

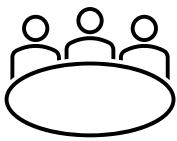
## 2025-26 Q3 OVERALL REVIEW

In Q3 2025-26  
**Assembly  
Committees** had...

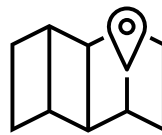


**19**  
investigations  
underway

We held...



**39**  
Committee  
meetings



**5**  
site visits

We heard from...



**215**  
guests giving  
oral evidence

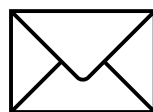


**8**  
Calls for Evidence

We published...



**6**  
reports



**12**  
letters



**115**  
recommendations

## 2025-26 Q3 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Budget and Performance Committee	Funding and building transport infrastructure projects	Complete	The Committee's <a href="#">report</a> was covered in several media outlets, including <a href="#">BBC</a> , <a href="#">ITV</a> and <a href="#">The Standard</a> . Government support for the DLR extension to Thamesmead was announced subsequent to the report, with a preferred funding model consistent with the approach that the Committee recommended.
Housing Committee	Women leaving prison	Response to report	At MQT on 18 December, the <a href="#">Mayor described the report as</a> (p36) “a really good example of where the work of the Assembly and the Committee has moved mayoral policy,” indicating that the Committee's scrutiny helped persuade the Mayor to focus on the support provided to women leaving prison, including housing and employment.
Budget and Performance Committee	2026-27 GLA Group Budget	Ongoing	Following the Committee's recommendation, MOPAC/MPS included headcount figures in their 2026-27 budget submission. Similarly, LFC has committed to include headcount information in all future budgets.

## [YEAR] QX OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Budget and Performance Committee	2026-27 GLA Group Budget	Ongoing	Following the Committee's recommendation, the Mayor has agreed to work with the LFC and Government to establish a sustainable, long-term funding plan for the Modern Firefighting Training Programme.
Budget and Performance Committee	2026-27 GLA Group Budget	Ongoing	The Committee's scrutiny of the GLA Group budget was covered in several media outlets. Coverage included <a href="#">the cost of cleaning tube graffiti</a> , <a href="#">West Ham relegation threat</a> , <a href="#">the GLA's funding gap</a> , and <a href="#">possible Met Police cuts</a> .
Budget and Performance Committee	2026-27 GLA Group Budget	Ongoing	The Mayor published the GLA's £51m saving on its free school meals programme in the January Consolidated Budget following the extension of the Government's scheme following the Committee's request.
Health Committee	Men's mental health	Report publication	The report was covered in outlets such as <a href="#">MyLondon</a> and received a positive write up from <a href="#">Mind in Bexley</a> . The Chair gave an interview to BBC Radio London. Speakers from the NHS praised the report at the launch event.

## 2025-26 Q3 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Health Committee	Men's mental health	Mayoral response	The Mayor's response noted that the Committee's recommendations have been "shared with and discussed by the London Mental Health Board." The response also committed to taking action in areas identified in the recommendations, including following up the NHS's London Mental Health Strategy by the end of 2026, on the specific issue of urgent and emergency mental health support.
Housing Committee	The Mayor's Affordable Homes Programme report	Report publication	The report was widely covered by the media, including <a href="#">BBC News</a> , <a href="#">The Standard</a> , and various trade outlets. The Chair gave several broadcast interviews and the Deputy Mayor was asked about the report on BBC Radio London.
Police and Crime Committee	Mayor summons	Closed	The Committee's decision to use its statutory powers to issue a summons, requiring the Mayor to explain why it was excluded from receiving a copy of the draft strategy was covered by <a href="#">BBC News</a> and other titles.

## 2025-26 Q3 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Police and Crime Committee	VAWG and hate crime on transport	Ongoing	<p>Coverage of 3 December meeting from <a href="#">MyLondon</a> highlighting the call made to TfL to develop a VAWG strategy.</p> <p>Coverage of 17 December meeting with statutory bodies from <a href="#">BBC News</a> on the rising hate crime figures.</p>
Health Committee	Weight loss medication	Ongoing	<p>Meeting coverage from Tech and Science Daily by The Standard (podcast). <a href="#">City Hall questions skinny jobs as physicists spot a cosmic clue - Tech and Science Daily   The Standard   Acast</a></p>
Economy, Culture and Skills Committee	Prison leavers accessing employment	Report publication	<p>Press coverage in outlets including <a href="#">Inside Time</a>, <a href="#">Enfield Dispatch</a> and <a href="#">London Now</a>. Stakeholder organisation Switchback praised the report's 'strong recommendations'.</p>
Economy, Culture and Skills Committee	Prison leavers accessing employment	Response to report	<p>In response to the report, Justice Minister Lord Timpson called it 'a useful and interesting read'. He expressed support for Mayoral authorities spending the Adult Skills Fund on prisoners (as recommended in the report), and said he is "engaged in discussions" on this.</p>

