

1st Mayor's Report to the Assembly

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This is my first report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 2 March – 9 May 2024

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Executive Summary

Thank you London

I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to Londoners for re-electing me for a third term as Mayor. I'm deeply humbled by the trust that's been placed in me to continue leading London - the greatest city on earth.

Londoners said no to division, no to hate and yes once again to diversity, unity and hope. London is now a beacon – not just for climate action, but for openness, inclusion and equality across the world. The reason London shines so bright today is because our story is one written by people of all faiths, all nationalities and all backgrounds. London is special - a city of progress, pluralism and endless possibility.

Over the next four years, City Hall will provide the vital helping hand young Londoners need to move forwards and achieve their aspirations. We will do our utmost to ensure London becomes a byword for opportunity again. A place where the barriers of class, race and gender are finally broken down forever. And where ladders of advancement are extended upwards, for all.

New London Assembly

On behalf of all Londoners, I would like to congratulate the 25 elected Assembly Members who now make up the new London Assembly. I look forward to working alongside them over the next four years to improve the lives of all Londoners and create a fairer, safer and greener London for everyone.

Universal Free School Meals

Between the introduction of universal free school meals and the Easter Holidays in 2024, I have funded more than 32 million meals, providing families with a much-needed safety net. Helping to deliver meals to up to 287,000 children each day and is funding more than 1.4 million meals per week. The policy will save families up to £1,000 over two years per child. In 24/25 boroughs will be offered £3 per meal. This is 18.5% higher than the amount they receive from Government at £2.53 per meal.

New Deal for Young People on track to support 100,000 young Londoners

Over 80,000 young people have now had access to mentoring through my £34m New Deal for Young People with thousands more to be supported over the coming months. I know first-hand the life-changing impact having access to a mentor and positive youth activities can have on a young person which is why my New Deal for Young People is not only providing more

mentoring for young people that need it most but also improving the quality and sustainability of mentoring and youth services for young Londoners.

Superloop bus network now circles the entire capital

Along with TfL and bus operators Arriva and Stagecoach I've now launched three new services in the capital's game-changing network of express bus services, the Superloop. The launch of the SL2, SL3 and SL5 now means the Superloop network circles the entire capital, connecting communities across outer London and giving Londoners even better access to affordable and sustainable travel. The bus network plays a vital role in the capital and Superloop is part of the Mayor's commitment to improving it for everyone.

The 138km loop now connects town centres, hospitals, schools and transport hubs and other key locations across outer London, from Arnos Grove in the north to Woolwich in the east, Croydon in the south and Hayes in the west. Services have been designed to offer quicker journey times between key outer London destinations. Distinctive branding has been added to buses and to stops on the new network to ensure that the services are easily recognisable for Londoners.

TfL data has already shown that Superloop services are popular with the public. Early ridership data shows the successes of the network – with demand growth in the initial routes 15 per cent higher than the network average. In total, the new Superloop services have added more than six million bus kilometres to the capital's network, more than the four million originally forecast. The network now connects people using it with 310 other bus routes, 49 rail stations and 23 different rail lines and early ridership figures show that almost half of all Superloop journeys involve an interchange with another mode of public transport, showing the important role it is already playing in outer London's connectivity. The final route in the new network, the SL4, will begin operating between Canary Wharf and Grove Park once Silvertown Tunnel opens in 2025.

London's Cycleway network will have quadrupled since 2016 as a major new Cycleway opens in Southwark

TfL and Southwark Council have completed work on Lower Road in southeast London. This new section of Cycleway 4, the latest to be completed, now enables people to cycle safely all the way from London Bridge to Greenwich. It is a vital part of TfL's commitment to expand the cycle network, making it even safer, easier and more affordable for people to travel around London.

The completion of Cycleway 4 means that TfL and London boroughs have quadrupled the size of the strategic cycle network from 90km in 2016 to over 360km. The rapid expansion of the network in recent years means that nearly a quarter of Londoners now live within 400m of a high-quality route. The new Cycleways are supporting many more people to cycle, by making it more inclusive and removing barriers that stop some Londoners from cycling, with recent TfL data showing that the number of daily cycle journeys has increased to 1.26 million in 2023, a 20 per cent rise compared to 2019.

TfL also launched a new day pass for Santander Cycles, which allows unlimited journeys under 30 minutes all day from £3 and makes Santander Cycles one of the most affordable ways to travel in the capital. TfL is also on track to add an additional 1,400 new e-bikes to the scheme this summer, more than tripling the number available to hire and further expanding access to cycling.

During this financial year, TfL will continue to work with London's boroughs to deliver more high-quality cycling schemes with £19.5m of investment already announced.

Improving our infrastructure and making cycling as accessible as possible for accessible Londoners lies at the heart of my vision for a safer and greener London for everyone.

TfL begins CCTV bus shelter trial and enforcement officer night patrols across the network, to improve safety and provide reassurance to people travelling at all times

TfL is working with the Metropolitan Police Service to develop and trial the use of CCTV cameras at bus shelters in London. This is to explore the benefits for preventing and detecting crime and anti-social behaviour and investigating incidents, improving customer confidence to travel on the bus network. The safety of customers and TfL staff is its top priority, and TfL Transport Support and Enforcement (TSE) officers have also begun night patrols across the network to provide support to operational customer-facing colleagues, challenge workplace violence and provide a highly visible reassuring presence to staff and customers using the transport network at night.

TfL is committed to ensuring customers feel safe and are safe across every transport mode and installed Met CCTV at the Peckham Library bus shelter in early March. TfL initially installed Met CCTV at four further bus shelter locations (Finsbury Park, Turnpike Lane, Gants Hill and Stratford City), aiming to extend the trial to 20 shelters later this year. The cameras will be available for Met teams, including the jointly funded TfL/Met Roads and Transport Policing Command, to view live and will retain recordings for 31 days to support police investigations and crime prevention. In addition to assessing the effectiveness of CCTV for crime prevention and investigation, TfL has been gathering feedback from customers and stakeholders throughout the trial to assess the feeling of safety and security for customers using the TfL bus network. Tackling violence against women and girls remains a key priority for TfL and the police, and TfL is committed to making its network a safe space for everyone.

TfL provides funding for more than 2,000 police and community support officers dedicated to the transport network. TfL also has more than 500 enforcement staff who are deployed across the capital to keep customers and colleagues safe and to keep London moving. The deployment of enforcement officers during the night is part of TfL's wider efforts to make the network feel even more secure.

Tackling the causes of violence

On 14th March, I delivered a major speech calling for an urgent national strategy from the Government to tackle the complex causes of crime, deliver greater investment in our broken criminal justice system, and provide stronger support for victims.

I published a new London School of Economics report, which for the first time, revealed a clear link between a 10 per cent rise in the cost of living and increases in violence, robberies, shoplifting, burglary and theft across over the past year – with all offences rising by eight per cent when the cost of living rose.

My speech set out how Government austerity is jeopardising progress made in tackling violence and crime and how I am meeting my obligations by more than doubling City Hall investment in policing, directly funding 1,300 additional police officers. But we must also recognise that we'll never be able to arrest or incarcerate our way out of the problem of crime and violence. At the very least, we must put equal emphasis on crime prevention.

Part of our response has been to establish England's first Violence Reduction Unit, which has now funded up to 350,000 positive opportunities for young people. We've invested in youth workers and mentors for young people. Provided more support for families and local communities. Used the power of sport to transform lives. And worked to keep children in school – where they're safe and can thrive. The principle underpinning all this work is that crime is preventable, not inevitable.

I argued that we need a national government that shares our determination to solve the problem, not exacerbate it. And a commitment to fixing our criminal justice system, which has been vandalised by years of chronic underfunding and left failing victims waiting or denied justice for far too long.

Supporting women and girls affected by domestic abuse during the cost-of-living crisis.

On 3rd March, International Women's Day, I announced that my £1million cost-of-living fund had now helped almost 6,000 women and children to access the assistance they and their families need to seek safety.

Many support services across the capital have raised concerns about the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on vulnerable women and girls. Many are unable to pay for necessities, pay bills and access childcare; are less able to afford travel to attend appointments; or access technology such as smartphones or a computer. There were also increasing reports of victims telling their support workers that they were unable to afford to leave an abusive relationship or household as they do not have the means to be able to do so. This has resulted in perpetrators using financial hardship as a tool of coercive control, for example restricting a victim's access to money.

I launched the £1million cost-of-living fund last year in response to these concerns. The fund is helping 44 services to ensure thousands of women and children can gain access to financial assistance to help them rebuild their lives after experiencing violence and abuse.

I will continue to do everything I can as Mayor to ensure that London is a safe city for every woman and girl, building on the record investment from City Hall over my first eight years in office.

No Wrong Door Open Innovation Challenge

On 7 March, I launched the No Wrong Door open innovation challenge as part of my ongoing efforts to improve employment opportunities for Londoners through the Challenge LDN programme. This £450,000 competition closed for applications on 18 April and will select up to 15 ideas to enhance skills and employment support for disabled Londoners, women, refugees, young people, and older adults.

