

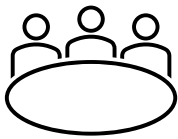
## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW

In Q1 2025-26  
**Assembly  
Committees** had...



**11**  
investigations  
underway

We held...



**29**  
Committee  
meetings



**4**  
site visits

We heard from...

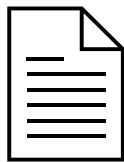


**135**  
guests giving  
oral evidence

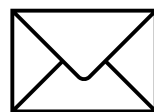


**4**  
Calls for Evidence

We published...



**4**  
report



**20**  
letters



**91**  
recommendations

## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Fire Committee	LFB culture	Output response	LFB responded to the Committee's report (published in April). This included commitments to keep under review recommended changes. In line with these, LFB has launched recruitment for an <a href="#">Independent Chair of Professional Standards</a> – one of the Committee's key recommendations.
Fire Committee	Arson in London	meeting	The Committee's meeting and subsequent letter each gained coverage in local media & national bulletins, ie <a href="#">Arson increase in London prompts inquiry by fire committee; Standard, LocalGov</a>
Health Committee	Men's mental health	Evidence-gathering/ developing findings	The Mayor's Health Advisor invited the Committee to submit its provisional investigation findings to inform the GLA's submission to government consultation on men's health strategy. Committee findings were subsequently included in the GLA's submission.

## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Economy, Culture and Skills Committee	Care leavers' access to employment, education and skills	Report publication	Coverage in the <a href="#">Standard</a> . <a href="#">Supportive response</a> to report published by Drive Forward Foundation. Letter of thanks received from the National Network for the Education of Care Leavers for the investigation and report. The Pan London Compact for Care Leavers invited scrutiny officials to present at its meeting.
Economy, Culture and Skills Committee	Broadband connectivity	Output response	The Mayor responded to the Committee's letter acknowledging "valuable" "insights and recommendations", and committing to "continue to make representations to the Government" about Project Gigabit, as recommended by Committee.

## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Police and Crime Committee	Public order policing	Report publication	Committee report was referred to in a letter to culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, by Notting Hill Carnival chair, Ian Comfort (leaked and reported in <a href="#">The Guardian</a> , <a href="#">Express</a> , <a href="#">BBC</a> , <a href="#">The Telegraph</a> ). The report findings were also referenced separately in BBC News article <a href="#">Notting Hill: 'Tackle knife crime but Carnival didn't kill Cher'</a>
Police and Crime Committee	Q&A	Meeting	Media coverage of the Committee's Q&A with Deputy Mayor <a href="#">Sadiq Khan's policing deputy unable to say how many police stations will shut   The Standard</a>
Planning & Regeneration Committee	London Assembly Planning and Regeneration Committee London Plan Response	Meeting	Media coverage of comments from the Deputy Mayor to the Committee <a href="#">Housing targets an 'intellectual exercise' without 'enormous' subsidy</a>
Transport Committee	Taxi and private hire	Evidence gathering & publication	TaxiPoint and the Standard covered the Committee's work on taxi and private hire, including articles on the Committee's meetings <a href="#">here</a> , <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> . The Committee's work on licencing delays also got picked up by <a href="#">Taxipoint</a> .

## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Transport	N/A	N/A	The Committee's letter to TfL and the British Transport Police calling for blue light status of Emergency Response Unit vehicles to be reinstated gained coverage from the <a href="#">BBC</a> .
Audit Panel	N/A	N/A	The Panel's review of the audit report on the 'Use and Control of Agency Staff' was covered by <a href="#">The Standard</a> .
Budget and Performance Committee	Capital funding and delivery	Meeting	The Committee's meeting on delivering transport infrastructure at low cost was reported in <a href="#">MyLondon</a>
Housing Committee	Women leaving prison	Output	The Committee's report on women leaving prisons saw coverage in <a href="#">MyLondon</a> .
Housing Committee	Leasehold charges	Output	The Committee's report calling on the Mayor to cap leasehold costs was launched at an event in Parliament on 16 July. The report's findings were picked up by several publications, including: <a href="#">Property Reporter</a> , <a href="#">London Evening Standard</a> , <a href="#">PropertyWire</a> , and <a href="#">Housing Today</a> .

## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Environment Committee	<a href="#">Involving Londoners in the pathway to Net Zero by 2030</a> - May 2025	Publication response	The Committee recommended the Mayor develop and publish a public engagement strategy for net zero, co-ordinated by the London Partnership. In response, the GLA is beginning the development of a new climate action plan for London, including working collaboratively with key partners such as the London Partnership Board, London boroughs and other networks.
Environment Committee	<a href="#">Involving Londoners in the pathway to Net Zero by 2030</a> - May 2025	Following publication	The investigation and current Chair were both invited to speak on panels in relation to the themes of the report: <a href="#">Shaping the UK Public Participation Strategy for Net Zero</a> run by Involve and the Young Foundation, and a <a href="#">Centre for Cities roundtable on Net zero and local government with Minister Kerry McCarthy</a>
Environment Committee	The Committee's August 2018 <a href="#">report on Unflushables</a>	Rec. 6 of published report	The Committee called for a ban on unflushable wet wipes that contain plastic. In July 2025, the government <a href="#">published the draft statutory instrument</a> to ban wet wipes – which would come into force in 18 months.

## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW: IMPACT

Committee	Investigation	Stage	Impact
Environment Committee	<a href="#">Local Food Growing</a>	Complete – response received	The Committee requested clarity of funding for Capital Growth, in its <a href="#">November 2024 letter</a> , which was reiterated in its <a href="#">April 2025</a> report. In its <a href="#">response in July 2025</a> , the GLA confirmed funding for the Capital Growth network is until at least late 2026.
Environment Committee	London's Trees in a Changing Climate	Meeting	News outlets covered the meeting's focus on actions to take to mitigate the impact of a warming climate on London's trees: <a href="#">BBC</a> , <a href="#">The Standard</a> , <a href="#">Waltham Forest Echo</a> .
Environment Committee	London's Trees in a Changing Climate	Output	News outlets reported on the Committee's letter to the Secretary of State for Environment, calling for strengthened protections for ancient and mature trees: <a href="#">The Standard</a> , <a href="#">ProArb</a> .

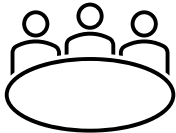
## 2025-26 Q1 IN REVIEW

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**Police and Crime  
Committee** had...



**1**  
investigations  
underway

We held...



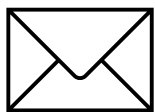
**5**  
Committee  
meetings

We heard from...



**9**  
guests giving  
oral evidence

We published...



**3**  
letters

To the Met  
Commissioner about  
the Territorial Support  
Group [[Letter](#)]

To the Met  
Commissioner about lost  
evidence [[Letter](#)]

To the Met asking for  
clarification on its  
response to the  
Committee's public order  
policing report [[Letter](#)]

## 2025-26 Q1: POLICE AND CRIME COMMITTEE

### HIGHLIGHTS

In this quarter, the Police and Crime Committee began an investigation into neighbourhood policing and young Londoners. The first meeting, held on 2 July, brought together experts to explore how policing can build trust and respond better to the needs of young people. It also launched a survey to seek the views of those that work closely with young people to understand how the Met is engaging with them, ensuring they are safe and building trust.

In June, the Committee also held a meeting in which it questioned Met officers on the role of the Territorial Support Group (TSG). Following the meeting it published a letter to the Met Commissioner calling for greater transparency and accountability in the TSGs operations.

The Committee also held three Q&A meetings. One with the Met Police and the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC), Kaya Comer-Schwartz. And two others with the DMPC and officers from MOPAC. Topics raised included: the 2025-26 policing budget and Government Spending Review, acquisitive crime and assaults on shop workers, drugs, vetting reforms, vehicle ramming and the Independent Sentencing Review. In its July Q&A the Committee also questioned the DMPC on how the Met records, stores and protects after it had written to the Met in June following a BBC report on lost evidence.

The Committee received responses to its report on violence against women and girls (VAWG) from both the Met and Jess Phillips MP, Minister for Safeguarding and VAWG. The Met also responded to the Committee's report on public order policing. Following the response, the Committee wrote to the Met to seek clarification and further information on some of the recommendations.