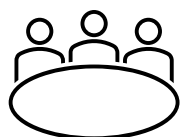
## 2025-26 Q3 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Economy, Culture and Skills Committee	Unpaid carers	Meeting	The Committee's meeting on unpaid carers was covered by <a href="#">BBC London</a> and the <a href="#">Barnet Post</a> , with coverage focused on carers not being aware that they can access some financial support.
Environment Committee	Heat Networks	Meeting	The Committee's heat networks meeting was covered in <a href="#">Inside Housing Story</a> which referenced evidence on heat network pricing.
Environment Committee	Pressure on Parks	Output response	Parks for London published its own response to the Committee's investigation and highlighted the need for more support for parks.
Transport Committee	Car clubs in London	Extraordinary meeting & output	The Committee's extraordinary meeting and letter on Zipcar's announcement proposing to cease operations in London received media coverage in the <a href="#">Standard</a> , <a href="#">BBC</a> and other media.
Health Committee	Breast cancer screening in London	Meeting	The Committee's meeting was covered by <a href="#">BBC News</a> and <a href="#">Hackney Citizen</a> . The coverage focused on the low take-up of screening in London.

## 2025-26 Q3 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Planning and Regeneration Committee	Energy infrastructure	Output	The Committee's report received widespread press coverage in national and London media <a href="#">BBC News</a> , <a href="#">Telegraph</a> , <a href="#">Standard</a> . The Chair was interviewed on the Abundance Agenda podcast (now 'Yimby' podcast).
Planning and Regeneration Committee	New Towns	Site visit	The Committee's site visit to one of the proposed sites for a new town in London was covered in the media: <a href="#">BBC</a> , <a href="#">Standard</a> , <a href="#">My London</a>
Fire Committee	Fire contaminants	Ongoing	The Committee's final meeting of its investigation into fire contaminants was covered in the <a href="#">Standard</a> .

In Q2 2025-26 the  
**Audit Panel** held...



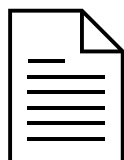
**1**  
Committee  
meetings

We heard from...



**7**  
guests giving  
oral evidence

We examined...



**4**  
Audit reports

## 2025-26 Q3: AUDIT PANEL HIGHLIGHTS

In the third quarter, the Panel examined audit reports on the GLA procurement shared service, the Creative Industries Growth Portfolio – Film London, and treasury management.

The Panel scrutinised how well the shared procurement service was functioning, noting that the audit rated it as “adequate,” with key issues persisting. These included delays in sending procurement requests to TfL, including those related to recruitment, as well as inconsistent KPI monitoring and gaps in staff access to key systems, all of which contributed to avoidable delays and undermined TfL’s ability to get best value.

The Audit Panel assessed how the GLA oversees its £4.37 million (2022–2025) funding for Film London and again provided an “adequate” rating. However, it noted that milestones were not being consistently reviewed, making it unclear whether Film London was meeting its expected outputs. In discussing this, the Panel reflected on Film London’s wider contribution, particularly the significant GVA it brings to London’s economy by attracting film and TV productions to the capital and expressed support for this role while seeking assurance that its impact continues to be clearly measured and demonstrated.

Date	Topic
7 July 2025	External and Internal Audit
22 October 2025	External and Internal Audit
15 December 2025	External and Internal Audit
19 March 2025	External and Internal Audit

## 2025-26 Q3 IN REVIEW

In Q3 2025-26 the  
**Budget and  
Performance  
Committee** had...

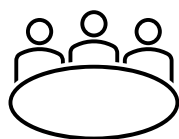


**2**

investigations  
underway

We held...

**7**



Committee  
meetings

We heard from...

**45**



guests giving  
oral evidence

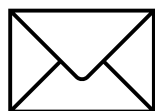
We published...