Stratford Village Market

In January Newham's Stratford Village Market was abruptly closed by the operator without notice, resulting in 60 local traders losing their place of business. Following a request from traders, London Assembly Member Unmesh Desai and LB Newham, my Deputy Mayor for Business looked into this issue and through the re-allocation of an underspend of existing Good Growth Fund funding previously allocated to Newham's markets, the GLA was able to underwrite a year of operation, enabling LB Newham to take on the lease of the market. A new lease deal was agreed safeguarding local taxpayer funds, and securing significant incentives

from the landlord. The expectation is that this lease will be profitable now the market is trading again, saving 60 businesses and around 100 jobs. Traders were back in the market in the first week of May.

St Patrick's Day Festival 2024

On 17th March I was delighted to join tens of thousands of Londoners and visitors at London's St Patrick's Day festival, and celebrate the immense contribution the Irish have made to our capital over many decades. The exciting programme of events included the vibrant celebrations in Trafalgar Square and iconic parade, which was led by Irish national treasure Panti Bliss, as the Grand Marshall. I was also honoured to welcome Ireland's Minister for Education Norma Foley.

London has the largest Irish population in the UK and St Patrick's Day not only showcases how welcoming and diverse our city is as we continue to build a better, fairer London for everyone, but also provides a wonderful opportunity to honour the spirit of our Irish community and celebrate the enduring strength of relationship between our two countries.

Vaisakhi 2024

On 6th April, London's Sikh communities, alongside visitors of other faiths and none, were able to celebrate Vaisakhi on Trafalgar Square, and reflect on the essential values it promotes – equality, justice and selflessness.

Sikh Londoners put these teachings into practice day in day out in our communities, helping the needy, undertaking 'seva' and serving our city; demonstrated through the Langar kitchen set up at the event to distribute free food, supported by many volunteers and Gurdwaras across London.

Visitors to the event enjoyed a feast of Sikh tradition and culture, co-hosted by entrepreneur, disability specialist and speaker, Shani Dhanda, and DJ and presenter Tommy Sandhu. The fantastic programme of entertainment included performances from Grewal Twins and Kirpal Singh Panesar, leading contemporary performers of Kirtan music, as well as Baba Fateh Singh Gatka Akhara performing a Sikh martial art named Gatka, an intense artform and real spectacle to watch. The performers were accompanied by the Dhol Academy, one of the longest-running Dhol establishments in the UK, who provided the soundtrack to the display, utilising different rhythms to enhance the atmosphere and build up the intensity.

Vaisakhi on the Square not only embodies the best of London and adds to the spirit and soul of our city, but shows why our diversity is an asset that we must all protect, celebrate and cherish.

Eid 2024

On 20th April, Eid in the Square, at Trafalgar Square, was a remarkable celebration that brought together Muslims and non-Muslims – strengthening the bond between communities. This year's theme, chosen and developed by our Community Advisory Group, was "Identity", emphasizing the vibrant diversity of cultures within London's Muslim community.

The event was hosted by Yasser Ranjha and Ola Labib, who introduced a wide array of performances from the moving calls to prayer by Imam Qari Mehmood ul Hussan to the enchanting performances by the Takaleed, the incredibly talented Members of the Orchestra of Syrian Musicians, Star Voices Children Choir and the Uzbek Cultural Showcase, to name a few. Each act was a testament to the rich Muslim cultures that thrive in London.

Celebrating Eid, and other events like this, in London's most famous Square, is one of the reasons why our city is admired around the world, because we don't just tolerate people's differences, we respect them, celebrate them and embrace them.

St George's Day at Trafalgar Square

On Sunday, 21 April 2024, I had the joy of experiencing St George's Day at Trafalgar Square. The day was beautifully hosted by Harleymoon Kemp, who welcomed an enthusiastic crowd of 6,000 people. It was a vibrant celebration that beautifully captured England's rich heritage, culture, creativity, and diversity. People from all walks of life came together, sharing smiles and laughter, truly embodying the spirit of unity and community.

The Family Zone, hosted by Tootles and Nibs, was a hub of joy and activity where families engaged in wonderfully eccentric English traditions. From welly wangling and pancake toss racing to competitive jigsaw puzzling and the whimsical Human Crufts, there was something delightfully quirky for everyone. The day was packed with fun, including Morris dancing, sea shanty sing-alongs, and the friendly and energetic Pearly Kings and Queens. The atmosphere was electric, especially with performances from popular acts like The Kurfew, Tom Carradine and the cockney sing-along, and Twist and Pulse. The entire experience was not just about fun but also providing a sense of community and celebration, making it a truly memorable day.

Policing, Crime and Security

Holding the Commissioner to account for police reform

On 5th March I chaired the latest meeting of the London Policing Board, at which we heard an update from the Commissioner on the progress the Met is making towards the reforms urgently needed to regain the trust and confidence of Londoners in their police service.

Sir Mark has developed a New Met for London plan to put London's communities first, ensure there is greater support for victims of crime and crucially work to rebuild the confidence and trust of women and girls, the Black community and LGBTQ+ Londoners who have all been let down for far too long.

Good progress is being made. Vetting standards are being raised. Vetting refusal rates, internal reporting of wrongdoing and dismissal rates have all doubled. Suspensions and professional standards investigations have tripled.

Emergency calls are being answered faster despite increased demand and Right Care Right Person is freeing up officers' time to tackle crime.

The Met's new VAWG strategy sets out how they will target the worst perpetrators, strengthen specialist teams, continue to rid the force of those unfit to serve and significantly improve how the Met works with partners to ensure all victims are supported and empowered to get the justice they deserve.

Every London Borough now has a dedicated Neighbourhood Superintendent as part of the move to a new model of local proactive policing, with two dedicated ward officers and a dedicated PCSO in 87 per cent of wards. Hundreds of the 500 new PCSOs being funded by the Mayor are also now in place.

And the Met are now proactively seeking the views of Londoners on stop and search. This is part of the Met resetting its relationship with London's communities. The results will be used to inform a new Stop and Search charter between local communities and the Met.

But there is still a lot more work to do to clean up the Met and rebuild public confidence and trust in the service. Londoners will rightly judge this plan on actions not words, and I will be unflinching in holding the Met and the Commissioner to account and supporting him to deliver on a New Met for London during this Mayoral term.

Latest funding boost to empower communities to tackle hate, intolerance and extremism

On 16th March I announced a new £875,000 investment to support community projects tackling extremism, hate, intolerance and radicalisation across London.

This fresh investment marks the fifth year of my Shared Endeavour Fund, which is working to empower Londoners of all ages to challenge racist and hateful views in their communities, better protect those vulnerable to radicalisation and stop the spread of hateful ideologies. More than 140,000 Londoners have benefitted from the grassroots scheme since 2020.

The new funding will support 25 projects across London to run workshops and educational activities to empower around 50,000 Londoners to stand up to hate.

This latest investment is part of my record £14.8million investment in tackling hate, which also includes funding the Community Alliance To Combat Hate (CATCH) partnership, which provides support for victims of all forms of hate crime – from racism to religious discrimination and anti-LGBTQ+ abuse.

Transport

TfL publishes new Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Plan to further support creating a greener city

In March, TfL published a new Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Plan, as part of its continuing work to become the strong, green heartbeat for London, supporting the Mayor's ambition of a carbon-neutral London by 2030 and to tackle the nature emergency.

The plan, which fully aligns with TfL's Corporate Environment Plan, published in 2021, sets out how TfL will improve and care for green infrastructure and biodiversity across its estate and networks. For the first time, it captures in one place its existing relevant targets, legal requirements and policy commitments, while also setting out the strategic actions TfL will take to deliver them. The plan was developed following a wide range of engagement within and outside TfL, including London's boroughs.

This new plan will ensure TfL meets a range of commitments to further enhance and support green infrastructure and biodiversity across London, including:

- Achieving a 10 per cent biodiversity net gain on applicable schemes (i.e. planning system projects and Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects) from February 2024
- Delivering a net gain in biodiversity across TfL's estate by 2030, compared to the 2018 biodiversity baseline map
- Boosting tree canopy cover across TfL by 10 per cent by 2050, compared with the 2016 baseline
- Doubling wildflower verges to 260,000 square metres in 2024, and developing a longer-term plan to continue their introduction across London
- Ensuring 5,000 square metres of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), such as rain gardens, are installed on TfL's road network each year
- Further reduce the use of pesticides across TfL and eliminate where operationally and financially feasible

As one of London's largest landowners, TfL has an extensive network of green corridors, from tree-lined streets to trackside woodland. Together, these play a crucial role in connecting London's green spaces for wildlife.

The new Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity plan forms part of our continuing work in creating a greener, more biodiverse city that is resilient and well adapted to climate change.

