived experience to inform future TfL customer initiatives.

The partnership has launched with a survey delving into the barriers people face travelling around London and how could TfL improve the services it offers. The survey, which closes on the 15 January, will seek the views of people with autism, learning disabilities or difficulties and their supporters. The survey will also seek the views of those who visit London and are less regular users of the transport network.

TfL is committed to making London's transport network accessible for all and has initiatives to support people with autism, learning disabilities or difficulties to travel. This includes TfL's free travel mentoring service, which supports people using public transport in and around London to become more confident and independent travellers; and TfL's travel support card which helps people communicate any assistance or information requirements they have with staff. TfL also offers a Turn Up and Go service on London Underground, London Overground and Elizabeth line to help customers who may need assistance. Everyone is welcome to use this service and there is no need to pre-book.

In 2017, TfL launched a "please offer me a seat" badge. It followed research that found customers with non-visible disabilities and conditions, such as learning difficulties or autism, can find it difficult to get a seat on public transport when they need one as their need may not be immediately obvious. More than 100,000 badges have been given to disabled people and those with invisible conditions since the badge launched.

Making London's transport network more accessible for everyone is a top priority. I encourage everyone to complete the survey and ensure their views are heard so TfL can improve its services and continue building a fairer, more accessible London for everyone.

TfL introduce wheelchair user traffic light signals

TfL worked with Olympic rowing champion, Captain Pete Reed OBE, to introduce green wheelchair user traffic signals to represent disabled people. The symbols were launched in London with my Walking and Cycling Commissioner ahead of International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Sunday 3 December.

Londoners and visitors to the capital will see the specially designed wheelchair user symbols at pedestrian crossings in Earl's Court, King's Cross, Liverpool Street, Tower Hill and Whitechapel thanks to Yunex Traffic who installed the signals at no cost. The locations for the new wheelchair user traffic signals have been carefully selected based on their proximity to busy Tube stations that offer step-free access.

The new symbols were inspired by three-time Olympian gold medal winning rower Captain Pete Reed OBE who in 2019 experienced a spinal stroke which left him paralysed from his chest down. Captain Pete Reed approached TfL with his idea of a wheelchair user traffic signal because he wanted to draw attention to the large disabled population in London and beyond, for whom access and ease of travel is essential to make the most of the city. The symbols also help to ensure that traffic signals are representative of disabled people in a diverse and inclusive global city. London's diversity is one of its biggest strengths and I want everyone, whether resident, visitor or worker, to be able to participate in and enjoy all that our great city has to offer.

Making walking and cycling safer and easier between Wembley Central and Harlesden

TfL is inviting people to have their say on major new plans to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle between Wembley Central and Harlesden stations. Walking, cycling and public transport are amongst the most affordable and sustainable ways to travel, and TfL is working to make transport in all areas of London, including outer London, better for everyone.

In collaboration with Brent Council, the plans would create a new, high-quality Cycleway which would play a vital role in cutting road danger. The planned improvements would also make it much easier to walk, connecting local neighbourhoods to high streets, supporting the growth of local businesses and creating a safer and more enjoyable area for everyone.

TfL analysis has shown that north west London is an area of high demand for active travel, where people want to be able to walk and cycle more often. TfL's analysis also identified the Wembley to Willesden Junction corridor as being one of the top six routes in London with the greatest potential future demand for cycling. New infrastructure would be needed to unlock this potential demand and enable more people to cycle.

More details about the proposals are on TfL's webpage, with interactive maps and options to give your thoughts on the project: www.haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/wembley-harlesden

There is also an Easy Read version of the proposals, a British Sign Language video version and translated versions of the website.

The consultation is open until Thursday, 21 December 2023.

We've seen a huge rise in walking and cycling over recent years as more and more Londoners enjoy using sustainable ways to get around the capital, and we will continue to work with councils like Brent to introduce measures to make it easier for people to cycle. I encourage all members of the community in Brent to share their views on this consultation for a new cycleway, so we can support everyone with safe and appealing routes to travel around London.

Street View in some of London's busiest stations

TfL and Google are collaborating to provide Google Street View within selected stations across London to help customers better plan their journeys.

The project will use cameras that capture 360-degree images inside thirty Tube stations, including Green Park, King's Cross St Pancras and Waterloo, to provide virtual representations of some of London's busiest stations. By being able to show routes through some of London's key stations, TfL hopes that customers will use Google Street View within stations in the same way they would for journeys made by walking and cycling across London. TfL hopes this will be beneficial to customers with accessibility needs or people who are unfamiliar with travelling in the capital. In the coming weeks, Google will start collecting Street View imagery, with posters placed at stations to alert customers when imagery capture may occur. The images will be collected by a small team organised by Google between 10am to 4pm to avoid peak hours, using a 360-degree backpack camera. Google's blurring technology will then be applied to the imagery, which is designed to automatically blur identifiable faces before publishing.

I am delighted we are working with Google to bring Street View to the Tube. This exciting new project will give people the ability to plan their routes on the London Underground in the same way they would when walking and cycling across the city. Introducing Street View will support people to better navigate some of the capital's busiest stations and help us to build a better, more accessible London for all.

TfL busking scheme celebrates 20 years since opening

TfL has marked 20 years of its live busking scheme on London's transport network by reopening its competitive audition process for the first time since the pandemic. TfL is also introducing the first ever pitches to the Elizabeth line.

Talented musicians have taken to perform on London's transport network since 2003 with the London Underground Licensed Busking Scheme brightening people's journeys with genres from rock, to classical and pop for 364 days-a-year. 20 years on, the network now has more than 200 registered buskers that have passed the audition process, with TfL on the hunt for fresh talent to add to its roster.

Busking auditions will take place for the first time since 2017, with the application process now live. Auditions will take place in early 2024, managed and co-ordinated by Found in Music, who run Busk in London, a programme I support.

Musicians of all genres are invited to apply to reflect London's cultural diversity. Shortlisted musicians will perform to a panel of musical experts and TfL operational staff in a busy station environment and judged on technical ability and audience response.

Two new pitches have also opened this autumn at Bond Street station, in a first for the Elizabeth line. TfL is looking into setting up further pitches in other Elizabeth line stations. With around 4.3

million journeys taking place each week across the Elizabeth line, millions of people will benefit from the uplifting live music as they travel across London.

I am delighted at the return of TfL's busking auditions and the introduction of pitches to the Elizabeth line. Busking is a thriving artform across our city and has brought TfL's stations alive over the last 20 years. This competition provides musicians with a fantastic opportunity to show off their talents, as we build a better London for everyone.

Data showing increases in walking and cycling in the capital

TfL has published new data from its annual Travel in London report, which shows that there have been continued increases in the levels of walking and cycling in London. Enabling more people to walk and cycle, including as part of journeys that also involve public transport, is vital to a sustainable transport network in the capital and TfL has continued to work closely with London's boroughs to invest in high-quality infrastructure that allows more people to walk and cycle more often.

The new data shows that the number of daily cycle journeys increased in 2023 to hit an estimated 1.26 million journeys per day, up by 6.3 per cent from 1.19 million in 2022, and up by 20 per cent since 2019. This represents a level of growth not seen in the years leading up to the pandemic and suggests that Londoners are continuing to make the most of cycling as a sustainable and affordable way of travelling around the capital.