Outside of formal Committee meetings, the Committee held an informal meeting with the Global Commission on Drugs Policy. And the Chair of the Committee held an introductory meeting with the Met Commissioner.

## 2025-26 Q1: 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

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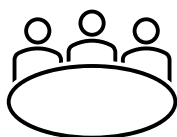
In Q1 2025-26 the  
**Health Committee**  
had...



**2**  
investigations  
underway

We held...

**2**  
Committee  
meetings



**1**  
Informal  
roundtable

We heard from...

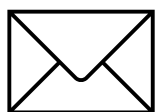


**15**  
guests giving  
oral evidence



**11**  
written responses  
received to **1** Call  
for Evidence

We published...



**2**  
letters

To the Mayor and  
TfL to promote public  
health messaging on  
TfL network [[Letter to  
the Mayor](#)]

## 2026-26 Q1: HEALTH COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter, the Health Committee launched two investigations, one into men's mental health and another into the use of weight-loss medication in London.

As part of the men's mental health investigation, the Committee held two formal meetings, in which members heard from experts in the field including charities and clinicians. At the second meeting, the Committee heard directly from a panel of men with lived experience, who shared personal insights into the unique challenges facing men's mental health in the capital. This followed an earlier informal roundtable hosted by the charity Mind, where the Committee heard from Londoners with lived experience.

The Committee also scoped out its investigation into the rising use of weight-loss jabs in London. The first meeting for this investigation will be held in September 2025.

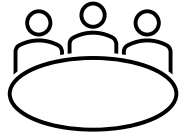
Outside of formal investigations, in May, the Committee wrote to TfL and the Mayor of London urging them to use advertising spaces across the TfL network to promote vital public health messaging.

## 2025-26 Q1: HEALTH COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

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
4 March 2026	Public health messaging campaigns across the GLA Group

## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW

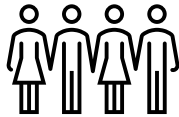
In Q1 2025-2026  
**Audit Panel** held...



**1**

Committee  
meetings

We heard from...



**6**

guests giving  
oral evidence

## 2025-26 Q1: AUDIT PANEL PROGRAMME

In Q1, the Audit Panel reviewed audit reports on the Use and Control of Agency Staff, the Core Growth Hub Grant Independent Audit Report 2024-25, GLA Internal Audit Progress Report July 2025, the GLA Internal Audit Charter 2025, and the Internal Audit Annual Report 2024/25.

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

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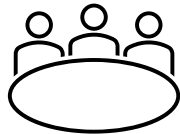
In Q1 2025-2026  
**Budget and  
Performance  
Committee** had...



**1**

investigations  
underway

We held...



**2**

Committee  
meetings

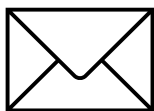
We heard from...



**9**

guests giving  
oral evidence

We published...



**1**

letters



**5**

recommendations

## 2025-26 Q1: BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter, the Budget and Performance Committee held two formal meetings as part of its investigation into how to fund and deliver major transport infrastructure projects in London at low-cost.

The first meeting focused on funding. Members heard from a range of experts about the different funding sources available for large-scale transport infrastructure schemes, including fares, government contributions, and private investment. The discussion included references to potential future projects such as the DLR extension to Thamesmead and considered a variety of funding approaches that are currently under review.

The second meeting explored low-cost delivery. Witnesses shared insights on how London could improve the cost-effectiveness of major transport schemes, as well as having a compelling narrative to justify investments – such as the case for the Bakerloo Line Extension. Themes included project planning, procurement, and workforce development.

Separately, in May, the Committee wrote to the Mayor of London with suggestions for improving the process behind the climate budget. The letter focused on how climate-related investments could be communicated more effectively to Londoners, with an emphasis on building public understanding and support.

## 2025-26 Q1: 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	TBC

## 2025-26 Q1 OVERALL REVIEW

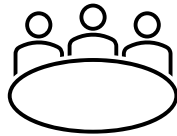
In Q1 2025-2026  
**The Housing  
Committee** had...



**2**

investigations  
underway

We held...



**2**

Committee  
meetings

We heard from...



**14**

guests giving  
oral evidence

We published...