TfL pushes ahead with green heating and energy efficiency in head offices and depots through £16m grants

TfL has been awarded two grants totalling more than £16m from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS), which is delivered by Salix on behalf of the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. A grant worth £14m will be used to reduce carbon emissions at six sites on TfL's London-wide estate. The second grant, worth more than £2m, will be used for carbon reducing measures at two London Underground depots. The successful grant applications were supported by the Mayor's Retrofit Accelerator for Workplaces programme.

This welcome new substantial funding will be used to bring in carbon reducing infrastructure such as heat pumps, solar panels, LED lighting, improved glazing and wall insulation. Six head office buildings across TfL's estate are due to be improved. This work will allow TfL to move away from reliance on fossil fuels that produce harmful carbon emissions and help get closer to achieving TfL's goal of making London a net zero city by 2030.

New generation of iBus set to enhance bus travel in London

In March, TfL confirmed it awarded a £160m contract over 10 years for the replacement of the existing Automatic Vehicle Location system (iBus) to INIT, an organisation with a global track record of supporting transport companies in making public transport more attractive, faster, and efficient. As part of the contract, INIT will provide both the replacement of on-board hardware and the back-office services for all buses in the TfL vehicle fleet. The current system, operated by Trapeze, has been in operation across London buses for seventeen years.

The next generation of iBus will provide new service control tools for Bus Operators, and will integrate with the current voice radio system, payments and performance management systems, leading to improved service reliability and information provision for customers.

The new iBus system will also build on the success of the current system, with reliability and accuracy of real-time passenger information set to be enhanced further by including disruption and diversion information both on and off the bus.

Customers will also benefit through improved accuracy of arrival information, especially for the early stops on a route, by using data from journeys taken earlier in the day, better reflecting the impact of recent traffic conditions. The new system will also allow TfL to maintain more reliable information for third party apps used for journey planning. The new technology will also offer safety enhancements through issuing hazard warnings to drivers for tight turns or narrow roads.

TfL has set out a bold vision for buses in the capital in its Bus Action Plan, which sets out how London's modern bus network will attract more customers and help the capital become net zero by 2030. Buses are already the most used form of public transport in the capital, and TfL - via its Bus Action Plan - is working to create an even more attractive alternative to car use by focusing on the experience for all customers, safety and security, faster journeys, improved connections, and decarbonisation and climate resilience.

TfL marks International Women's Day with a range of events to encourage more women to join transport and engineering sectors

TfL and I are committed to diversifying and strengthening TfL's workforce and we are working hard to attract more women to the transport and engineering sectors. On this year's International Women's Day, Friday 8 March, TfL encouraged women to consider joining the transport sector and engineering roles through a number of events and activities.

While progress has been made to encourage more women into these sectors, TfL is working hard to continue making the industries more inclusive and representative, particularly in operational roles.

TfL is actively working to improve representation at all levels within its business through a range of different interventions. These include providing and promoting initiatives that encourage women to enter the transport sector, as well as addressing any barriers that prevent women from advancing to senior and higher-paying positions, particularly in operational areas.

Last year, TfL launched the 'Women in Bus and Coach' initiative to help share expertise and develop solutions to ensure a career in the bus and coach industry is attractive to women of all ages, backgrounds and ethnicities. Several commitments to encourage women to join transport and engineering are in progress and the network will launch six new internship places specifically for women, this summer.

TfL encourages customers to take a stand on International Bystander Awareness Day

I want everyone to be able to use public transport without fear of abuse and TfL takes a zero-tolerance approach to hate crime. TfL advised customers about how to become an active bystander if they witness a crime, harassment or incidents of anti-social behaviour across London's transport network, as the world marked International Bystander Awareness Day.

Figures from London TravelWatch* show that 63 per cent of people using public transport in London would feel more confident intervening in an incident if they had more information on how to help. There has been a rise in hate crimes across the UK, particularly antisemitic and Islamophobic incidents, and being an active bystander can prevent or de-escalate incidents. This can also be beneficial with other incidents such as sexual harassment, where intervening safely can make a big difference.

Londoners have said that they want to be able to intervene safely if they witness a hate crime, and they would feel more confident doing so if they had information on the best and safest ways to help. That is why TfL is engaging with Londoners on how to be an active bystander against hate crime and violence against women and girls to build a better, safer London for everyone.

TfL launches the Green Link Walk, a 15-mile new walking and wheeling route from Epping Forest to Peckham Town Centre

A new 15-mile walking route, the Green Link Walk, has been launched by TfL, the City of London, Southwark, Islington, Hackney and Waltham Forest. The new route will link more communities with green spaces and help build on increases in leisure walking seen since the pandemic and to fulfil a mayoral manifesto commitment. TfL and the Mayor aim to make London the most walkable city in the world, and the Green Link Walk was conceived in partnership with a range of different walking and wheeling groups, including Ramblers, London Living Streets, Sustrans and the Campaign for Great Green Routes in London.

Green Link Walk is the eighth route in the Walk London Network and runs from Epping Forest to Peckham town. It links almost 40 areas of green space, including Walthamstow Marshes, London Fields and Burgess Park, and five other Walk London routes. The new route has been created to increase leisure walking in London, improve Londoners' health and wellbeing, and enhance community access to green spaces and nature. The Walk London Network is one of the largest walking and wheeling networks of any city in the world and includes the Capital Ring, Green Chain, Jubilee Greenway, Jubilee Walkway, Lea Valley, London Outer Orbital Path, and the Thames Path.

Since the pandemic, London has seen a 10 per cent increase in leisure walking, and according to TfL's Leisure Walking Plan, 57 per cent of Londoners want to see more space in London dedicated to walking. The Green Link will cater to this need, providing Londoners with a new 15-mile route travelling through some of London's best green spaces.

The route is funded from the Mayor's Green and Healthy Streets Fund, which supports projects that redesign streets to integrate green infrastructure and climate resilience measures, alongside interventions that support active travel, reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality.

Places for London helps tenants become more sustainable with new business skills training

Places for London (TfL's property company) has been piloting a new business skills training programme for tenants across its estate as part of its commitment to being a responsible and sustainable landlord - encouraging inclusive growth across its estate and building on the extensive support it provided to its tenants throughout the pandemic.

Working with Heart of the City, the new programme, taking place over the course of a year, is offering up to 40 of Places for London's tenants the opportunity to undertake responsible business skills training. Tenants participating in the pilot will receive a range of training and support at no cost to themselves.

As one of the capital's largest landowners, Places for London provides a home to hundreds of businesses across the city, including florists, cafés, construction companies and garages. Located in arches, high streets and stations across London, around 95 per cent of the businesses on Places for London's estate are small and medium enterprises (SMEs). SMEs play a key role in London's economy, and its reputation as a place of innovation and excitement. However, it can often be a challenge for them to maximise their potential when implementing best responsible business practices, due to a lack of time, resources and expertise.

The new training includes online learning modules, webinars, insight sessions with experts, responsible business health checks and one-to-one sessions with advisors. There are also opportunities for each business to meet other like-minded tenants from across Places for London's estate, so they can exchange ideas and learnings as well as potentially collaborate with each other.

By providing this range of support, Places for London hopes that its tenants will help the capital become a more inclusive and sustainable place, transition to net zero carbon, and allow them to thrive in their own right. By improving their performance and implementing what they have learnt through the training, it is hoped that the tenants will build on their existing success and continue to play an important role as part of Places for London's wider estate.

Harrow transport worker showcases art-inspired poetry at central London Tube station

A poem by a creative transport worker from Harrow-on-the-Hill about a mural at Brixton station is now displayed at St James's Park station for the next year, as part of TfL's Art on the Underground's writer in residence scheme.

Talented Anthony Okolie's poem 'Ode to the Mother' is inspired by the large-scale public artwork by Jem Perucchini over the entrance of Brixton Underground station. It has launched as an artwork poster on the platform of St James's Park station, and is on view for a year, with the 45-line poem arranged across four panels.

Anthony has worked for TfL for six years as a Customer Service Manager at Harrow-on-the-Hill station. As a creative writer and filmmaker in his spare time, he is inspired by history, psychology and the so-called 'mundane' aspects of everyday life, portraying authenticity and realism in his work and highlighting the different perspectives of people going through similar, if not the same, routines and emotions. By day, Anthony helps with the smooth and safe daily operation of the busy interchange in northwest London, helping people get to where they need to be on the Metropolitan line.

Art on the Underground's Writer in Residence scheme was established in 2022 to highlight and amplify the creative voices within TfL, creating engaging responses to art across the network.

Environment

Meeting with Danish Delegation

On 8 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, hosted a meeting for a delegation of elected politicians from Danish city and regional councils. At the meeting delegates from London and the Danish Regions explored London's approach to green transition and sustainability as well as showcased London's leadership in environment, air quality and climate change.