New data also shows that the proportion of Londoners who have cycled in the past year has increased, including increases among people from Black, Asian other minority ethnic groups. In the financial year 2022/23, 24 per cent of Londoners reported having cycled in the past year, up from 21 per cent in 2019/20.

Walking also continues to be central to how many people travel in London, with levels increasing in 2022/23. New data from the Travel in London report shows that walking accounts for 39 per cent of all trips by London residents.

The new statistics show the benefits of investing in high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure, with the cycle network now at 352km, up from 90km in 2016. TfL will continue working closely with London's boroughs to deliver even more walking and cycling infrastructure in the coming years.

I am delighted to see the increase in cycling and walking journeys in London continue for yet another year. I am committed to boosting this further. We will continue to expand the network of cycleways and make more junctions and crossings safer. I am determined to build a cleaner, greener and more prosperous London for everyone, and investing in sustainable transport options is a vital part of that.

More than half of London's black taxis are zero emission capable

London's iconic black cabs have reached a major milestone with more than 50 per cent now being zero emission capable (ZEC), with the number totalling more than 7,970 on the city's streets. The capital's taxi drivers are playing a significant part in cleaning up London's toxic air with a ten percent growth in the new more environmentally friendly vehicles in the last six months. Cleaning up the bus and taxi fleets is central to my strategy of reducing emissions and tackling the capital's public health crisis. Toxic air pollution contributes to thousands of premature deaths, increases in asthma, causes children to grow up with stunted lungs and is linked to dementia.

Figures from 2019 show taxis were responsible for 29 per cent of the NOx emissions from central London road transport [2], however, emissions from the fleet have reduced following the introduction of a range of industry leading changes and support. TfL has helped to bring about this step change by requiring from 2018 that all new taxis licensed for the first time have to be ZEC and providing taxi delicensing grants to drivers, which removed more than 4,000 older, more polluting vehicles from the fleet.

Further measures to reduce emissions from the taxi fleet by phasing out diesel taxis and increase the number of ZEC vehicles in London, include reducing the maximum age of the most polluting taxis from 15 to 12 years between 2020 and 2022 and bringing in discounts and incentives to help drivers make the transition to new vehicles. These include helping fund a plug-in vehicle grant, supporting taxi drivers with up to £7,500 off the price of a new ZEC taxi.

Around 1,000 of the thousands of EV charging points to be found across the capital are rapid or ultra-rapid charging points that deliver a full charge in as little as 30 minutes - this includes 300 delivered by TfL. TfL has supported delivery of three rapid charging hubs across London – Glass Yard in Woolwich, Stratford International car park and Baynard House car park in the City of London. These rapid charging points are supporting the shift to zero emission vehicles by high mileage road users such as the emergency services, delivery drivers and taxis and PHVs.

London's black taxis are recognised worldwide and I am proud to see that so many drivers are helping clean up our air and assist us in tackling the city's health emergency by driving zero emission capable (ZEC) vehicles. Reaching this milestone is a great reflection of how London is working hard to be a greener, more sustainable, environmentally friendly city. I know that by bringing more electric and ZEC vehicles to London we can continue to bring down the level of harmful chemicals in the air and reduce the impact of road transport on our environment.

Environment

Business Sustainability Event

On 7 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, delivered a keynote speech and participated in a Q&A session at the BusinessLDN event hosted by Leonie Cooper AM on Green Skills. The event discussed the action required to build an inclusive and green workforce for a sustainable London, something we are already working very hard to achieve. I have been working to increase green skills provision and we have made significant progress in developing training to meet the demand for green jobs and skills. The event was attended by a variety of businesses across the capital, local government, academic institutions and colleges.

Royal Society of Chemistry Podcast (RSC) Podcast

On 8 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues participated in a Royal Society of Chemistry Podcast focused on Air Quality. The podcast discusses global existential threats, and how chemistry & scientific innovation, policy and businesses can come together to offer solutions. The purpose of the podcast is to educate listeners on important issues facing society, our environment and our future, and to showcase the role chemistry and science plays in tackling these global issues.

Low Carbon Accelerator event

On 9 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues gave the keynote speech at the Low Carbon Accelerator celebration event. The event was attended by delivery partners and beneficiaries of my three Low Carbon Accelerators: Retrofit Accelerator – Homes, Retrofit Accelerator – Workplaces and Local Energy Accelerator, all of which were part-funded by the Mayor of London and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) over the last 7 years. The event celebrated the successes of the accelerators to date in exceeding carbon saving targets towards Net Zero by 2030. Future support to March 2026 was announced, along with the next round of Expressions of Interest for my Green Finance Fund.

Meeting with London Climate Resilience Review team

On 9 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues met Emma Howard Boyd and her London Climate Resilience Review team to discuss progress on the Review. The meeting discussed progress in terms of evidence gathering and the development of the report and timetables for completion of the review.

Councils Transport & Environment Committee

On 14 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with Cllr Kieron Williams, the new Chair of London Councils Transport & Environment Committee, for an introductory meeting. They discussed how the Greater London Authority and London Councils can continue collaborative working on a number of topics, including retrofit and green finance, and covered background to the London Climate Resilience Review.

London Councils Transport and Environment Executive Committee (TEC)

On 16 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues attended the London Councils TEC Executive meeting to provide an update on the work of the Mayor on ULEZ, trees, green finance and retrofit. The meeting also focused on the update on the Climate Resilience review which is chaired by Emma Howard Boyd CBE.

'Everyone's Environment' event

On 16 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, gave a keynote speech at an event to convene charities that engage Londoners on environmental issues. 'Everyone's Environment', hosted by New Philanthropy Capital, presented new research on the views of young, elderly, disabled, and BAME Londoners on environmental policy-making. She set out how the GLA is supporting underrepresented communities to feed their views into policy makers on environment issues.

Net Zero in Practice – BEAMA event

On 22 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, took part in a panel discussion at an event held by BEAMA to discuss the investment and growth opportunities around Net Zero. Entitled 'Net Zero in the Market: The signals for certainty', the panel was an opportunity to discuss the current state of the market for Net-Zero technologies and what Government action is required to create certainty and catalyse investment. The Deputy Mayor reiterated that national government must provide a clear and consistent policy framework to give industry the confidence to invest in their products, innovation and staff to allow the sector to thrive. The Deputy Mayor emphasised the important role of the GLA's strategies in setting a long-

term regional policy framework for Net Zero by 2030 that can provide confidence to the sector to invest including in skilling their workforce, such as through the London Plan, Environment Strategy and Transport Strategy.

London Tree and Woodland Awards 2023

On 27 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues gave a welcoming speech and handed out awards to winners of the annual London Tree and Woodland Awards at City Hall, alongside the Chair of the Forestry Commission Sir William Worsley. The Awards celebrate the members of the public and professionals who are taking action to protect, manage and grow London's urban forest.