**1**

report

To the Government, Mayor,  
and TfL on [Funding and  
building transport  
infrastructure projects](#)



**6**

letters

To the Mayor on the 2026–27  
Budget, covering the [external  
view of priorities](#) and the  
budgets for the [GLA: Mayor,](#)  
[LFC,](#) [MOPAC/MPS,](#) [TfL,](#) and  
[Affordable Housing](#)



**54**

recommendations

## 2025-26 Q3: BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The third quarter saw the Budget and Performance Committee scrutinise the Mayor's budget proposals for 2026-27. As part of this work, the Committee took evidence from a wide range of senior figures, including the Mayor, the Deputy Mayors for Policing and Crime and Transport, the GLA Chief Officer, the TfL Commissioner and London Fire Commissioners, and the Mayor's Chief of Staff.

The Committee has published letters to the Mayor setting out key findings and recommendations following each meeting in the budget scrutiny process. These have resulted in some of the Committee's recommendations being adopted during the budget process. The six letters were published on average eight days after the meetings.

During the quarter, the Committee published its report on paying for and building transport infrastructure projects, [Euston, we have a problem: Mind the funding gap](#), which was covered by the [BBC](#), [ITV](#) and [The Standard](#). The report will also inform a forthcoming [event](#) hosted by the Institution of Civil Engineers, where the Committee's Chair and sector experts will discuss its recommendations.

The Committee also wrote six letters to the Mayor on the 2026–27 GLA Group Budget. These included the [external view of priorities](#) and the budgets for [Affordable Housing](#), [GLA: Mayor](#), [London Fire Commissioner](#), [MOPAC/MPS](#), and [Transport for London](#).

The Committee's budget scrutiny received coverage on issues such as the [impact of a new national policing body on the Met's budget](#), [TfL bus performance](#), [the cost of cleaning tube graffiti](#), [West Ham relegation threat](#), and [the GLA's funding gap](#), highlighting the public's interest in the Mayor's budget.

## 2025-26 Q3: BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
22 July 2025	Capital funding and delivery 1
23 July 2025	Capital funding and delivery 2
18 September 2025	Mayor's manifesto
21 October 2025	External view of 2026-27 GLA Budget priorities
18 November 2025	GLA: Mayor 2026-27 Budget
1 December 2025	London Fire Commissioner 2026-27 Budget
10 December 2025	Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime 2026-27 Budget
16 December 2025	Transport for London 2026-27 Budget
6 January 2026	Affordable housing 2026-27 Budget
7 January 2026	GLA Officers 2026-27 Budget
26 January 2026	GLA Group 2026-27 Budget – Draft consolidated budget
25 February 2026	GLA Group 2026-27 Budget – Final draft consolidated budget
19 March 2026	Oxford Street Development Corporation

## 2025-26 Q3: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REVIEW

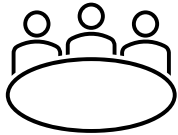
In Q3 2025-26 the  
**Environment  
Committee** had...



**1**

investigation  
underway

We held...



**3**

Committee  
meetings



**1**

Site visit – to the  
Bunhill heat network

We heard from...



**20**

guests giving oral  
evidence

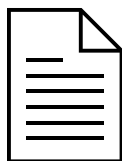


**12** responses to

**1**

Call for Evidence

We published...



**2**

Letters

To the Secretary of  
State for Transport  
about [Heathrow  
Expansion](#)

To the Mayor on  
[Climate Finance](#)

## 2025-26 Q3: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

During this quarter, the Committee followed up its previous work exploring the Mayor's 2030 target for achieving net zero carbon emissions in London by going into depth on one aspect – decarbonising heat.

The Committee held three formal meetings, a visit and launched a Call for Evidence on heat networks zoning, which received 12 written responses. The first meeting in November lay the foundations for the investigation exploring heat network technology, the policy context, and key issues. In the December meeting, the Committee heard views on the government's proposals for new heat network zones and the strategic implementation of heat networks and from a panel of 'waste heat' providers who outlined what will be needed for them to provide for waste heat to heat networks.

The final heat networks meeting in January heard the consumer perspective from representatives from Peabody and Citizens Advice who highlighted the importance of reliability and fair pricing. A second panel of guests from the GLA and DESNZ gave the Committee opportunity to hear and question them on their roles in strategic planning and funding for heat networks in London, in the context of the Warm Homes Plan – which was published the next week. Following this meeting, the Committee visited the Bunhill heat network in Islington, which uses excess heat from the tube network to provide heating for local residents and businesses.