Air Quality in London 2016 – 2024 report

On 8 March, I published the report "Air Quality in London 2016 – 2024", which evaluates how air quality in London has improved between 2016 and 2024 and assesses the ambitious policies that contributed to these changes. New analysis of publicly available air quality monitoring data highlighted that annual average roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations across London dropped by nearly half (49 per cent) between 2016 and 2023. The report can be found on the GLA (Greater London Authority) website at: [Air Quality in London 2016-2024 | London City Hall](#).

Mayor's Air Quality Fund

On 9 March, I announced the projects which were successful in securing funding for Air Quality improvement work in Round 4 of my Air Quality Fund. Out of forty-two applications from boroughs across London, I awarded funding to seventeen projects. On the same day I published a report highlighting the successful outcome of projects which I awarded funding to during the third round of my Air Quality Fund. Details of current projects and completion reports for previous rounds can be found on the [Mayor's Air Quality Fund webpage](#) on the GLA (Greater London Authority) website.

To date my Air Quality Fund has awarded £27 million in grant funding which is supporting boroughs in taking action to reduce harmful emissions, run more sustainable events, deliver projects to protect the most vulnerable Londoners from pollution exposure in locations such as schools and hospitals, and improve indoor air quality.

C40 Steering Committee meeting

On 11 March, I attended the C40 Steering Committee meeting and officially opened the C40 Cities' London office. At the Steering Committee I discussed with other international mayors C40 activities and priorities for the coming year. This included a discussion on the achievements in the previous year as co-Chair of C40, including the growth of the Breathe Cities network, and the role that cities played at COP28. I also highlighted the results of the 'one month' ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone) report, which highlighted that the ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone) has been highly effective at reducing the number of older, more polluting vehicles seen driving in London since its expansion.

Lambeth Bee Roads

On 12 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, joined Cllr Rezina Chowdhury, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Lambeth and Clean Air, Lambeth Council volunteers and pupils from La Retraite Roman Catholic Girls' School at Rush Common, as they planted a wildflower meadow. The site is one of 30 locations in the Lambeth's 'Bee Roads' project, which is a project funded £440,000 through my [Green and Resilient Spaces Fund](#). Once completed the site will provide ten miles of green highways for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

Woodberry Wetlands visit

On 13 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended Woodberry Wetlands to mark the announcement of the successful Rewild London Fund 2023 grantees. 21 grantees share £1 million to rewild communities across London, helping to improve the environment and make the capital more resilient to climate change. This brings total investment in rewilding London to over £2.4 million. The Deputy Mayor was joined by the CEO of London Wildlife Trust, the Mayor of Hackney, the London Assembly Member for Hackney, and Initiative Earth. Attendees took a tour of the Wetlands, discussed the importance of rewilding our city and met London Wildlife Trust's current cohort of 'Keeping it Wild' trainees. My previously announced £300,000 in funding is supporting 40 young people aged 16-25 to develop vital green skills through the traineeship scheme over 2021-2024.

Resilience First virtual roundtable on building resilient cities

On 13 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, spoke at Resilience First's webinar on The Priorities for Building Resilient Cities. She was joined on the panel by Emma Howard Boyd CBE, Chair of the London Climate Resilience Review. Together, they emphasised the need to adapt to the impacts of climate change to ensure the resilience of communities, lives, and livelihoods. The Deputy Mayor updated on City Hall's climate adaptation work over the Mayor's last term including his commissioning of the London Climate Resilience Review to ensure London can better prepare for increased frequency and intensity of climate events.

European Network for Women in Leadership's Annual Gathering

On 13 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, was a panellist for the European Network for Women in Leadership, a gathering of influential women from across Europe, held at the Palace of Westminster. She gave an overview of the range of work for nature and green infrastructure in London, including planting over half a million trees and the re-introduction of beavers to London.

ReLondon Board Meeting

On 14 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy attended the ReLondon board meeting where incoming legislation on the Emissions Trading Scheme and ReLondon's delivery plan were discussed.

Shared Endeavour Funded Future Leaders programme

On 15 March, my policy and marketing teams delivered an interactive session to inspire 50 young Londoners from the Future Leaders programme to get involved in environmental public sector campaigns. My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, and other Deputy Mayors joined officers on the day to themselves and talk about their career path.

Meeting with Emma Howard Boyd as part of the London Climate Resilience Review

On 15 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues met with the Chair of the London Climate Resilience Review and her team to discuss the findings of the review and final submission to the Mayor of London.

London National Park City visitors centre and met with Mark Cridge

On 18 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, visited the National Park City Pop-Up Visitors Centre in central London and met with National Park City Executive Director Mark Cridge. They discussed the importance of green skills and equitable access to green space and nature for all Londoners. London became the first national park city globally in 2019.

3Ci Advisory Board and Steering Committee Workshop

On 18 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, attended the 3Ci Advisory Board and Steering Committee Workshop to help inform 3Ci's activities over the next five years, including their work programmes, governance structure and finance strategy. The Deputy Mayor highlighted what has been working so far e.g. regional investor events (of which one was held in London), the development of a national project pipeline, and 3Ci's convening role within the green finance landscape. We will learn more about 3Ci's new work programme over the coming months.

Chris Weston (CEO) and Christopher Shipway (Head of Public Affairs) from Thames Water

On 26 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with the new Thames Water CEO.

Meeting with Kabir Kaul to discuss the Rewild London Fund

On 27 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with Kabir Kaul, a young conservationist, and former member of the Mayor's Rewilding Taskforce, to update him on the GLA's rewilding delivery work following the announcement of the new Rewild London Fund recipients.

Meeting with Iain Coucher

On 28 March, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with the Chair of Ofwat

Fire and Resilience

Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board

On 5th March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired a regular meeting of her Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board.

Fire Performance Oversight Group HMICFRS

On 5th March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, the London Fire Commissioner and I attended His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Fire Performance Oversight Group. Following this meeting, HMICFRS confirmed that as a result efforts underway to transform LFB's culture, LFB would exit from the Engage process.

Counter Terrorism Preparedness Network (CTPN)

On 13th March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, hosted a dinner at the House of Lords for speakers at the CTPN High Level Conference.

On 14th March, my Deputy mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, gave the key note address at the CTPN High Level Conference.

Shadwell Fire station visit

On 15th March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, visited Shadwell Fire station to meet with firefighters and discuss the rollout of new breathing apparatus.

National Joint Council for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services meeting

On 19th March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, attended a 'Chairs and Chiefs' consultation meeting held by the Employers' side of the National Joint Council for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services.

London Resilience Group Reception (LRG)

On 21st March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, attended reception to thank LRG staff for their contribution to LFB and London's resilience, ahead of LRG's transfer from LFB to the GLA.

London Climate Resilience Review meeting

On 25th March, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, attended a London Climate Resilience Review meeting.

Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board

On 28th March, 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 the recommendations of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board

On 2nd April, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired a regular meeting of her Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board.

Old Kent Road Fire station visit

On 2nd April, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, and my Walking and Cycling Commissioner, Will Norman, visited Old Kent Road Fire station to meet with firefighters.

Meeting with Museum of London

On 25 April, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, met with the Museum of London to discuss possible opportunities to work together in support of LFB's collection and museum.

Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board

On 30th April, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Baroness Twycross, chaired a regular meeting of her Deputy Mayor's Fire and Resilience Board.

Growth and Skills

AEB Mayoral Board

My Adult Education Budget (AEB) Mayoral Board met on 7 March 2024. The Board endorsed a report which outlined the 2024-25 AEB financial forecast and the Management & Administration budget. Members also heard that the Adult Skills Fund (ASF) (replacing the AEB) Funding Letter 2024-25 confirmed the sum of £322,669,259 for the grant provision, and a further sum of £22,627,014 for the Free Courses for Jobs (FCFJ) grant.

The Board also endorsed a report setting out the final ASF grant allocations for the 2024-25 academic year, and other funding adjustments. Under this report members endorsed the draft ASF Grant Funding Rules and the final grant allocations for the 2024-25 academic year. In addition, adjustments were made to AEB & FCFJ allocations for AEB Grant providers and changes to 2022-23 reconciliation of AEB and FCFJ amounts following the reconciliation process.

Finally, the Board received an update on recent AEB programme activity since the last meeting.

AEB budget

On 18 March my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills wrote to the Secretary of State for Education about the successful delivery of London's Adult Education Budget. This set out how, with increased funding and powers, many more people could benefit from London's adult education offer.

2023-24 Data release

On 3 May, I published Adult Education Budget (AEB) data for the first six months of the 2023-24 academic year (August 2023 - January 2024). This release includes statistics on AEB-funded Further Education and Skills in London.

From August 2023 to January 2024, 290,670 learning aims were funded through my AEB, this represents a three per cent increase compared to the same period in 2022-23. These courses were taken by 158,970 GLA-funded learners, which is an increase of two per cent compared to the same period in 2022-23. Alongside the headline measures, the publication outlines the number of enrolments by London borough, level, subject and funding model, and the number of learners by background characteristic including ethnicity, age, gender and disability.