Institute for Government (IFG)/Royal Society event

On 28 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues participated in an online event exploring how mayors and other local leaders are using devolved powers to achieve net zero at a local level. She was joined by ED Cox of the West Midlands Combined Authority and Prof Joanna Haigh of Imperial College and Rosa Hodgkin of the IFG. She spoke about the Mayor of London's achievements on transport, planning, skills and housing but the continued challenges on retrofit and climate resilience and the need for long-term settlements to help provide policy and funding certainty to allow investor confidence and enable long-term planning.

London Fuel Partnership Plenary

On 7 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, chaired the London Fuel Poverty Partnership plenary. The partnership discussed the context for people living in fuel poverty this coming winter, ways to support debt advice charities and questioned Ofgem regarding enforced pre-payment meter installations.

Business Climate Challenge recognition event

On 28 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues hosted a recognition event at the British Library for this year's participants in my Business Climate Challenge. The event celebrated their leadership and commitment, and in particular, the achievements of the businesses that have already exceeded the challenge target of reducing their energy consumption and emissions by 10%, with all participants receiving a certificate of achievement. Attendees heard about the importance of the private sector taking climate action and the opportunity to save small businesses costs through the programme from special guests including Oliver Rosevear, Sustainability Director at Fullers and Deborah McGhee from Shakespeare's Globe, one of the programme participants.

You can read case studies on the GLA website at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/environment-and-climate-change/climate-change/zero-carbon-london/mayors-business-climate-challenge>

Business LDN launch event

On 29 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy joined an event to mark the launch of a new report 'Connecting London-wide action and individual business strategies to form an efficient pathway to net zero' produced by Business LDN.

The report will set out the necessary actions to bridge the gap between the two and accelerate net zero activity, against sectors such as built environment, supply chain & transportation.

The Deputy Mayor of Environment & Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, gave a short keynote presentation setting out the important role businesses must play in supporting London's net zero ambitions and the work the GLA is doing to support them.

Beckenham Place Park

On 30 November my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues met with Damien Egan, Mayor of Lewisham and Cllr James-J Walsh, Cabinet Member, London Borough of Lewisham. They visited Beckenham Place Park to see the works underway as part of my Green and Resilient Spaces Fund which is helping to transform the east side of the park. This work follows on from Lewisham Council's successful restoration of the West side of the park including the re-creation of a lake used for wild swimming which received a Green Capital grant of £440,000 from my Greener City Fund.

Read more on the GLA website:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/environment-and-climate-change/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/green-space-funding/green-and-resilient-spaces-fund-round-one?ac-63220=63219>

Ofgem Mayoral Summit

On 30 November, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended the Ofgem Mayoral Summit on my behalf. All Metro Mayors were invited to this summit with Ofgem CEO Jonathan Brearley and the CEO of the new Future System Operator to discuss how best to ensure better local and regional input to energy planning.

C40 Cities Steering Committee and C40 Cities Board Meeting

On 3 December I virtually attended the C40 Cities Steering Committee, of which I am co-Chair. This meeting welcomed the new co-Chair, Mayor of Freetown Yvonne Aki Sawyerr, and discussed key issues related to the planning C40 activities for 2024. I used this opportunity to update fellow C40 Steering Committee Mayors on progress in London and against my priorities as C40 co-Chair, including the excellent progress we have seen from the first month's report of the Greater London ULEZ. This meeting was held at COP28, and Mayors provided reflections from their cities on climate action and progress at the COP. My Deputy Mayor for Environment & Energy, Shirley Rodrigues virtually attended the C40 Cities Board meeting on the same day to discuss the C40 Cities business plan for the upcoming years, and the budget for 2024.

ReLondon Board & Awayday

On 5 December my Deputy Mayor for Environment & Energy, Shirley Rodrigues attended the quarterly ReLondon Board meeting and Awayday as a member of the board. The quarterly board meeting consisted of updates on ReLondon's current position and activities during the previous quarter. The Away Day covered the approach and progress made on measuring ReLondon's impact. Board members also contributed to the development of a high-level 2030 strategy, with a particular focus on the organisation's future impact and possible income models.

Fire and Resilience

LFB Remembrance Service

On Sunday 12 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, gave a reading at the London Fire Brigade's Remembrance Service.

Fire, Resilience, Emergency Planning Committee

On 14 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, attended the London Assembly Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee to discuss women in the London Fire Brigade (LFB). The Committee asked questions about the changes made since the publication of the Independent Culture Review and what more can be done to make LFB an attractive workplace for women.

Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board

On 16 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired a meeting of her Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board to scrutinise the progress LFB has made in implementing His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) recommendations.

Fire Brigades Union Women's Action Committee AGM

On 17 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, spoke at the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) London Women's Action Committee Annual General Meeting

Beckton Training Visit

On 17 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, visited LFB's Beckton Training Centre. The visit included an opportunity to see the LFB's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) training facilities where firefighters train to deal with collapsed structures and confined spaces, as well as incident command and firefighter development training.

Long Service Award Ceremony

On 20 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, attended a service to honour LFB operational staff who have given more than 20 years of service to the Brigade.

Red Alert Event

On 20 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, spoke at an event hosted by the Physiological Society and the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee on heat resilience held in the Houses of Parliament. Baroness Twycross spoke about the challenges vulnerable Londoners face during extreme heat and the plans the GLA has in place to make sure London is resilient to this risk.

Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board

On 21 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired a regular meeting of her Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board.

Oversight Committee

On 23 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross attended a meeting of the London Assembly Oversight Committee to discuss the proposed merger of the London Resilience Group and the City Operations Unit.

LFB Advisory Panel

On 28 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, met with the Chair of the LFB Advisory Panel to discuss the ongoing work of the Panel which oversees LFB's cultural transformation.

LFB Parliamentary Event

On 28 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, hosted a London Fire Brigade parliamentary event to raise awareness about the fire risks associated with e-bikes and e-scooters and call for Government to introduce new regulations to prevent unsafe products from being sold.

Stronger Local Resilience Forums Presentation

On 29 November, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, gave a presentation to local resilience forums about her experiences as a political leader and Chair of the London Resilience Forum.

London Resilience Forum Strategy and Oversight Group

On 1 December, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired a meeting of the London Resilience Forum Strategy and Oversight Group to discuss London's proposed implementation of the DLUHC pilot project, Stronger Local Resilience Forums.

Fire, Resilience, Emergency Planning Committee

On 5 December, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, attended the London Assembly Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee to discuss LFB's cultural transformation, one year on from the publication of the Independent Culture Review.

Growth and Skills

Skills London 2023 – London's biggest careers and jobs event for young people

My Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, attended the first day of this year's Skills London event on Friday 24th November, at the Excel Centre. Attended by over 20,000 young Londoners, the event showcased thousands of careers and employment opportunities on offer from over 100 exhibitors present including businesses, colleges and universities.

Mayor's Skills Academies programme delivers 10,000 good work outcomes

On Friday 24th November I announced that my Skills Academies programme launched in 2022 has now supported more than 10,000 Londoners into good work in the capital. Achievement of this milestone means that these Londoners are now in employment, apprenticeships or paid work placements that pay at least the London Living Wage with defined hour contracts of at least 16 hours per week.