Two letters shaped the quarter's outputs. The Committee wrote to Government expressing concerns about proposals for the expansion of Heathrow airport. The Committee also wrote to the Mayor on financing London's climate response.

The Committee also undertook topical scrutiny alongside the investigation, including speaking to Thames Water in November about its plans for a new reservoir to provide water for London, and questioning the Deputy Mayor in December following his visit to C40 Cities World Mayors Summit, in the run up to the COP30 climate conference in Brazil.

## 2025-26 Q3: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
14 May 2025	Nature 1: London's Trees in a Changing Climate
12 June 2025	Nature 2: London's Plan for Nature (London Plan and Local Nature Recovery Strategy)
15 July 2025	Nature 3: Parks for London
17 September 2025	Climate Finance
16 October 2025	Environmental Impacts of the Heathrow Expansion
4 November 2025	Expanding Heat Networks in London (Part 1)
3 December 2025	Expanding Heat Networks in London (Part 2)
8 January 2026	Expanding Heat Networks in London (Part 3)
3 February 2026	London's Environment: Stocktake
3 March 2026	Q+A with the Deputy Mayor

## 2025-26 Q3: ECONOMY, SKILLS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE REVIEW

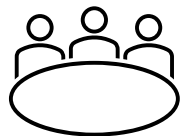
In Q3 2025-26 the **Economy, Skills and Community Committee** had...

We held...



**3**

investigations underway



**3**

Committee meetings

We heard from...



**15**

guests giving oral evidence



**10** written responses received to 2 Calls for Evidence and

**112** responses to

**2** surveys

We published...



**11**

recommendations



**1**

Report on [Employment in London after Prison](#)

## 2025-26 Q3: ECONOMY, SKILLS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee's report into '[Employment in London after prison](#)' was published in January. The report included recommendations directed towards the Mayor, MOPAC and the Government on how people leaving prison in London can be supported into work. The report received coverage in several news outlets including [Inside Time](#), [Enfield Dispatch](#) and [London Now](#), and positive feedback from stakeholders.

In November, the Committee held its second meeting on 'the declining number of children in London'. The first panel spoke about the impact of falling birth rates and children moving out of London on schools, with a notable rise in the number of schools closing or merging in recent years. The second panel spoke about what more can be done to make London a 'child-friendly city', with an emphasis on the built environment and play facilities for children. The Committee is preparing to launch its report on this topic, setting out comprehensive analysis of the data on London's child population and measures that can be taken to address the decline.

In December, the Committee held the first meeting of its investigation into London's unpaid carers. Members heard from leading charities who support unpaid carers, as well as a local authority. The second meeting of this investigation took place in January, and included a roundtable with carers in London, who spoke about the challenges they face making ends meet and balancing work and care. The meetings have helped the Committee build a strong evidence base for a forthcoming report with recommendations on how more effective support can be provided.

## 2025-26 Q3: ECONOMY, SKILLS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
11 June 2025	Universal Basic Income (site visit)
25 June 2025	Universal Basic Income
16 July 2025	Employment in London After Prison - Part 1
2 September 2025	Employment in London After Prison - Part 2
14 October 2025	The Declining Number of Children in London Part 1
13 November 2025	The Declining Number of Children in London Part 2
10 December 2025	Unpaid Carers in London - Part 1
12 January 2026	Unpaid Carers in London - Part 2
4 February 2026	Community banks
3 March 2026	London Growth Plan

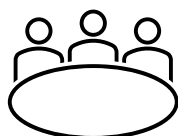
In Q3 2025-26 the  
**GLA Oversight  
Committee** had...



**1**

investigation  
underway

We held...



**3**

Committee  
meetings

We heard from...



**13**

guests giving  
oral evidence

## 2025-26 Q3 GLA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

In November, the Committee's meeting covered a broad span of topics, holding three separate panels on: the establishment of the Oxford St Mayoral Development Corporation; proposals for the GLA & Mayoral Elections 2028; and the upcoming New Year's Eve fireworks in London. Members questioned guests from across the GLA leadership on their delivery of all three initiatives, and agreed letters with recommendations [to be published].

In December, the Committee launched its final major investigation of the year, choosing to examine its own approach to Plenary Ways of Working. It first held informal meetings with counterparts in the Scottish Parliament to discuss their work on internal reforms, while gathering views from all assembly members on potential priorities for their work. This was followed by an informal meeting in December to discuss topics and options in depth, before launching the scope and call for evidence in January.