Skills for Londoners Capital Fund

In October 2023, and following endorsement by the Skills for Londoners Board, I launched the third round of the Skills for Londoners Capital Fund programme. This latest round of Capital investment provides equipment and associated building adaptations to support training aligned to my Academies programme, which equips Londoners with the skills they need to secure good work in London's priority sectors.

In March 2024, and following a competitive process, 30 projects ranging from £30k equipment purchases to £1.2m equipment and construction projects were successful, with funding awarded totalling over £10 million and with initial proposals setting out to deliver 80,000 sqm of new or improved learning space.

Just under half of the funding awarded has a focus on green skills, underpinning London's drive to net zero by 2030. Other key sectors supported by successful applications are hospitality, digital, creative and health and social care.

Officers are currently working to support projects through the contracting phase and into delivery, with the first equipment focused projects expected to complete from Autumn 2024 and construction projects expected to complete by Autumn 2025.

Skills Bootcamps

I received £21.6m from the Department for Education to continue delivering Skills Bootcamps for Londoners into Wave 5 (2024-25). Skills Bootcamps are short, flexible courses up to 16 weeks to help fast-track Londoners into job sectors key to London's long term economic success. My Skills Bootcamps for Londoners programme has already had a transformational impact on Londoners, supporting over 6,000 people access training since 2022.

I have ring-fenced funding for our most successful Skills Bootcamps for another year. These continuing bootcamps will be open for Londoners to enrol onto in the next two weeks.

To increase the variety of Skills Bootcamps and provide more choice for Londoners, I am commissioning new bootcamps and have invited applications from training providers to submit their proposals to provide training to fill London's skills shortages across key sectors including Green, Technical, Construction, Logistics, Creative, Early Years, Digital, Hospitality, Health & Social Care and Finance & Professional Services.

I have prioritised £4m for Green Skills Bootcamps to support London's progress toward becoming net carbon zero by 2030.

Funding applications are currently being evaluated. Following selection and Grant award decisions, the new bootcamps will start delivery by July.

Housing

No Second Night Out

On 1st April, the new contract for my No Second Night Out (NSNO) service commenced. This follows my announcement in January that I am investing £17m in the service over three years. NSNO, which will be delivered by the homelessness charity St Mungo's, supports around 2,000 people a year who are new to, or returning to, rough sleeping in London. As part of this investment, the number of NSNO assessment hubs has increased with the opening of a fourth hub in West London.

Royal Docks 5-year Delivery Plan

On 7 March, I reaffirmed my vision to deliver 36,500 new homes and 55,000 new jobs at the Royal Docks, with the launch of a new 5-year delivery plan. I set out an additional £64 million investment into the Royal Docks, between 2024-2029, bringing the total value of public and private investment into the area to more than £2 billion. This investment builds on the momentum and achievements over the past 5 years which saw 6,000 new homes built, as well as 2.5k jobs and 45ksqm of new workspace created. I also launched a procurement opportunity for a new development partner to regenerate Royal Albert Dock, one of London's most significant redevelopment opportunities and a key development site in the Royal Docks, offering 400,000sqm of employment-led, mixed-use development potential across a 30-acre site.

Housing Kickstart Fund

On 15 March I launched a major new £100m Housing Kickstart Fund to rescue housing developments that have stalled due to the economic downturn that is affecting house builders across the country. Funding is available to convert market-rate homes on stalled sites to genuinely affordable homes to rent or buy. This will ensure Londoners continue to benefit from much needed affordable homes despite widespread challenges in the industry. In the absence of leadership from government Ministers, this new actin to invest in affordable housing is more important than ever and the new fund sits alongside my Affordable Homes Programme (AHP), which is providing grant funding for social rent homes and affordable home ownership. To ensure the programme can respond flexibly to the current challenges, I have also announced a new Accelerated Funding Route within the AHP, which provides more predictable grant funding for developers who can commit to achieving over 40 per cent affordable housing. My housing team is engaging with house builders across the city to ensure funds are deployed where they can be most effective at bringing forward affordable homes, and I continue to call on government to do more to avert a prolonged downturn in house building.

Improving conditions in social housing

I responded to the government's consultation on timescales for repairs in the social rented sector, which will be introduced through Awaab's Law. In this I set out my support for the introduction of statutory timescales, and highlighted that the root cause of the problem of disrepair in social housing is the long-term under-resourcing of the sector.

My Deputy Mayor Tom Copley also responded to the government's consultation on restricting ground rents for existing leases. In this he welcomed the introduction of new restrictions, highlighting that 28 per cent of households in London live in leasehold properties, and proposing that ground rents in existing leases are capped at a peppercorn to bring the greatest affordability benefits to residents.

New research demonstrates values of social housing acquisitions

On 12 March, work was published which I commissioned from the New Economics Foundation (NEF) to assess the value of social housing acquisitions as a way to increase housing supply in London. In their 'Buying Back Better' report, NEF praised the operation of the GLA's Right to Buy-Back programme and considered the future benefits of the GLA's Council Homes Acquisitions Programme. The report showed that if government enables councils to purchase 10,000 affordable homes in London, boroughs could save £1.5bn on temporary accommodation costs.

Support for homeowners

On 11 March, I renewed my call on the Government to reinstate mortgage payment holidays to prevent a wave of repossessions across the capital. City Hall analysis showed that first-time buyers and those re-mortgaging in London faced paying £209 more a month on their mortgage following the autumn 2022 mini-budget. I also pressed Ministers to reverse their cuts to mortgage interest support through the social security system and to allow owners in significant difficulty to switch their housing tenure to affordable rented or shared equity to help them remain in their home.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

Deputy Mayor for Business visit to Paradise SE11 and meeting with Cllr Claire Holland

On 4 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, visited Paradise SE11, a new workplace development scheme in Lambeth, and met with Cllr Claire Holland and the leadership team of Bywater properties, to hear about the construction of the building using sustainable materials.

Deputy Mayor for Business at Opportunity London prospectus launch event

On 5 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business Howard Dawber launched Opportunity London's first Investment Prospectus which sets out nearly £10bn of investible opportunities for private capital across London in real estate, housing and low carbon infrastructure.

Deputy Mayor for Business visit to Stockholm

On 6 and 7 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, visited Stockholm to officially open London & Partners' new Nordic Office. He met with the Mayor of Stockholm

Karin Wanngård, and with start-up and scale-up companies and investors, to promote London as a business and investment destination.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Adrian Wootton, Film London

On 11 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met with Adrian Wootton OBE, CEO of Film London and the British Film Commission, to discuss the Film, TV and Games industries in London.

Deputy Mayor for Business visit to Hammersmith Arches with Places for London

On 11 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, visited Hammersmith Arches with Places for London CEO Graeme Craig and Leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council Cllr Stephen Cowan to hear more about the work Places for London was doing with businesses and the local area.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Value Retail

On 12 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met with James Lambert OBE, Deputy Chairman of Value Retail and Ruth Kennedy, Non-Executive Director and Advisor of Value Retail and The Bicester Collection and discussed tax-free shopping and other retail sector priorities.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Diana Beech, London Higher

On 12 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met with Diana Beech, CEO of London Higher to discuss the importance of London's universities and international students to London's growth.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with London Assembly Economy Committee

On 12 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, had an introductory meeting with members of the London Assembly Economy Committee.

Deputy Mayor for Business visit to the London Borough of Haringey

On 13 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met Haringey Council Leader Cllr Peray Ahmet, to hear about the borough's plans to create a more inclusive, greener and resilient local economy, and visited local businesses.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Dan Harris, Neurodiversity in Business

On 14th March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met with Dan Harris - CEO of Neurodiversity in Business (NIB) - a business forum supporting businesses to build better workplaces for Neurodiverse employees. Howard learnt more about NIB, the challenges facing Neurodiverse individuals in employment (and beyond) and the outcomes of their recent survey.

Deputy Mayor for Business attendance at London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) Patron lunch

On 14 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, joined a roundtable lunch with LCCI patrons and spoke with the members of the business group about business challenges and priorities.

Deputy Mayor for Business visit to the London Borough of Waltham Forest

On 18 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met Waltham Forest Leader Cllr Grace Williams, and toured the central Walthamstow area to see how the borough is using development as a catalyst for economic growth.

Deputy Mayor for Business attendance at the 2024 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science UK & Ireland Rising Talent Awards Ceremony

On 18 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, attended the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science UK & Ireland Rising Talent Awards Ceremony 2024 to celebrate women in science.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Julie Carlyle, Managing Partner, Ernst & Young (EY)

On 19 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met with Julie Carlyle, Managing Partner of the London Office of EY and Peter Arnold, Chief Economist, to hear about EY's priorities and how EY can support the London agenda including investments into London, value creation and skills.