Opening of new campuses for Further Education/skills

My Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills Jules Pipe has undertaken several visits to FE institutions to mark the opening of facilities.

On 30 November Jules spoke at the opening of the Earls Court Skills Centre which is jointly supported by TfL and the Earls Court Development Company (ECDC) and will provide Londoners with the skills they need for good jobs in the construction, green and creative sectors.

On 5 December Jules spoke at the opening of the new Mary Ward Centre in Stratford. City Hall provided funding of over £10m towards this new site, which will provide skills and support to the local community and Londoners across the city and contribute to the development of this area of east London.

Both of these institutions support my mission to build a fairer and more prosperous London for everyone, and help Londoners gain the skills they need to get into good jobs.

Adult Education Budget Mayoral Board

I chaired the Adult Education Budget (AEB) Mayoral Board meeting held on 5 December. The Board endorsed the proposed approach to the reconciliation of AEB and Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ) funding for the 2022-23 academic year. It also endorsed the GLA's approach to the national adult education reforms, including how the national approach will be adapted to ensure London's AEB continues to meet the needs of London's learners, employers and wider skills & employment stakeholders. The indicative Adult Skills Fund allocations for the 2024-25 academic year were also considered as a part of this agenda item.

An update on progress of the London Learner Survey was also presented, and members endorsed proposed expenditure to continue to deliver the Survey in the next academic year and beyond. Finally, an AEB programme update was presented, which gave a high-level update on all aspects of the programme.

Housing

Launch of new council housing acquisitions programme

On 17 November, I launched the Council Homes Acquisition Programme (CHAP) to help boroughs acquire good quality homes. CHAP builds on the success of my Right to Buy Back programme, which closed in March 2023 and saw over 1,200 homes in London brought into council ownership.

CHAP will enable councils to purchase properties and convert them into social rented housing or temporary accommodation for homeless households, to respond to the significant homelessness

pressures currently observed in London. Over 170,000 Londoners are living in insecure temporary accommodation, including more than 83,000 children.

Bidding for the programme is currently open and will remain open until March 2026, subject to available funding. I have set a target for 10,000 additional council homes to be brought into use over the next decade, although achieving this will require further financial support from government.

London Housing Delivery Taskforce

On 6 November 2023 I wrote to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities with a Joint Position Statement from public and private housebuilders across London, setting out the steps that government should take to safeguard delivery of much needed new homes. In the letter I called for an immediate injection of £2.2bn in additional funding to boost London's affordable housing delivery to levels that were agreed with Government as recently as 2020.

The Joint Position Statement, endorsed by 26 organisations, highlights that London, and the UK more widely, is facing a 'perfect storm' of issues constraining housing delivery characterised by adverse macro-economic conditions, sustained lack of government investment in affordable housing and infrastructure, lack of policy certainty, rigidity in the way funding can be deployed in London and excessive cuts to local planning authorities.

It was produced following the work of the Housing Delivery Taskforce, convened by my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, and Councillor Darren Rodwell, Executive Member for Housing and Planning at London Councils. The taskforce brought together leaders from London councils, housing associations, developers, unions, construction bodies, community groups and industry organisations to discuss the growing housing crisis across London and the UK, and to propose solutions. These include nine proposals for City Hall that I am committed to taking forward.

Supporting private renters

On 29 November I visited a private rented sector (PRS) home blighted by damp and mould, to highlight the unsafe and non-decent homes that too many Londoners are experiencing. This issue was brought into sharp focus following the tragic death of Awaab Ishak last year. I was joined by colleagues from Lewisham Council on the visit and was able to hear the family's first-hand account of the terrible conditions their landlord had expected them to live in.

Through my Better Renting Programme, I have supported training opportunities intended to enhance borough capacity to address poor conditions. More than 300 environmental health officers have acquired new skills via this programme. I am also pleased that over 70 officers have so far undertaken damp, condensation and mould remediation training this year, supporting borough capacity, and developing skills to identify and address damp and mould at the earliest stage.

Improving standards in London's PRS is one of my key priorities. I have continued to call on the government to give councils greater powers to deter rogue landlords from allowing their homes to fall into disrepair, including increasing Rent Repayment Orders from 12 months to two years' worth of rent.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

London Anchor Institutions' Network member session

On 30th November, members of the London Anchor Institutions' Network, including NHS, London Fire Brigade, Thames Water, Transport for London, Metropolitan Police Service, Greater London Authority, Diocese of London, and New City College convened at City Hall to discuss securing more renewable energy supplies. The session featured testimonials from London Fire Brigade and Thames Water on their experiences of renewable energy tariffs and frameworks experiences developing power purchasing agreements as well as a lively discussion around types of renewables, reflections on the market, practical and cost implications.

Business Engagement

On 21 November, my Deputy Mayor of London for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, and I met with Bruce Flatt, CEO of Brookfield Asset Management at City Hall to discuss Brookfield's long-term commitment to Canary Wharf Group and their plans for London. The discussion also focused on the challenges and opportunities in London's economic landscape.

Resignation Announcement

On 28 November, my Deputy Mayor of London for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, stepped down from his role. Rajesh was selected earlier this month as the Labour party's parliamentary candidate in Leicester East. Rajesh has served as my Deputy Mayor of London for Business since 2016 and has championed workers and businesses alike, making a real difference to our economy and our communities.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund business support announcement

On 15 November I announced my investment of £62m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) into business support projects (including Grow London Local) and 28 local projects across London. This investment will create more than 4,500 jobs across sectors such as gaming, the low carbon economy and businesses with diverse founders. It will focus on boosting small business productivity, encouraging growth and increasing job opportunities as well as restoring a sense of local pride. The funds will ensure that programmes managed by boroughs and London and Partners and local projects help small business owners who are financially vulnerable, underrepresented or from deprived communities access the support they need to start, grow and sustain their business into 2025.

Small Business Saturday

Through my social media channels and supporting the organiser's press release, I raised awareness of Small Business Saturday on 2 December, a fantastic grassroots campaign encouraging consumers to 'shop local' and support small businesses in their communities. The campaign was also used to promote the London Made Me Pop Up Shop which opened on Saturday 2 December which is part of my flagship Creative Enterprise Zone programme

Community and Social Policy

Charter for British Sign Language

On 14 November, my Deputy Mayor Debbie Weekes-Bernard and I were joined by 70+ Deaf Londoners at City Hall for the signing of the Charter for British Sign Language. This signing event kick-starts the process of fulfilling my commitment to adopt the Charter and has been highly anticipated amongst London's Deaf communities.

The Charter has been designed by the [British Deaf Association](#) as one way to address discrimination and empower deaf communities. It also helps build stronger relationships between the Greater London Authority and the wider Deaf community. The GLA's Equalities team has worked closely with the British Deaf Association to enable the adoption of the Charter.

Children and Young Londoners

Video message for the Children's Rights Inquiry

My Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, recorded a short video message to open the Children's Rights Inquiry event on 10 November at Parliament. It was led by my Lynk Up Crew, a diverse young Londoners, aged 7 to 14, who support teams across City Hall, as well as external organisations, in providing valuable insight into the issues affecting our children.