In December, the Committee also approved the use of Assembly resources to support the first Assembly rapporteurship of this term. The rapporteurship will focus on enabling community use of school sports facilities in London, led by AM Krupesh Hirani.

In January, the Committee held its first public meeting on the Plenary Ways of Working, hearing from journalists who cover the Assembly's work to discuss the impact of Plenary meetings. A second panel included academic guests working on scrutiny governance, to discuss the purpose and procedures of plenary meetings at the Assembly.

## 2025-26 Q3 GLA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
14 May 2025	Devolution (Part 1)
12 June 2025	Devolution (Part 2)
9 July 2025	Devolution (Part 3) 2028 GLA elections
10 September 2025	Mayoral Mandates / Delivery Plans Workforce Report
23 October 2025	Resilience
12 November 2025	Oxford Street MDC 2028 GLA elections London's New Year's Eve Fireworks Event
11 December 2025	London Assembly Plenary Ways of Working (Part 1)
21 January 2026	London Assembly Plenary Ways of Working (Part 2)
10 February 2026	London Assembly Plenary Ways of Working (Part 3)
12 March 2026	London Assembly Plenary Ways of Working (Part 4)

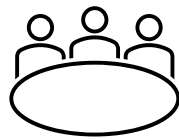
## 2025-26 Q3 IN REVIEW

In Q3 2025-26 the  
**Health Committee**  
had...



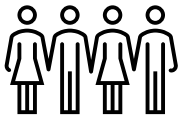
**2**  
investigations  
underway

We held...



**2**  
Committee  
meetings

We heard from...



**16**  
guests giving  
oral evidence



**6**  
responses received  
to **1** survey

We published...



**1** report on [Men's mental health in London](#).



**10**  
recommendations

## 2025-26 Q3: HEALTH COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee published its report on men's mental health on 19 November 2026, which was International Men's Day. The report was launched with a successful event in City Hall, with a good turnout of guests who had contributed to the investigation. The Chair introduced the report, with representatives of Mind in London and the NHS also speaking. The Chair then took part in a staff network panel event in London's Living Room on men's mental health, which was organised by GLA staff.

The Committee held the second and final meeting of its investigation into weight loss medicines in November. The Committee heard from both the NHS and private providers who prescribe the medication, as well as a panel of Londoners who had received treatment for obesity on the NHS. This provided important insight for the Committee's report, which is due to be published in March 2026.

In January, the Committee held a meeting on breast cancer screening in London, which explored why London has a lower uptake of breast cancer screening than other parts of the country. This was followed by a panel of GLA and TfL representatives about public health messaging on the TfL network, which produced new insights into how advertising space is allocated by the GLA and TfL.

Date	Topic
2 June 2025	Men's mental health part 1
2 July 2025	Men's mental health part 2
10 September 2025	Weight loss medicines part 1
26 November 2025	Weight loss medicines part 2
22 January 2026	Breast cancer screening Public health messaging on TfL network
4 March 2026	Violence against healthcare staff

In Q3 2025-26 the  
**Housing Committee**  
had...



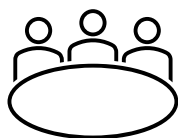
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We held...

**3**

Committee  
meetings



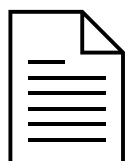
We heard from...

**17**

guests giving  
oral evidence



We published...



**1** report on the  
Mayor's [Affordable  
Homes  
Programmes.](#)



**12**

recommendations

## 2025-26 Q3: HOUSING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The highlight of this period was the publication of the Committee's report on the Mayor's Affordable Homes Programmes. The report outlined the challenges facing housebuilding in the capital, and the fact that the Mayor had a considerable way to go to meet his targets for housing 'starts' as part of the 2021-26 programme. It also discussed the shortage of family-sized and accessible homes being built in London and urged the Mayor to take action to address this. The investigation took place at a time when the details of a new, ten-year Social and Affordable Homes Programme are being determined, and recommended how the new programme could help deliver both the number and type of homes Londoners need. The report received significant media coverage, including broadcast interviews with the Chair.

The Committee held meetings in November and December as part of its investigation into allocations of social housing. At the first of these meetings, guests from boroughs and London Councils discussed the challenges they faced in ensuring social homes are allocated fairly. At the final meeting, the Committee heard arguments about problems with the allocations system, including how it can exclude Londoners in debt. The Committee also heard from the Deputy Mayor about how the GLA could help strengthen this system in London. A final report from the investigation is being prepared.