Deputy Mayor for Business attendance at London & Partners' Tourism Means Business event

On 20 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, attended a lunch with London & Partners' Tourism Advisory Group members, as part of the Tourism Means Business conference.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Amit Kapur, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

On 21 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, had an introductory meeting with Amit Kapur, Head of UK and Ireland at TCS.

Deputy Mayor for Business, attendance at RPS Breakfast Roundtable

On 21 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, attended the RPS Client Roundtable Breakfast, an engineering and professional services consultancy, for a discussion on London's economy and support for businesses.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Sarah Aspinall, Association of British Insurers (ABI)

On 21 March, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met with Sarah Aspinall, Director of Corporate Affairs at ABI to hear about ABI's priorities and their member insights within London's insurance market.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with New London Architecture (NLA)

On 10 April my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber met with Nick McKeogh, Chief Executive at NLA to discuss London's built environment.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Miles Celic, TheCityUK

On 11 April my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, had an introductory meeting with Miles Celic, chief executive officer at TheCityUK.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Shalini Khemka, E2Exchange

On 11 April my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met with Shalini Khemka CBE, chief executive officer of E2Exchange who is also a member of the Mayor's Business Advisory Board, and Michael Geitzen, chief executive officer of Identity, to discuss partnership opportunities and how to support London's presence on the global platform.

Deputy Mayor for Business meeting with Oak View Group

On 16 April, my Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber, met with Tim Leiweke and Jessica Koravos from Oak View Group to hear more about their new arena in Manchester and plans for a London-based entertainment arena.

Deputy Mayor for Business visit to Imperial College

On 17 April my Deputy Mayor for Business visited Imperial College in White City to discuss the health and life sciences sector, and the role of the higher education sector in promoting growth, meeting Amanda Wolthuizen, Chief of Staff and John Anderson Chief Investment Officer.

Deputy Mayor for Business visit to Spill the Beans

On 22 April, My Deputy Mayor for Business, Howard Dawber attended the Spill the Beans event in Peckham inspiring founders and networkers in London's food sector - especially from underrepresented communities

Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills at MIPIM 2024

Between the 12 and 15 of March, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills Jules Pipe represented the GLA and Opportunity London alongside other London political leaders at the MIPIM real estate conference in Cannes. He spoke at various events including the launch of the UK Innovation Corridor Growth Plan, BusinessLDN's London Dinner, and at the Opportunity London stand, to promote London's real estate and infrastructure investment opportunities.

Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice visit to Pattern Project

On March 8 International Women's Day, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, visited Pattern Project. The innovative fashion manufacturing business was founded by Shruti Grover, winner of Challenge LDN (2021/22), Designing London's Recovery innovation challenge. Pattern Project uses AI to allow brands to conduct batch production, reducing waste and global emissions in the fashion industry. They discussed the importance of female entrepreneurship, particularly for women from ethnic minority backgrounds, and how Challenge LDN enabled them to scale their business.

Communities and Social Policy

Free Holiday Meals programme

The first year of my Free Holiday Meals programme concluded over the February half-term. In total, The Felix Project and Mayor's Fund for London delivered 7,935,680 holiday meals, surpassing their target by 1,008,357 meals.

In addition, The Felix Project delivered 4,483,359 weekend meals across its four depots, surpassing its target by 483,259 meals.

Therefore, partners delivered a total 12,419,039 holiday and weekend meals to low-income families in London via community partners in 2023/24.

Having confirmed a second year of funding for the programme, I am delighted to report partners delivered 1,099,844 meals over the Easter holidays.

Children and Young Londoners

Celebrating the School Superzones programme

On 5 March, Joanne McCartney, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, opened the School Superzones event at City Hall, which celebrated the achievements of my School Superzones programme. Since March 2022, 86 schools across 28 London boroughs have been working to make their neighbourhoods healthier through my School Superzones initiative. A wide range of activities are taking place, from smoke free school gates to School Streets and improvements to green spaces. The event allowed stakeholders delivering the programme to hear more about the wide range of work taking place and the learning so far.

The London Partnership Youth Board

On 12 March, three members of the London Partnership Youth Board (LPYB) attended the London Partnership Board, chaired by the Mayor of London and Georgia Gould, Chief Executive Officer of London Councils, to highlight some of the challenges facing young Londoners in trying to access opportunities, with a focus on green skills and enterprise. These topics were discussed in workshops facilitated by the LPYB, where the Board considered current developments in these areas across London and further support needed to support young people.

The London Partnership Youth Board is a dedicated group of diverse young Londoners who support the work of the London Partnership Board by providing their views and insights on the issues that matter most to them.

Water Only Schools

In March, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, met with staff and pupils at Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School, who have been a Water Only School for 10 years. The purpose of this visit was to hear about the school's journey as a Water Only School directly from the pupils and discuss the importance and benefits of taking steps to drink more water. Resources are available to support more of London's primary and secondary schools to become Water Only. By doing so, schools continue work to support children's health by reducing sugar intake and encouraging healthy hydration. In addition to these benefits, the

policy also helps to reduce waste caused by single use plastic bottles by encouraging water refill.

The Deputy Mayor also spoke to staff, pupils about the detrimental impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on them and how, following my announcement that I would be providing a further £140m to continue to provide universal free school meals for state primary school children in London until July 2025, the programme will continue to make a difference.

Future Leaders careers insight day at City Hall

On 15 March, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, presented at an event organised in partnership with Future Leaders. Future Leaders works alongside young people across London to tackle racism, intolerance, hate extremism, radicalisation and terrorism. It is funded by my Shared Endeavour Fund. The 50 young Londoners who attended the event got the opportunity to develop employment skills and gained an understanding of working in the public sector in a political environment.

Supporting young Londoners from under-represented groups

On 3 April, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, and Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, attended a meeting with the former Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Max Hill, about his work as Chair of Trustees of Drive Forward Foundation. They discussed the work I am doing to ensure employment opportunities are open to all young Londoners, including through targeted support for care leavers and other under-represented groups. A number of areas for new potential collaborations were identified to help talented young Londoners into the workplace.

Culture

London Borough of Culture

On 11 March, I announced the next two London Borough of Culture title awards will be Wandsworth in 2025 and Haringey in 2027. These councils will receive £1.35m each to deliver a year of creative and cultural activities with opportunities for young people to develop their skills and improve their wellbeing. Liberty Festival, which celebrates the work of d/Deaf, disabled and neurodiverse artists, will also be presented as part of Wandsworth and Haringey's years. Barnet, Greenwich and Merton received a Cultural Impact Award for exemplary individual projects, with funding of £200,000 each.

Since 2017, the London Borough of Culture programme has provided more than 22,600 development, employment, and leadership opportunities for young people, involved 419 schools in 12 boroughs, over 2,200 artistic partners and nearly 4,000 volunteers, reached audiences of over 2.8m (in-person and online), and leveraged more than £18.8m in funding.

Fourth Plinth School Awards

On 25 April, my Deputy Mayor for Culture, Creative Industries and 24 hour London Justine Simons OBE hosted the annual Fourth Plinth Schools Awards Competition prize giving ceremony. She was joined at City Hall by this year's judge, renowned photographer Rankin. This annual competition invites schools to get creative and produce art inspired by Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth commissions. This year, entries were received from over 2,500 students

across the capital. Over the lifetime of the programme, the Schools Awards has reached nearly 35,000 children.

Barnet Night Surgery

On 6 March, my Night Czar, Amy Lamé, held a night surgery in North Finchley. She was joined by officers and councillors from the London Borough of Barnet, including the Night Time Borough Champion for Barnet, Cllr Anne Clarke AM. Night surgeries are part of the Night Czar's regular engagement to support boroughs to plan better for life between 6pm and 6am and encourage the development of night time strategies. During the visit, the Night Czar met with local resident groups, members of the LGBTQ+ community, the police and cultural and night time venues to discuss opportunities for the area at night.

Night Time Borough Champions

On 13 March, the Night Czar chaired the Night Time Borough Champions Network meeting. All boroughs nominate a Night Time Champion at the cabinet or committee chair level. The network enables the sharing of best practice from London, the UK and around the world in the governance and management of a 24 hour city. The Champions updated the progress of the Westminster, Camden, Richmond-upon-Thames and Haringey Night Time Strategies and Croydon's Night Time Vision. The meeting also outlined the upcoming events for the Business Friendly Licensing programme in Merton, the Barnet Night Surgery and next steps.

National Events Safety Roundtable

On 14 March, the Night Czar chaired the third National Events Safety Roundtable. The group was initiated in June 2023 to address the changing risks and challenges facing the events industry and organisers, including changing crowd and public behaviour, workforce and skills shortages, economic pressures, and financial uncertainties, and identified nine recommendations that could effectively address some of these challenges. The third roundtable shared the progress of advancing these recommendations, including the news that UKCMA (UK Crowd Management Association) has published a new guide to support venue owners and operators, offering practical advice and best practices to enhance crowd management and safety.