This was the sixth Children's Rights Inquiry and was attended by approximately 100 children from 14 London schools. The children and panel members discussed the topics of the Environment and Climate, Race and Discrimination, Mental Health and Free School Meals. A report has been commissioned to outline the findings of this session, which will be published on the london.gov.uk website.

School Superzone visit to Edward Wilson school in Westminster

On 21 November, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, visited the School Superzone at Edward Wilson Primary School in Westminster.

School Superzones are local, place-based interventions around a school or cluster of schools. They aim to protect children's health and support healthy behaviours by addressing the environmental drivers of poor health through the powers of local authorities and local partnership working.

During the visit, year 4 children shared their views of the local area and what they would like to see improved. Joanne also met the headteacher, local councillors, including the Leader of the Council, and members of Westminster Council's public health teams who set out their ambitions for their Superzone which is likely to focus on road safety, promoting walking and cycling to school, community safety and improving access to green spaces.

Launch of NSPCC Talk PANTS

My Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, spoke on a panel at the launch of NSPCC's Talk PANTS pan-London campaign on 22 November. Talk PANTS, aimed at enabling parents, caregivers and professionals in childcare settings to talk about sexual abuse with children

in an age-appropriate way, is now in its tenth year. After a successful pilot in the borough of Haringey, there is an ambition over the next year, to roll it out across five further boroughs to help keep children in London safe from sexual abuse.

Children and young people represent approximately a quarter of the capital's population and supporting and protecting this young population is a priority. Helping embed resources such as these in settings for children and young people is important as we work together to build a safer London for everyone.

Love Your Lunch challenge

I am so proud to be supporting nearly 300,000 children with my unprecedented intervention. I have already funded more than 10m free school meals since September, saving families hundreds of pounds across the year. On 20 November, entries to my Love your Lunch challenge closed. We received hundreds of submissions from children across the city who told me about the reasons why they love having free school meals. Many of the children reflected on how they love having a healthy meal everyday, that they enjoy spending time with their friends while eating, that they are grateful for the financial support for their family, and that they enjoy the boost of energy and concentration they get from a healthy meal. I was humbled to read some of the heart-warming and meaningful stories from these hundreds of young Londoners about how much school meals mean to them, and I look forward to congratulating the winners in the coming weeks.

Lynk Up Crew

On 10 November, my Lynk Up Crew hand delivered a letter to Downing Street calling on the Prime Minister to provide permanent universal free school meals for primary school children across England. The Lynk Up Crew are a group of young advisers aged seven – 14 who I work with. They contribute to shaping policy and represent the voices of young Londoners. The group of 50 young advisers called on Government to ask them to make the funding permanent for every child to receive a healthy meal at school every day. This year, I am funding around 1.4m meals every week to help families through the cost-of-living crisis. I'm committed to doing all I can to support children as we build a better London for all and will continue to urge Ministers to step forward with the necessary funding to ensure that all primary school children receive these vital meals on a longer-term basis.

Culture

Empson Street, Fashion Manufacturing visit

On 23 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries Justine Simons OBE, visited ApparelTASKER, a fully sustainable garment manufacturing in Bow. ApparelTASKER is linked to east London's fashion district and is part of Thames Estuary Production Corridor. The private visit was attended by UK Fashion and Textiles CEO Adam Mansell and ApparelTASKER CEO Zack Sartor. The visit featured a tour of the factory floor to meet with some of the 50 strong workforce, many of whom are from the local community; and a meeting to discuss current issues such as sustainability, employment and talent development, circular economy practices in manufacturing, and new research by UK Fashion and Textiles exploring the value of the fashion and textile industry.

London Made Me pop-up shop

On 24 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, visited and announced the location of the London Made Me pop-up shop, which will be on Carnaby Street this year. The store is the culmination of a pioneering initiative under my Creative Enterprise Zone programme, which gives 12 creative entrepreneurs from the zones the opportunity to build and launch their collective retail store in the heart of the West End and bring their brands to life in a prime high-street location. Justine met the creatives involved, learnt about their products and saw the work taking place to build the shop ahead of its opening. The shop is open from 2 December to 30 December.

London Creative Health City: Building It Together

On 28 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and my advisor for public health, Professor Kevin Fenton, opened London Creative Health City: Building It Together at Battersea Arts Centre (and online). Together, they highlighted the fundamental value of culture and creativity to people's health and wellbeing. The event gathered over 350 Londoners working in and with lived experience of the culture, health and social care sectors. It provided a demonstration of how these developing partnerships between sectors play a critical role in tackling health inequities across London.

Made by Tottenham, Creative Enterprise Zone

On 30 November, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, toured my Made By Tottenham Creative Enterprise Zone. During the visit, Justine met creatives and industry leaders from creative workspaces across the zone and learnt about the creative community and the diverse work on the ground. This included officially opening the Made By Tottenham festive shop which will be open for two weeks and launching the £200,000 funding awarded to the zone from my £1.2 million Creative Enterprise Zone Sustainability Capital Grant

Night Time Policy Forum

On 7 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé chaired the Night Time Policy Forum – a biannual meeting for council officers, Business Improvement District (BIDs) and other night time stakeholders. Eleven boroughs and several BIDs are now actively developing a night time strategy and the forum enables the sharing of best practices across London and from around the world as well as providing the latest data and insights from GLA programmes.

Night Surgery with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

On 9 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé held a night surgery in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. She attended a roundtable with councillors and business representatives to discuss the borough's plan to develop a night time strategy. As well as visiting businesses, she spoke to firefighters at Chelsea Fire Station to hear first-hand their experience of working at night.

Tackling Race Inequality in Music Event Licensing

On 14 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé chaired the Steering Group on Tackling Race Inequality in Music Event Licensing. The group brings the police, local authorities, industry and black, Asian and minority ethnic artists and promoters together to address concerns about racial profiling that have been raised by Black Lives In Music and the Musicians Union.

University of Newcastle Public Lecture

On 16 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé was invited by Newcastle University to give a guest lecture as part of their regular Insights series. She shared insight and learnings from the Mayor's 24 Hour London programme supporting city-to-city partnership, knowledge exchange and best practice sharing.

Camden Night Time Citizens Assembly Report

On 20 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé spoke at a full meeting of Camden Council about the findings from Camden's Evening and Night Time Citizens' Assembly. She highlighted the value and importance of holding a citizens' assembly to inform the Council's vision for an inclusive, diverse and holistic local evening and night time strategy. She praised the council for holding the first such assembly in London.

Night Shift Play for London Borough of Culture

On 21 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé spoke at a performance of Night Shift, a play commissioned for this year's London Borough of Culture which portrays a group of Croydon night workers. She spoke about the inequalities faced by night workers which disproportionately affect their physical and mental health compared to their daytime counterparts.

New night time venue opening

On 22 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé visited The Vaults in St Katherine's Dock to meet the business owner and support the opening of this new night time venue in Tower Hamlets.

Night Surgery with the London Borough of Lewisham

On 23 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé held a night surgery in the London Borough of Lewisham. She met with young people from Goldsmiths University and a local youth employment organisation to understand their experience of – and hopes for – the area at night. She also met a representative of Landlease, the developer leading the regeneration of the shopping centre and surrounding area. She highlighted the importance of carrying out the 'night test' on development plans, being clear how all of the residential, social, cultural and economic activities will co-exist, around the clock, including understanding the needs of local night workers.