In January 2026, the Committee held the first meeting of its investigation into the implementation and monitoring of the Renters' Rights Act in London. The Committee heard from both renters' and landlords' representatives, as well as councils who will be responsible for enforcing many of the new rights. Some of the key measures in the Act, including the abolition of 'Section 21' evictions, will come into effect in May this year, and guests expressed concerns about councils' capacity to monitor and enforce these measures.

## 2025-26 Q3: HOUSING COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
26 June 2025	Accessible housing
10 July 2025	Affordable housing delivery 1
9 September 2025	Affordable housing delivery 2
15 October 2025	Allocation of social housing 1
25 November 2025	Allocation of social housing 2
17 December 2025	Allocation of social housing 3
20 January 2025	Renters' Rights Act 1
9 February 2026	Renters' Rights Act 2
12 March 2026	Rough sleeping in London

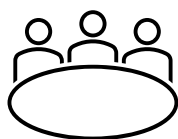
## 2025-26 Q3 IN REVIEW

In Q3 2025-26 the **Police and Crime Committee** had...

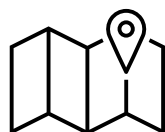


**3** investigations underway

We held...



**8** Committee meetings



**1** site visit

We heard from...



**28** guests giving oral evidence



**6** written responses received to **1** Call for Evidence and **1058** responses to **1** survey

We published...



**2** letters

To the Deputy Assistant Commissioner [asking for further information/clarification following the Met's response to the TSG letter](#)

To the Met Commissioner about the [planned strike action by the Met on New Year's Eve](#)

## 2025-26 Q3: POLICE AND CRIME COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter marked the Committee's busiest period so far this year, with eight formal meetings held between November and January.

In December the Committee used its statutory powers to issue a summons to the Mayor. This required the Mayor to attend and explain why the Committee had not received a copy of the Metropolitan Police's draft estate strategy, preventing Members from commenting on it as part of their formal oversight role. The summons marked a rare use of the Committee's formal powers and was picked up by the press here: [Police stations in London to be sold under new estate plan - BBC News](#)

The Committee continued its investigation into hate crime and violence against women and girls on London's public transport. On 17 December, it brought together representatives from the Met, the City of London Police, the British Transport Police and TfL for a joint evidence session. Members noted that this was the first time since before the pandemic that all three policing bodies had appeared together before the Committee.

As part of the same investigation, Members undertook a visit to Mulberry Academy to hear directly from young Londoners about their experiences of using public transport. This visit came about after the students attended a Committee meeting and the Chair subsequently invited the school to participate in the investigation ensuring we captured young voices as part of our evidence.

The Committee held three Q&A's with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime in this period. The Committee also launched an investigation into MOPAC's oversight of the Met's culture change, with the first meeting held in January.

## 2025-26 Q3: POLICE AND CRIME COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
21 May 2025	Q&A meeting
4 June 2025	Thematic meeting - TSG
18 June 2025	Q&A meeting with MOPAC and the Met
2 July 2025	Thematic meeting – Neighbourhood policing
16 July 2025	Q&A meeting
3 September 2025	Thematic meeting – Neighbourhood policing
17 September 2025	Q&A meeting
16 October 2025	Q&A meeting
5 November 2025	Thematic meeting – Crime on public transport: part 1
19 November 2025	Q&A meeting
3 December 2025	Thematic meeting – Crime on public transport: part 1
17 December 2025	Q&A meeting
14 January 2025	Thematic meeting – Casey part 1
28 January 2026	Q&A meeting
11 February 2026	Thematic meeting – Casey part 2
25 February 2026	Q&A meeting
11 March 2026	Thematic meeting – Online fraud (including procurement)
26 March 2026	Q&A meeting

## 2025-26 Q3: PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

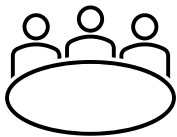
In Q3 2025-26 the **Planning and Regeneration Committee** had...



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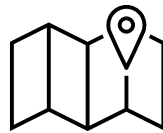
investigations underway

We held...



**3**

Committee meetings



**1**

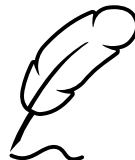
site visit

We heard from...