**2**

reports

On [costs facing leaseholders](#),  
and housing needs for [women  
leaving prison](#).



**3**

letters

To the Mayor on [accessible  
housing](#) in London, challenges  
[financing housing](#), and  
responding to the [Towards a  
New London Plan consultation](#).



**35**

recommendations

## 2025-26 Q1: HOUSING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Committee published two reports in quarter one, the first highlighting the increasing costs associated with leasehold in London, including a survey of leaseholders in London. The second report highlighted the chronic shortage of affordable and safe housing in London for women leaving prison.

The Committee's first meeting of the quarter focused on accessible housing in London. Policy experts, campaigners and representatives from the GLA came together to explore the challenges Deaf and Disabled Londoners face in finding suitable housing, and to identify the barriers to better provision. Following this meeting, the Committee published a letter on 7 August with eight recommendations for the Mayor and the GLA.

The Committee held its first session on the Mayor's Affordable Housing Delivery with GLA delivery partners. Representatives from councils, housing associations and a supported housing provider shared their experiences under the 2016-23 and 2021-26 Affordable Homes Programmes (AHP), as well as what they'd like to see from the upcoming 2026-36 AHP.

The Committee also launched a Call for Evidence for this meeting on 8 July, which aims to gather further evidence from AHP delivery partners.

Outside of formal investigations, in July the Committee submitted a response to the Mayor's consultation 'Towards a new London Plan', which summarises relevant recommendations across Housing Committee outputs since 2022.

## 2025-26 Q1: 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	TBC
9 February 2026	Private rented sector in London 1
12 March 2026	Private rented sector in London 2

## 2025-26 Q1 IN REVIEW

In Q1 2025-26 the  
**Transport  
Committee** had...



**1**  
investigation  
underway

We held...



**3**  
Committee  
meetings

We heard from...

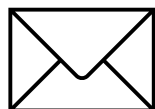


**14**  
guests giving  
oral evidence



**10**  
written evidence  
submissions

We published...



**2**  
letters

To the TfL  
Commissioner on [TfL's  
taxi and private hire  
licensing delays](#)

To TfL and the BTP on  
[blue light status for  
Emergency Response  
Vehicles](#)

## 2025-26 Q1: TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

In the first quarter of 2025-26, the Transport Committee held an investigation on taxi and private hire vehicles in London. The Committee heard from taxi and private hire driver representatives about various issues including licencing delays, a private hire vehicle cap, cross-border hiring, safety and financial support. The Committee then held a meeting with Transport for London (TfL), to question them on these areas and on TfL's Taxi and Private Hire Action Plan 2025.

Following this meeting, the Committee wrote to TfL about delays in processing taxi and private hire licences and requested weekly progress updates on reducing the backlog of licencing applications. TfL committed to provide the Committee with fortnightly updates; the Committee continues to receive these updates and monitor TfL's progress.

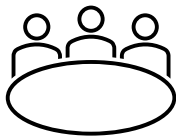
The Committee also held a meeting on fare evasion, to look at what TfL is doing to tackle fare evasion and the impact that fare evasion has on TfL staff. The Committee heard from London TravelWatch, RMT and TfL on issues including violence and aggression towards TfL staff, station staffing, lone working and the British Transport Police response.

In July, the Committee published a letter to TfL and the British Transport Police regarding the blue light status of Emergency Response Unit (ERU) vehicles. ERU vehicles were given blue light status following the London Assembly review of the emergency response to the 7/7 tube and bus bombings in 2005. In 2025 it was reported that this blue light status has been withdrawn, the Committee recommended that it should be reinstated.

## 2025-26 Q1: 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	To include questions on London TravelWatch Business Plan
21 January 2026	TBC
24 February 2026	TBC
25 March 2026	Q&A with TfL Commissioner and Deputy Mayor (TBC)

In Q1 2025-26 the  
**Fire Committee**  
held...



**3**

Committee  
meetings

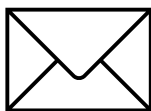
We heard from...



**12**

guests giving  
oral evidence

We published...



**3**

letters

To the Fire Commissioner and Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service on [priorities for the new London Fire Commissioner](#) and to the Mayor on the [increase in incidents of arson in London](#).