Women's Night Safety Summit

On 30 November my Night Czar, Amy Lamé hosted the latest Women's Night Safety Summit at Saddlers' Hall in the City of London. The event brought together 150 signatories of my Women's Night Safety Charter to share ideas and best practice on ensuring London is safe for women and girls around the clock. The event coincided with my announcement that all Premier League football clubs have signed up the Charter as well as high street giants Boots and Tesco. This brings the total number of venues, businesses and organisations signed up to 2,143.

London Borough of Islington Licensing Committee

On 5 December my Night Czar, Amy Lamé spoke at a full meeting of the Islington Licensing Committee to share insights on the challenges facing London's licensed premises. She also discussed exemplars and best practice from the Mayor's £200,000 Business Friendly Licensing Fund and £500,000 investment in Night Time Enterprise Zones.

Night Time Enterprise Zones

On 7 December, I visited Fire nightclub in my Night Time Enterprise Zone in Vauxhall to participate in Night Club - a sleep-health workshop for night workers run by The Liminal Space. This award-winning training brings workers and employers together with sleep scientists to improve health and wellbeing. It was great to meet with night workers and hear directly about their experience of working in London at night. I also spoke with colleagues from Lambeth Council to hear about the positive impact the zone has had on businesses and community groups.

My visit coincided with the release of new City Hall data on night workers in London. I'm pleased that four in five workers in our night time industries are now receiving the London Living Wage, but it's shocking that they face so many inequalities compared to those working through the day. It is clear that the government needs to do more for night workers and the key sectors that they work in

Civil Society and Sport

Civil Society and Sport Stakeholder Event 2023

On 6 November my Civil Society and Sport Team welcomed over 125 leaders from across the civil society and sport sector to City Hall to celebrate their contribution to London, share insights and intelligence and build new connections. My Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes Bernard, welcomed attendees to the event. The event opened with a panel discussion chaired by my Executive Director for Communities and Skills Tunde Olayinka where panellists, Alice Wilcock (Assistant Director for Civil Society and Sport), Tom Burstow (Deputy CEO of Sported), Fiona Derbyshire (CEO Citizens Advice Lewisham) and Tania Duarte (CEO We and AI) spoke about the future of civil society and sport for London. Guests attended workshops led by partners on governance, vision for volunteering, using data to make a case, leadership, inclusive spaces and civil action. Michelle Moore, recognised for her work on diverse leadership gave the closing remarks.

The People's Question Time

My Team London volunteers once again supported at People's Question Time held in City Hall on 9 November 2023, an opportunity for Londoners to put their questions to the Mayor and the London Assembly. The volunteers provided ushering services, registration support and were paddle bearers, helping to platform a wide range of questions from the audience.

My London legacy workshop

On Thursday 23 November, my Civil Society & Sport team hosted a legacy workshop for community organisations taking part in my youth social action programme My London. The workshop, facilitated by Renaisi, brought together organisations from six key boroughs across the city and provided an opportunity for youth workers to collaborate on how they will continue to engage young people in positive community action from 2024 onwards.

Young Ambassadors awarded at the London Tree and Woodland Awards

On 27 November my Young Ambassadors Social Action project, St Catherine's Catholic School in Bexley were announced as a winner of the Trees and Learning Award and will receive a grant from the Tree Council to buy more trees and material for their social action work. The school has

delivered sustainable tree related educational and planting programme increasing student knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the environment. Last year as part of the Young Ambassadors programme the school built a plastic bottle greenhouse, planted vegetables, hedges, wrote letters, and delivered whole school assemblies themed around protecting the environment. The London Tree and Woodland Awards organised by the Forestry Commission, and supported by myself, celebrates the work of individuals, communities and professionals to protect, improve and expand the capital's tree and woodland cover. The awards showcase the fantastic work taking place all over the city to protect and increase London's urban forest.

Young Ambassadors Tree planting

On 1 December I planted a ceremonial wild cherry tree at Garratt Park Young Ambassador school in Wandsworth to mark the half million trees I have funded during my two terms as Mayor. The tree planting event celebrates my funding of half a million trees for London and celebrates the fantastic social action work that Garratt Park School Young Ambassadors have been delivering in their community. Over 30 guests and 25 students attended the event at Garratt Park special educational needs school, students made pinecone bird feeders on the day as well as supported the tree planting process, they learnt how to successfully plant and care for trees. The event was organised by the GLA Green Infrastructure and Youth Social Action Team in collaboration with TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) as part of the partnership between TCV's I Dig Trees Programme and the Mayor's Young Ambassadors and Trees for London Programmes. The event is a key moment in the 'London is Green, Wild & Free' campaign.

International Day of volunteering

To mark the International day of Volunteering on 5 December, my Civil Society and Volunteering team showcased work including the Mayor's Community Weekend which took place earlier this year. The messaging highlighted that London's communities are powered by their volunteers and drew attention to my London's Lifelines campaign, which promotes volunteering stories from the capital.

London Volunteering Strategy Group

On 5 December my Civil Society and Volunteering team, together with London Plus, convened a meeting of the London Volunteering Strategy Group (LVSG). A range of organisations, representing the breadth of volunteering in the capital, met to discuss how a Vision for Volunteering for London might be created to complement the National Vision for volunteering. The group focused on insights into the current opportunities and challenges for volunteering and volunteers in London.

Health

London's Anti-Racism Collaboration for Health Event

On Tuesday 21 November, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, welcomed representatives of London's health, care and voluntary and community sector to City Hall for the first event of the [London Anti-Racism Collaboration for Health](#) (LARCH). Delivering the LARCH was a key commitment of my London Health Inequalities Strategy, and an outcome of the London Partnership Board's "Building a Fairer City" work programme. Its focus is to tackle structural racism as a determinant of health and a driver of health inequalities.

Following initial investment from City Hall, the LARCH has developed into a cross-sector collaboration, with full support of London's health and care partnership. It's designed to help London go further and faster in our commitments to being actively anti-racist organisations. The event was chaired by Marie Gabriel – chair of North-East London Integrated Care System, and the London Health Board's champion for tackling structural racism. There were speaker contributions from Caroline Clarke (Regional Director of NHS London), Professor Kevin Fenton (Regional director OHID London and my statutory health advisor), Professor Michael Marmot (Director of the UCL Institute for Health Equity) and Jabeer Butt (Chief Executive, Race Equality Foundation). We also welcomed attendees from the voluntary and community sector, the NHS, local authorities, race equity organisations, public health, and more.

The event was an opportunity to hear directly from senior leaders about the importance of this work, and what it means for them. It was also a chance to hear about some of the projects and activities already happening across the city to address structural racism, and to inform a shared vision about what an anti-racist health and care system might look like. I'm pleased to say that partners were also able to identify areas of focus for the LARCH programme.

London Health Board

On 22 November I chaired the London Health Board meeting, where I was joined by elected leaders from London's Local Authorities and key London health leaders to discuss a number of important health and care issues.