**24**

guests giving oral evidence



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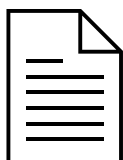
written responses received to **1** Call for Evidence

and **1058** responses to

**1**

survey

We published...



**1**

report

To the Mayor, and the National Energy System Operator on [Gridlocked: how planning can ease London's electricity constraints](#)

## 2025-26 Q3: PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee has had a busy quarter, starting with the publication of its first report of the Assembly year: [Gridlocked: how planning can ease London's electricity constraints](#). This report was focussed on the increasing numbers of data centres in west London and the impacts on grid capacity and housing delivery.

This topic has proven timely as seen through both the breadth and depth of interest in the report's publication. The report's findings were picked up across various trade publications, mainstream news outlets and podcasts (the "Yimby Pod" then known as the Abundance agenda podcast). But its relevance is also seen in the focus of the Government's NPPF consultation which launched only days after the report's publication seeking views on planning, data centres and onsite energy generation.

The Committee also launched two new investigations on 'Mid-rise development in the London Plan' and on 'New Towns in London'. The Committee launched its work examining New Towns with a site visit to Thamesmead – one of the potential locations of a new town in the capital, where the Committee heard about the potential development of the site.

In between these investigations, the Committee also held a meeting focussed on better design in London. This picked up on various strands of Committee scrutiny with experts working in public engagement with building design in London.

## 2025-26 Q3: PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
9 June 2025	London Plan Consultation
26 June 2025	Energy Infrastructure: Part 1
8 September 2025	Energy Infrastructure: Part 2
22 October 2025	Mid-rise Development and the London plan: Part 1
27 November 2025	Mid-rise Development and the London plan: Part 2
8 December 2025	Better Design for London
28 January 2026	New towns for London Part 1
11 February 2026	New towns for London Part 2
10 March 2026	Living in a Heating City

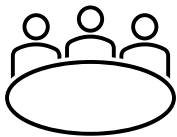
## 2025-26 Q3: FIRE COMMITTEE

In Q3 2025-26 the  
**Fire Committee**  
had...

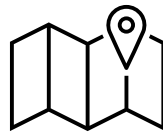


**1**  
investigation  
underway

We held...



**2**  
Committee  
meetings



**2**  
site visits

We heard from...



**14**  
guests giving  
oral evidence



**9**  
written responses  
received to **1** Call  
for Evidence

## 2025-26 Q3: FIRE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee's focus on the health and wellbeing of firefighters continued this quarter, beginning with site visits to Poplar and Old Kent Road fire stations as part of the investigation into fire contaminants. During these visits, Members saw and heard first-hand how LFB policies introduced in 2022 are shaping operational practices to minimise contaminants exposures, but also how the existing fire estate is placing constraints on these policies. The visits took place ahead of the Committee's second and final meeting of the investigation, enabling Members to raise questions with LFB based on what they had observed on site.

The Committee also held a meeting to explore the mental health and wellbeing of firefighters in London, given the numbers of firefighters reporting experiences of stress, anxiety and depression has been increasing. In the meeting, the Committee asked of the invited experts: who is there to rescue the rescuers?

Date	Topic
23 May 2025	Confirmation Hearing London Fire Commissioner
3 June 2025	Arson incidents in London
1 July 2025	Priorities for the next London Fire Commissioner
16 September 2025	Contaminants and the impact on firefighter health and wellbeing
2 December 2025	Contaminants and the impact on firefighter health and wellbeing
13 January 2026	Mental health & wellbeing of firefighters
17 March 2026	Q&A with the London Fire Commissioner and Deputy Mayor

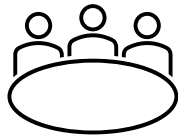
## 2025-26 Q3: TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

In Q3 2025-26 the  
**Transport  
Committee** had...



**1**  
investigation  
underway

We held...



**4**  
Committee  
meetings

We heard from...



**16**  
guests giving  
oral evidence



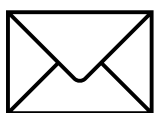
**20**  
written responses  
received to **2** Calls  
for Evidence

We published...