## 2025-26 Q1: FIRE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter, the Committee focused much of its scrutiny on the role of the London Fire Commissioner (LFC). This followed the planned retirement of Andy Roe KFSM on 30 June, after five years as LFC and 23 years as a firefighter, and appointment of Jonathan Smith as new LFC on 1 July following a confirmation hearing by the Committee.

After unanimously approving his appointment as Commissioner, and on his first day in post, the Committee convened with expert guests and the Commissioner himself to discuss his priorities for keeping Londoners safe. Ahead of this, the Committee also engaged with LFB staff network leads to gather their views on what those priorities should be.

In the Committee's other meeting, it addressed rising arson rates across London, with incidents increasing in all but four boroughs. Following this, the Committee wrote to the Mayor urging him to establish an arson taskforce and back a London-wide, data-driven response.

The Committee also received a response from LFB to its report examining culture in the Brigade (published in April). This response included commitments to keep under review recommended changes. In line with these, LFB held a Confirmation Hearing for the Mayor's nominee, Jonathan has launched recruitment for an Independent Chair of Professional Standards – one of the Committee's key recommendations.

## 2025-26 Q1: FIRE COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

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	TBC
17 March 2026	TBC

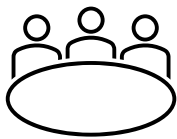
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**Economy, Culture  
and Skills  
Committee** had...



**2**  
investigations  
underway

We held...



**2**  
Committee  
meetings



**1**  
site  
visit/roundtable

We heard from...



**11**  
guests giving  
oral evidence



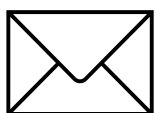
**7**  
written responses  
received to **1** Call  
for Evidence

We published...



**1**  
report

Careers after care: helping care-experienced young Londoners fulfil their potential [[click here](#)]



**2**  
letters

To the Mayor on major sporting events in London [[click here](#)]  
To the Mayor on broadband connectivity in London [[click here](#)]

## 2025-26 Q1: ECONOMY, SKILLS & CULTURE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Economy, Culture and Skills Committee published one report during this quarter. In May 2025, the Committee published [Careers after care: helping care-experienced young Londoners fulfil their potential](#), which examined the barriers faced by care-experienced young people and recommended actions to support their education and employment opportunities. This report was highlighted by media such as [The Standard](#).

The Committee also issued two letters to the Mayor of London during this period. One letter focused [on the role of major sporting events in boosting London's economy](#), and the need for the Mayor to support both the attraction and delivery of such events. The second letter addressed [broadband connectivity in London](#), raising concerns about digital exclusion and the uneven access to high-speed internet across boroughs.

The Committee kicked off the new year with an investigation into Universal Basic Income in London, starting with a site visit to the community group Grange Big Local in East Finchley on 11 June 2025. The visit, held at the Tarling Road Community Hub, included a roundtable discussion with local stakeholders and policy experts. It followed this up with a committee meeting on 26 June. It also commissioned survey questions on UBI as part of the GLA's monthly poll of Londoners.

During this quarter, the Committee also launched a call for evidence seeking views on the employment challenges and opportunities faced by prison leavers in London. The first meeting for this investigation took place on 16 July 2025 and featured two panels of expert guests. Guests included senior leaders from organisations specialising in prison education, rehabilitation, and resettlement support.

## 2025-26 Q1: ECONOMY, CULTURE AND SKILLS COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

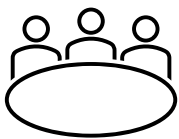
Date	Topic
11 June 2025	Universal Basic Income (Site Visit)
25 June 2025	Universal Basic Income
16 July 2025	Employment in London After Prison - Part 1
2 September 2025	Employment in London After Prison - Part 2
14 October 2025	Is London a Family-Friendly City? Part 1
13 November 2025	Is London a Family-Friendly City? Part 2
10 December 2025	Unpaid Carers in London
12 January 2026	Unpaid Carers in London
4 February 2026	London Growth Plan
11 March 2026	Community Banks

In Q1 2025-26 the  
**Planning &  
Regeneration  
Committee** had...



**1**  
investigation  
underway

We held...



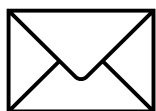
**2**  
Committee  
meetings

We heard from...