During this session, the Board received an update on the next steps for the London Health and Care Vision and details of a new London-wide NHS strategy with the ambition to help Londoners live longer and better, through improved and equal access to healthcare that is sustainable for public finances, our workforce, and the environment. We discussed how the Board can support the Vision and the strategy and make London the world's healthiest global city, and the best global city in which to receive health and care services. We also explored the progress made by Integrated Care Systems after their one year as statutory bodies, and what more needs to be done by partners to ensure that population health, prevention of ill health and tackling health inequalities continue to be prioritised.

The Board agreed to continue to help tackle the cost of living crisis, including improving access to social, welfare and legal advice services. Finally, the Board received updates on Right Care, Right Person, Hepatitis C, HIV, and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) which highlighted the good progress made and further work to do.

I was encouraged to hear how hard the partnership is working to achieve joint goals. Partners agreed it's vital that we continue to work together to drive improvements in London's health, care and health inequalities.

Papers and draft minutes can be found here: [Agenda for London Health Board on Wednesday 22 November 2023, 2.00 pm | London City Hall](#)

World AIDS Day

Ahead of World AIDS Day I wanted to ensure that Londoners living with HIV felt welcome, respected, and seen in our city. That's why I signed City Hall up to the new HIV Confident (anti-stigma) charter and announced new funding for a permanent AIDS memorial in London, during a meeting with stakeholders (29 November).

The HIV Confident Charter was developed by National AIDS Trust, Positively UK, NAM aidsmap and Fast-Track Cities London to tackle stigma and discrimination in workplaces and health and care settings. With support from the accompanying HIV ambassadors programme – developed by the Terrence Higgins Trust – the charter will provide training for staff members, HIV friendly workplace policies, as well as tools to report discrimination. This will ensure Londoners living with HIV can access services, jobs and feel included in society without fear of discrimination.

These two ground-breaking initiatives represent a significant stride towards the elimination of HIV transmission by 2030. By signing up as Founding Members of the charter, we are showing that City Hall continues to lead the way in tackling health inequalities.

I was also very proud to commit £130,000 funding from my Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm (CDPR) towards London's first HIV/AIDS permanent memorial. The commission has worked closely with AIDS Memory UK, the charity driving the memorial project, over the past two years and the memorial will be in place by 2026.

It's important that London's streets are reflective of our rich and diverse history. The memorial will highlight the impact of HIV/AIDS on the lives of the communities most affected and will act as a reminder that the fight to end AIDS, and the stigma of HIV and AIDS worldwide, continues and will serve as an education resource for current and future generations.

At the meeting, I was pleased to be joined by my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, who co-chairs the CDPR. These announcements were covered by media on 1st December for World AIDS Day.

Also, on World AIDS Day, Debbie attended a Fast-Track Cities' event at City Hall, to mark the official launch of the charter and ambassadors' programmes. Meanwhile, that evening, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries who also co-chairs the CDPR, Justine Simons OBE, attended a candlelit vigil at the location in Camden where the memorial will be developed.

My hope is that every Londoner living with HIV who comes across this news will know that they are welcome and valued members of our society.

Meeting with NHS leadership

I met with the NHS London Regional Director - a first in a new series of meetings. She assured me the NHS's preparations for winter were progressing well, and work was underway to discharge people who are medically fit in a timely and appropriate way. This includes working to resolve social care pressures and improving in-hospital processes, including the flow of patients from ambulances into emergency departments and onwards to admission.

We also discussed the implementation of the Right Care, Right Person model, which aims to ensure that people with mental health needs receive treatment from the most suitable professionals, rather than the police being the default first responder. Regular discussion between NHS, police and local government was identifying and resolving issues as they arose. More calls were already being responded to by health professionals, rather than by the police.

I also raised my concerns about lack of permanent funding for out of hospital discharge provision for homeless people, which may need a 'once for London' approach.

International Relations

Meeting with Mayor of Freetown

On 23 November I hosted a virtual meeting with the newly elected Mayor of Freetown, Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr. In our capacity as Co-Chairs of C40 Cities Climate Change Leadership Group, we discussed C40's priorities at COP28 in Dubai and how to work together to make C40 more impactful going into 2024.

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)

Planning Applications

On 9 November OPDC issued planning permission for the redevelopment of 12 Waxlow Road in Park Royal to provide approx. 10,000 sq.m industrial floorspace.

On 10 November OPDC issued planning permission for the redevelopment of the Renault Retail Group in Park Royal to provide a 38,495 sq. m data centre.

Industrial Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

On 23 November OPDC adopted its Industrial SPD. It provides additional information and detail on how OPDC will implement industrial related policies in the OPDC Local Plan. It will help to guide and encourage planning applicants towards exemplar forms of industrial development ensuring that Old Oak and Park Royal is the best industrial area in which to work and operate a business and in so doing create opportunities for local communities.

Permitted Developments Rights

On 23 November, the OPDC Board confirmed the direction made on 24 November 2022 under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 to remove permitted development rights to change from Use Class C3 (dwelling house) to Use Class C4 (house in multiple occupation) within the existing residential areas of the Island Triangle, Old Oak Conservation Area, Midland Terrace, Shaftesbury Avenue, Wells House Road, Wesley Estate and Western Avenue to come into force on 1st December 2023 following extensive public consultation.

Old Oak Common Station

On 23 November, OPDC's Board met with representatives from HS2 and DfT and visited Old Oak Common Station. Board members were reassured that the operational delivery of Old Oak Common station remains on course, which will support the phased delivery of the comprehensive regeneration of Old Oak.

OPDC is working closely with all key stakeholders, including HS2, DfT, DLUHC, the boroughs and TfL on key outstanding issues which include eastern access and Elizabeth Line capacity as a result of Old Oak Common becoming a temporary HS2 terminus station.

London Legacy Development Corporation

MSG Sphere

On 20 November, I directed the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) to reject planning permission for the MSG Sphere. On 27 November, the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove MP, instructed LLDC not to deny planning permission until he has decided whether he wants to review the planning application. On 1 December, the Secretary of State instructed LLDC to refer the application to him for determination. LLDC is cooperating with the Planning Inspectorate's inquiry.

London Aquatics Centre

On 15 November LLDC announced that Everyone Active would become the new operator of the London Aquatics Centre (LAC), replacing Greenwich Leisure Limited which had operated the LAC since the original tender in 2011. Everyone Active will take over the contract on 1 March 2024. The contract will last for eight years with an option to extend for a further two years. It will cover the operation of the LAC as well as a 100-station gym, café and ancillary facilities.

On 30 November, it was announced that the British Swimming Championships are returning to the LAC in 2024. The 2024 British Swimming Championships will take place from 2-7 April, with the event playing a key role in the selection of both Team GB's Olympic and Paralympic swimming teams ahead of the Paris Olympic Games next summer.

Copper Box Arena

Over the weekend of 11 and 12 November, the Copper Box Arena hosted Great Britain's Billie Jean King Cup game against Sweden with Team GB winning 3-1.