**1**  
report

To TfL on the walkability of  
London's pavements, '[Quality  
streets: improving London's  
Pavements](#)'



**2**  
letters

To the Secretary of State for  
Transport on [TfL's rail devolution  
plans](#)

To TfL and the Mayor on [Car  
Clubs in London](#)

## 2025-26 Q3: TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

In December, following the announcement by Zipcar at the beginning of the month that it intended to wind down its UK operations by year's end, the Committee convened an extraordinary and topical session on the future of car clubs in the capital. Recognising the urgency of the situation, the Committee brought together the Deputy Mayor for Transport, Transport for London (TfL) and CoMoUK to scrutinise the implications for Londoners and for the capital's integrated transport network. The session also provided an opportunity to revisit and build on the Committee's previous work on car clubs. Following the meeting, the Committee wrote to the Mayor and TfL setting out further requests and recommendations to support the car club industry in London.

The Committee also published its report [Quality Streets: improving London's pavements](#) in December. This report calls for a range of measures to improve the walkability of London's streets and pavements, including that TfL should commission and publish research on the reasons behind the plateau in walking trips, as well as the barriers to 'wheeling' (the use of wheeled mobility aids such as wheelchairs) , and use this as the basis for a new Walking and Wheeling Action Plan, to be published in 2026.

The Committee continued its investigation into road space, driving and congestion with meetings in November looking at freight, December on bus speeds and a final meeting with TfL in January.

The Committee also held its annual meeting with London TravelWatch on its Business Plan, hearing from the Chair and Chief Executive of London TravelWatch in December.

## 2025-26 Q3 TRANSPORT COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
15 May 2025	TfL's Taxi and Private Hire Action Plan 2025
17 June 2025	TfL's Taxi and Private Hire Action Plan 2025
8 July 2025	Fare Evasion
25 September 2025	Walkability of London's pavements
23 October 2025	Road Space, Driving and Congestion
12 November 2025	Road Space, Driving and Congestion
9 December 2025	Bus Journey times and London TravelWatch Business Plan 2026-27
16 December 2025	Car Clubs in London: Zipcar December 2025 Announcement
21 January 2026	Road Space, Driving and Congestion
24 February 2026	Assaults on Transport Workers in London
25 March 2026	Question and Answer with Transport for London Commissioner and Deputy Mayor for Transport

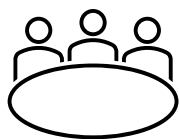
# In Q3 2025-26 the **Assembly** hosted a conference: **Holding Mayors to account: The future of scrutiny in devolved government**

The Assembly held a major conference on the future of mayoral scrutiny on 27 November 2026, co-hosting with its partner Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS).

The conference was launched with a keynote from the Rt Hon the Lord Heseltine CM and continued with panels and workshops throughout the day. Topics ranged from elected members' role in financial scrutiny and the potential of Local Public Accounts Committees, to ways of scrutinising Mayoral Development Corporations and achieving broader impact through scrutiny.

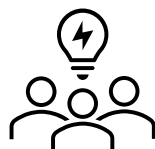
The conference attracted interest from elected members and officials working in mayoral and devolved scrutiny from combined authorities and councils across England, as well as partner organisations, parliament and government.

### We heard from...



**6**

panels



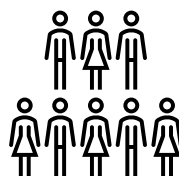
**3**

workshops



**31**

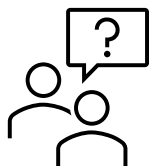
speakers



**87**

participants

In Q3 2025-26 the **London Assembly**...



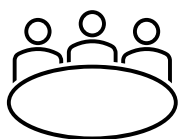
asked **1,510**  
Mayoral Questions

We received...



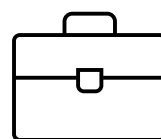
**3**  
Petition responses from the Mayor to petitions on: restoration of the 138 bus service to every 20 minutes; the closure of the 24/7 police front counter at Kensington Police Station; and proposed improvements to Rectory Road, Stoke Newington.

We held...



**3**

Plenary meetings, with Q&A sessions on policing in London; housing and planning; and the Mayor's draft consolidated budget for 2026-27.



**2**

Confirmation Hearings for the Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation; and the Chair of the Oxford Street Development Corporation.

## [2025-26] Q3 IN REVIEW: COMMUNICATIONS

In Q3 2025-26 the **London Assembly...**



**Issued 62 Operational Notes**

**Published 43 News Releases**



**Recorded 70 Videos**

### Social Media



**1309** new  
followers  
across all  
social  
platforms



**27.7** reach  
across  
Facebook  
and  
Instagram



**51k** Video  
views on  
outube and X,  
with **371k**  
impressions