Civil Society and Sport

Team London Volunteers

Since the beginning of March my Team London volunteers have supported a series of cultural events and festivals that have taken place in Trafalgar Square providing wayfinding support, helping event organisers and spectators, and encouraging a welcoming and positive energy and attitude during the events. These include:

- St Patrick's Day Parade - on 17 March, 14 of volunteers supported the annual St Patrick's Day parade procession, marching bands, dance troupes, floats and pageantry. My volunteers ensured this was yet another highlight in the cultural calendar, supporting 50,000 parade participants and celebratory spectators.
- Vaisakhi in the Square - on 6 April, 14 volunteers welcomed Londoners and guests to Trafalgar Square to celebrate Vaisakhi, the Sikh harvest festival. Across the day of festivities, volunteers helped visitors to engage with a square filled with delicious food,

an exciting line up of entertainment and an array of stalls celebrating Sikh art and culture.

- Eid in the Square - on 20 April, my Team London volunteers provided support to this year's Eid in the Square event which featured performances, poetry, and food vendors from around the world. A total of 8 volunteers took part, supporting thousands of event attendees.
- St George's Day - on 21 April, 8 volunteers welcomed a wonderful array of performances and activities that took place during this year's St George's Day celebration on the square. The event was supported by Pearly Kings and Queens, Morris dancers, maypole dancers and a parade from a larger-than-life dragon.

TCS London Marathon

On 21 April, my Team London volunteers joined 50,000 people taking part in the 44th edition of the TCS London Marathon. Volunteers were out bright and early on the Sunday morning to help set up the Heron Quay Box crossing at mile 18.5 of the 26.2 mile challenge. Throughout the day my volunteers supported Londoners and visitors to safely cross the course, redirecting the runners where necessary and ensuring accessible crossing for all who needed it. Spectators and athletes benefited from the experience of volunteers who support the marathon year after year, helping to answer questions, offer directions and providing encouragement to runners who needed a friendly face to cheer them on.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Volunteer Managers Forum

On 25 April I organised a forum for volunteer managers working in charities to discuss equity, diversity and inclusion in central London. Over 20 different organisations came together to discuss making trusteeship more diverse and inclusive. The day provided an opportunity to exchange ideas on good practice and to find support for challenges that volunteer managers in charities are facing in making volunteering fairer and more equitable.

London Volunteering Strategy Group

I continue to fund the London Strategic Volunteer Group (LVSG) which is a cross civil society collaboration, with 40+ members representing the diversity and scope of voluntary groups across the capital. On 18 March, management of the LVSG transferred from GLA Civil Society and Sport team to London Plus, a voluntary sector infrastructure leader. On 29 April, Works 4 U, a Fulham based not for profit social enterprise volunteer broker will be taking the Chair of the LVSG and leading the collaboration onto the next stage of development and beginning work on engagement around building a Volunteering Vision for London.

Health

London Health Board Meeting

On 6 March 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 health and care issues.

During this session, the Board explored issues and ongoing challenges in suicide prevention. It was particularly important to hear from a guest with experience of the issue who shared their

story with the Board, as well as from Dr Phil Moore (Chair, Thrive LDN Suicide Prevention Group). I have tasked my Health and Wellbeing Team to convene partners to take forward further work on suicide prevention as discussed in the meeting. . We also discussed the work that partners are doing to deliver the Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy, highlighting some of the many achievements including:

- action to clean up London's polluted air;
- leadership on racism and health with the London Anti-Racist Collaboration for Health and Care;
- improving Londoners' incomes through the London Living Wage;
- work to address the cost of living crisis;
- improving children's health through School Superzones and;
- increasing physical activity through active travel.

During our discussion, Partners and Board members expressed the desire to continue working in partnership to improve the health of London's diverse communities and to reduce health inequalities.

Finally, the Board received an update on Right Care, Right Person which highlighted the significant progress made, the challenges still to be addressed, and our ambition to see the best health outcomes in this space.

Papers and draft minutes can be found here: [Agenda for London Health Board on Wednesday 6 March 2024, 3.00 pm | London City Hall](#)

Six Tests: Maternity and Neonatal Services in North Central London

As part of my commitment to champion, challenge and collaborate with the NHS on behalf of all Londoners, I have developed six tests for all major changes to NHS services in London. On 13 March I wrote to the NHS to set out my position on proposed changes to maternity and neonatal services in North Central London. This was informed by an independent review of the proposals that I commissioned from the Nuffield Trust. My letter set out several areas where further development is needed. This included calling for clear plans and targets for how the changes will reduce health inequalities, additional modelling to ensure that there is sufficient resource in North West London to appropriately cater for changed patient flows, and further work to understand and address any impacts the changes might have on wider hospital services.

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)

Planning update

On 7th March, OPDC's Planning Committee resolved to grant 2 Portal Way, an application for approx. 18,000 sqm of commercial kitchens and a food hall with additional commercial and retail units at the ground floor. Section 106 negotiations are ongoing.

On 28th March, planning permission was issued on the following sites, following the completion of section 106 agreements:

1 Portal Way - 1,300 homes (35% affordable), with approx. 380 student and co-living units, along with 30,000 sqm comprising a new hotel and office space.

3 School Road - 176 homes (35% affordable) with industrial and commercial space at ground floor.

26 Park Royal Road – an outline application for a self-storage facility

On 4th April, an application was submitted for 4 Portal Way for 669 Build to Rent homes (35% affordable) and a 6,782 sqm hotel, together with 733 sqm of ground floor commercial uses.

On 1st April, OPDC's Community Infrastructure Funding Levy was implemented, this will provide more funding for local improvements to infrastructure and public realm. Further information can be found [here](#).

Small Grants Programme

On 5th March, OPDC allocated funding to another 14 local projects through the Small Grants Programme. These projects will deliver fantastic initiatives including food banks; skills and training; local schools programmes and arts, heritage, and culture programmes.

The successful awardees will be announced at a launch event due to held on 15th May 2024.

London Legacy Development Corporation

LLDC evolution

On Friday 15 March, LLDC launched the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive and Chair following the announcement that both Lyn Garner and Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill would be stepping down from their roles (Lyn Garner before April 2025 and Lord Hendy in December 2024 when his term ends).

East Careers Week

East Careers Week was held over five days between 4-8 March with 1,000 young people from east London schools attending. The programme, aimed at Year 9 to Year 13 students, offered a range of exciting activities such as 'A Voyage into Visual Effects' put on by the visual team behind ABBA Voyage and a BBC radio show workshop.

Future Me, Future Youth conference

On Wednesday 6 March, Elevate, formerly LLDC's Youth Board, held its Future Me, Future Youth conference at Here East. This is an event organised by young people for young people. There was stimulating debate, one-to-one advice sessions, entertainment and an employer and professional 'speed dating' workshop.

LLDC Plenary

On Thursday 7 March, LLDC Chair Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill, LLDC Deputy Chief Executive, Gerry Murphy, and LLDC Executive Director of Development, Rosanna Lawes, represented LLDC at a Plenary hearing in front of the London Assembly at City Hall.

Your Neighbourhood Talks

On Tuesday 19 March, LLDC hosted the first of its bi-annual Your Neighbourhood Talks events. Your Neighbourhood Talks gives those living on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the wider

community a chance to come together with representatives of LLDC to consider key issues and opportunities in and around the Park. The theme of March's event, which was held at UCL East Marshgate, was Community Networks.

London Stadium

On Friday 22 March, London Stadium hosted its first international football friendly as Spain played Colombia.

Timber Lodge

On Friday 29 March, LLDC appointed Five Star Catering to operate the Brew Street Café and Bar at Timber Lodge. Five Star Catering (a family-owned catering and bar company established in 1999) have been awarded a 10-year contract to operate at Timber Lodge on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

British Swimming Championships

The 2024 Speedo Aquatics GB Swimming Championships took place at the London Aquatics Centre between 2-7 April. The event played a key role in the selection of Team GB's Paralympic and Olympic Paris 2024 pool swimming teams.

Planning and Regeneration

London Plan Review / Planning for London programme

On 19 March the Secretary of State directed me to review my London Plan in relation to the Opportunity Areas and industrial land policy areas.

Local Plans

On 12 March, GLA officers responded on my behalf to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's Local Plan Main Modifications consultation. In that response I provided general guidance to the borough to bring the draft Plan into closer conformity with the London Plan.

On 13 March, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Camden's Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. In that response I raised issues in relation to the borough's housing target and the proposed approach to affordable housing and provided guidance to bring these areas into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 22 March, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Merton's Local Plan Main Modifications consultation. In that response I raised general conformity concerns in relation to the borough's proposed approach to meeting its housing target.

On 10 April, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Ealing's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation. I made it clear that the draft Local Plan is not yet in general conformity with the London Plan due to the proposed approaches to the management of industrial land and tall buildings in the borough.

On 12 April, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Barking and Dagenham's Local Plan Main Modifications consultation. In that response I noted that the proposed modifications would result in me withdrawing previous general conformity objections.