Spirit of 2012 collaboration with Elevate

On 5 December, it was announced that LLDC's Youth Leadership Programme, Elevate, is to collaborate with the Spirit of 2012, which was established as an independent trust by the National Lottery Community Fund in 2013. The partnership project is funded by a £120,000 grant from Spirit of 2012 and will see the Elevate board, comprising fifteen 18-25-year-olds from Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest, launch a fund that puts investment decisions related to creating impact locally in the hands of local young people. The aim of the project is to ensure that young east Londoners continue to shape the legacy of the 2012 Games.

UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

25 November marked the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. London Stadium displayed an image on the external screen with a message calling for an end to violence against women and girls.

London Stadium

London Stadium added to its summer 2024 schedule on 21 November when it announced the return of Burna Boy. The Nigerian artist became the first African act to headline a UK stadium in June 2023 and will be back at London Stadium for a second time for his *I Told Them...* tour on 29 June 2024.

Planning and Regeneration

Planning

Planning Decisions

I have sent a letter in response to the following Statutory Stage 2 referrals. I have informed the relevant Local Planning Authorities that I am content for them to determine the cases themselves.

Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2022/0292	Watchtower House	Barnet	04/12/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2020/6444	Matalan Discount Club	Brent	04/12/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0729	Land At Singapore Road And Green Man Lane	Ealing	04/12/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0495	Telephone House	Hackney	13/11/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0494	36-46 Albert Embankment	Lambeth	04/12/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2

Under the Article 31 direction that is in place for the below Stage 2 referral, the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities sent notification to the Local Planning Authority on 1 December that he was calling in the application.

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2020/6693	MSG Sphere	London Legacy Development Corporation	20/11/2023	Direct refusal	Stage 2

Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)

The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & Skills, under powers delegated to him sent a letter in response to the following Statutory Stage 2 referrals. The Deputy Mayor informed the relevant Local Planning Authority that he was content for them to determine the case themselves.

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2022/0921	Home Farm	Bromley	07/11/2023	No Stage 2 required	Stage 2

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2022/0856	Camden Lock Market	Camden	20/11/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0138	239 Horn Lane	Ealing	13/11/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2022/0548	227 Wood Lane And Browning House	Hammersmith and Fulham	06/11/2023	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2
2023/0251	2-4 Dean Street	Westminster	27/11/2023	Allow LPA to refuse	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
2023/0666	Land adjoining the Whalebones	Barnet	13/11/2023	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0697	1 Station Road	Barnet	14/11/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2023/0654	Dephna House	Brent	06/11/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0683	Land at 370 High Road	Brent	04/12/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0688	390-400 and 402-408 Wembley High Road	Brent	27/11/2023	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0757	20 Crediton Hill	Camden	29/11/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2023/0711	Hill House	City of London	29/11/2023	No Strategic Issues	Stage 1
2023/0708	Phase 4 Woodberry Down	Hackney	04/12/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0640	Lord Adonis House, Harefield Academy	Hillingdon	13/11/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0664	Bromley By Bow Gasworks	Newham	13/11/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1

GLA Reference Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type
2023/0669	Stopping up of Land adjacent to 28-39 Malcolm Way	Redbridge	20/11/2023	Do not hold Inquiry	Stopping up order
2023/0702	7 Findlay House	Redbridge	07/11/2023	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues
2023/0073	Friars Close	Southwark	27/11/2023	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1
2023/0489	Former 300 Harrow Road	Westminster	29/11/2023	No Strategic Issues	Stage 1

Local Plans

On 4 December GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Wandsworth’s Local Plan Partial Review – Affordable Housing Policy. In that response I raised issues in relation to the borough’s proposed policies on affordable housing conflicting with the policies set out in the London Plan.

London Plan Guidance

On 6 December, I published draft Industrial Land and Uses London Plan Guidance for consultation. The consultations run for 12 weeks and close on 28 February 2024.

Planning for London Programme

Engagement on the Planning for London Programme continues. GLA officers hosted 12 stakeholder events over this period and have held another 5 events with the New London Architecture Expert Panel and completed events with the London Housing Panel. On 7 December, officers will begin a series of Design Future London events, engaging with young Londoners, including through a school’s programme.

Regeneration

Cockpit Deptford, LB Lewisham

On 1 December the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & Skills opened the newly refurbished Cockpit Deptford, which was partly funded through my Good Growth Fund and delivered in partnership with Cockpit, a social enterprise supporting makers starting up in practice. The project has increased the number of affordable studio spaces, upgraded facilities for makers and created new spaces for learning and exchange. Designed to be open and welcoming to the local community, Cockpit Deptford is helping to tackle the decline in affordable studio space and support Londoners from all backgrounds to pursue creative careers.

Key engagements

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

- I visited projects funded by my Shared Endeavour Fund on 3 November
- I spoke at the London Creates launch on 3 November
- I met with the Jamal Edwards Self Belief Trust on 6 November
- I attended a meeting of the London Councils Congress Executive on 7 November
- I attended Diwali celebrations hosted by Dishoom on 8 November
- I visited additional projects funded by my Shared Endeavour Fund on 9 November
- I attended People’s Question Time on 9 November
- I attended the City Hall Remembrance Service on 10 November
- I attend the funeral of Elianne Andam on 11 November
- I attended the service of National Remembrance at the Cenotaph on 12 November
- I visited Neasden Temple to join Diwali celebrations on the 12 November
- I attended Kingsbury Temple to join Diwali celebrations on 13 November
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 14 November
- I met with the Home Secretary on 14 November
- I officially signed the GLA up to the British Sign Language Charter on 14 November
- I attended Mayor’s Question Time on 16 November
- I met with the NHS London Regional Director on 16 November
- I met with the Met Police Commissioner on 16 November
- I attended the Asian Curry Awards on 19 November
- I launched the “London for Everyone” campaign on 20 November
- I held my regular planning meeting on 20 November
- I joined the Bloomberg Associates Board Meeting on 20 November
- I met with London Policing Board Members on 21 November
- I chaired the London Health Board on 22 November
- I attended the Asian Business Awards on 22 November
- I met with the Mayor of Freetown on 23 November
- I attended the My Life My Say “Next Generation” Conference on 25 November
- I gave evidence at the Covid Inquiry on 27 November
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 28 November
- I attended the Sunday Times Annual Business Event on 28 November
- I visited Lewisham to see the impact of my Better Renting programme on 29 November
- I met with the Met Police Commissioner on 30 November
- I received my Covid booster and flu jab on 1 December
- I joined students in Tooting to plant the 500,000th new tree since my election as Mayor on 1 December
- I held my regular planning meeting on 4 December
- I launched the new S10 Superloop bus route on 5 December
- I met with the LLDC on 5 December
- I chaired a meeting of the Adult Education Board on 5 December
- I attended the Buckingham Palace Diplomatic Reception on 5 December
- I chaired the London Policing Board on 6 December
- I attended the London Evening Standard Christmas event on 6 December

- I spoke at the University of East London's opening of the Centre for Sustainability on 6 December
- I visited rough sleeping services and signed London's first Rough Sleeping Charter on 7 December
- I visited the Chanukah installation at Outernet on 7 December
- I attended the Oslo Christmas Tree lighting at Trafalgar Square on 7 December
- I visited the Vauxhall Night Time Enterprise Zone on 7 December