On 19 April, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Lambeth's Site Allocations Plan Regulation 19 consultation. In that response I provided general guidance to ensure consistency with the London Plan.

On 25 April, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Harrow's Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. In that response I provided general guidance to the borough to bring the Local Plan into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 25 April, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Westminster's Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation. The response welcomed proposed changes that will bring the approach to affordable housing into closer alignment with the London Plan.

On 26 April, GLA officers responded on my behalf to LB Islington's Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Review consultation. In that response I supported the proposed approach and provided general guidance to ensure its closer alignment with the London Plan.

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 Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type	Determination Level
2022/0887	White Horse Public House	Barking and Dagenham	07/03/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Deputy Mayor (Planning)
2023/0565	Land at Thames Road	Bexley	08/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0617	Bollo Place	Ealing	08/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2022/0684	The Albion	Greenwich	21/03/2024	Allow LPA to refuse	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0466	Ravensbourne Wharf	Greenwich	22/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0661	Tottenham Hotspur Stadium	Haringey	21/03/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision

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2023/0224	Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital	Harrow	22/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0433	Feltham Corporation Centre	Hounslow	22/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2024/0079	Brentford FC Training Ground	Hounslow	15/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0434	380 Kensington High Street	Kensington and Chelsea	25/03/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Deputy Mayor (Planning)
2023/0506	Newcombe House	Kensington and Chelsea	29/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2021/1284	Courland Grove	Lambeth	22/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0196	High Path Estate	Merton	08/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2022/0144	1 Portal Way	Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation	14/03/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0299	3 School Road	Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation	04/03/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type	Determination Level
2023/0280	White Peaks, Royal Botanical Gardens	Richmond upon Thames	15/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2022/0427	Minerva House	Southwark	04/03/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0303	79-161 Ilderton Road	Southwark	08/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2023/0532	Daisy Business Park	Southwark	21/03/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2021/1038	26-38 Leman Street, London E1	Tower Hamlets	04/03/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision
2022/0657	18-20 Savile Row	Westminster	22/04/2024	Allow LPA to refuse	Stage 2	Deputy Mayor (Planning)
2024/0060	Fenwicks	Westminster	29/04/2024	Allow LPA to approve	Stage 2	Delegated Decision

Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

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

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type	Determination Level
2024/0082	Welling United Football Club	Bexley	21/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the	Stage 1	Delegated Decision

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				London Plan		
2024/0104	Plots NE04, NE05 of Wembley Master Plan	Brent	28/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0122	Atlip Gardens	Brent	15/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0052	51-53 Jail Lane	Bromley	14/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0087	Euston Tower	Camden	21/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0108	100 Chalk Farm Road	Camden	08/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0159	Former Saville Theatre	Camden	29/04/2024	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0027	60 Queen Victoria Street	City of London	08/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	Stage 1	Delegated Decision

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2024/0051	1 Undershaft	City of London	04/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0150	London Wall West	City of London	15/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0221	40 Holborn Viaduct	City of London	01/05/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0175	Purley Leisure Centre	Croydon	29/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0043	99 - 113 Broadway	Ealing	04/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0074	7-10 Penhall Road	Greenwich	22/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0085	1A & 1C Eynsham Drive	Greenwich	21/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0179	Boord Street, Greenwich - Fairview	Greenwich	29/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the	Stage 1	Delegated Decision

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				London Plan		
2024/0147	201-207 Shoreditch High Street	Hackney	22/04/2024	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0062	Safari Cinema	Harrow	04/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2023/0782	Broadwater Lake	Hillingdon	22/04/2024	Does not comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0149	3 The Square	Hillingdon	22/04/2024	No Stage 2 required	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2023/0815	LAND AT SOUTH OF WIM, SOUTHALL LANE, SOUTHALL	Hounslow	04/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0140	196-222 King's Road	Kensington and Chelsea	26/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0081	Hardess Yard	Lambeth	08/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0044	Former Gasworks Site	London Legacy Development	04/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the	Stage 1	Delegated Decision

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		Corporation		London Plan		
2024/0054	International Quarter London (IQL) North	London Legacy Development Corporation	07/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0063	302-312 High Street, Stratford	London Legacy Development Corporation	07/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0166	Chobham Farm North	London Legacy Development Corporation	29/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0041	Land At Former EMR Site	Newham	04/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0072	Beckton Gateway	Newham	14/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0089	706-720, High Road, Goodmayes	Redbridge	04/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision

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2024/0078	City Business Centre	Southwark	21/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0038	79 - 85 Beddington Lane	Sutton	04/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0105	Beddington Landfill Restoration Land	Sutton	22/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0117	City House	Sutton	15/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0160	Elm Grove Estate	Sutton	29/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0004	Poplar Gas Holder Site (PHASES 2 And 3), Leven Road, London, E14	Tower Hamlets	15/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0005	Poplar Gas Holder Site, Leven Road, London, E14	Tower Hamlets	18/04/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision

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2024/0080	Caxton Grove	Tower Hamlets	25/03/2024	No Stage 2 required	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0086	Former London Chest Hospital	Tower Hamlets	21/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0151	101 Whitechapel High Street	Tower Hamlets	29/04/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0163	Harriott, Apsley & Pattison Houses	Tower Hamlets	26/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0042	Coronation Square	Waltham Forest	11/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0102	The Standard	Waltham Forest	21/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0037	Riverside Business Centre	Wandsworth	04/03/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision
2024/0061	Gwynne Road	Wandsworth	07/03/2024	Does not fully comply with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision
2024/0103	1 Victoria Street	Westminster	08/04/2024	Complies with the London Plan	Stage 1	Delegated Decision

GLA Number	Development Name	Local Planning Authority	Decision date	Decision	Application Type	Determination Level
2024/0107	1 Dean Street	Westminster	04/04/2024	No Strategic Issues	No Strategic Issues	Delegated Decision

Design Future London Awards

On the 8th March the Deputy Mayor and Architect, George Clarke, hosted the Design Future London Awards at City Hall. This brought together the shortlisted winners to present their vision for the future of London.

The Design Future London programme is aimed at giving young people the skills for careers in the built environment, as well as empowering them to help shape the future of their communities. Year 3 of this programme has been delivered as partnership between the Mayor, MOBE, Minecraft as well as many others to deliver real impact in classrooms across London.

Design a City for All Londoners – Good Growth by Design event

On 6 March my Mayor's Design Advocates came together with over 120 representatives from the wider built environment sector to reflect on the achievements of my Good Growth by Design programme over my second term, to look forward to future priorities and to discuss the most pertinent issues facing the city. The event was held at the National Youth Theatre, which benefitted from £2m of investment from my Good Growth Fund supporting the transformation of their London home on Holloway Road. Three panel discussions were convened enabling panellists to share experiences of how different authorities prioritise quality and inclusion in the built environment. My Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills Jules Pipe joined a broad range of experts across the sector at the event.

Good Growth Fund

My Regeneration and Growth Strategies team successfully supported London Borough of Newham through my Good Growth Fund to help reopen Stratford Village Market after a period of difficulty. The Market fully reopened on Saturday 4 May, safeguarding 60 jobs for local traders.

Key engagements

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

- I announced that TfL fares would be frozen on 4 March
- I chaired a meeting of the London Policing Board on 5 March
- I attended the HMICFRS Fire Performance Oversight Group on 5 March
- I chaired the TfL Board on 6 March
- I chaired a meeting of the London Health Board on 6 March
- I chaired a meeting on the Adult Education Board on 7 March
- I met with the Mayor of Dhaka North on 7 March
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 7 March
- I officially switched on the Ramadan Lights in Piccadilly Circus on 7 March
- I attended the Parliamentary Political and Public Life awards on 7 March
- I announced a trial of Friday off-peak fares on 8 March
- I announced the London Borough of Culture winners on 11 March
- I chaired a meeting of the C40 Steering Committee on 11 March
- I took part in a visit on a new route of the Superloop on 12 March
- I chaired a meeting of the London Partnership Board on 12 March
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 12 March
- I visited the Marcus Lipton Youth Centre to give a major speech on the causes of crime on 14 March
- I attended Mayor's Question time on 15 March
- I took part in the London St Patrick's Day celebrations at Trafalgar Square on 17 March
- I met with Mike Bloomberg on 18 March
- I joined an Iftar at the Al Manaar Centre on 19 March
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 20 March
- I joined the British Asian Trust Iftar on 24 March
- I met with the Home Secretary on 28 March
- I held my regular meeting with the Met Police Commissioner on 4 April
- I attended Vaisakhi on the Square on 6 April
- I attended Eid on the Square on 20 April
- I attended St George's Day on the Square on 20 April
- I met with the Met Commissioner on 22 April
- I met with Nancy Pelosi on 24 April
- I was officially signed in as Mayor of London on 7 May
- I spoke with the Prime Minister of Canada on 8 May