**14**  
guests giving  
oral evidence

We published...



**1**  
letter

To the Mayor on the  
[London Plan  
Consultation](#)

## 2025-26 Q1: PLANNING & REGENERATION COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter, the Committee continued its scrutiny of the development of a new London Plan by holding a meeting in May. It held a one-off meeting, in which it questioned guests (including councils, developers, and the Deputy Mayor) about the GLA's *Towards a London Plan* consultation. The meeting was picked up by media including [OnLondon](#). Following the meeting, the Committee published a [consultation response](#).

The Committee also launched an investigation into energy infrastructure and planning in this quarter. In its first meeting of the investigation, the Committee heard from two panels of expert guests on the challenges of energy capacity constraints in west London and how this is affecting the ability to meet London's housing targets.

9 June 2025	Towards a New London Plan – Consultation response meeting
26 June 2025	Can London's energy grid support new housing and economic growth? - Part 1
8 September 2025	Can London's energy grid support new housing and economic growth? - Part 2
22 October 2025	Housing and the London Plan – Part 1
27 November 2025	Housing and the London Plan – Part 2
TBC December 2025	Opportunity areas / New towns for London (TBC) - Part 1
28 January 2026	Opportunity areas / New towns for London (TBC) - Part 2
TBC February 2026	Public engagement with design (TBC)
10 March 2026	Living in a heating city

In Q1 2025-26 the  
**Environment  
Committee**

We heard from...

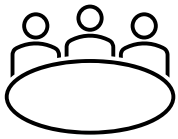
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guests giving  
oral evidence

We held...

**3**



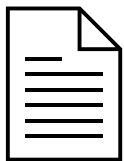
Committee  
meetings



**2**

site visits

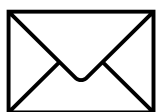
We published...



**1**

report

[Involving Londoners in the Path to Net Zero by 2030](#)



**3**

letters

To the Secretary of State for Environment on [tree protections](#).  
To the Mayor on the [new London Plan consultation](#) and on [trees in a changing climate](#)

## 2025-26 Q1: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Environment Committee had a focus on nature and biodiversity across the three meetings and two site visits this quarter.

- In May, the Committee examined *London's trees in a changing climate*. It heard from experts about how new research is helping inform what kinds of trees need to be cultivated, planted and cared for to survive the more extreme climate expected over the next century. This was followed by a visit to Kew Gardens. The Committee wrote to the Mayor to share its findings and to the Secretary of State for Environment asking to update planning laws to give trees over 100 years old more protection.
- In June, the Committee explored the proposals for the new London Plan, in the context of the new Local Nature Recovery Strategy that the GLA is preparing for London. While the Committee members hold different views on plans to allow development on London's greenbelt, the Committee submitted a joint response to the consultation on points of agreement.
- At its meeting in July, the Committee examined *Parks for London*, exploring the Mayor's support for parks, and the state of parks across the capital. This was followed by a site visit to three London parks near Waterloo in Central London – where Members learnt more about practical challenges and innovative work being done.

In May, the Committee also published its report [\*Involving Londoners in the pathway to net zero by 2030\*](#). The former Chair presented the findings at an event during London Climate Action Week on *Shaping the UK's Public Participation Strategy on Climate*. The Chair of the Committee also spoke at a Centre for Cities roundtable invitation on Net zero and local government with Minister Kerry McCarthy.

The Committee also released statements on concerns on Thames Water ownership, Heathrow expansion, and encouraging responses to the Thames Water consultation on the Teddington water abstraction scheme, which the Committee heard about at the start of its July meeting.

## 2025-26 Q1: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
14 May	London's Trees in a Changing Climate
12 June	London's Plan for Nature
20 June	London's Trees in a Changing Climate - Kew [site visit]
15 July	Parks for London
17 July	Parks for London – Central London [site visit]
17 September	Climate Finance
16 October	Airports
4 November	Energy Networks [part one]
3 December	Energy Networks [part two]
8 January	[To be determined]
3 February	[To be determined]
3 March	Q&A with Deputy Mayor

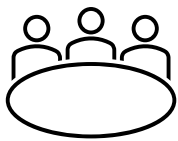
## 2025-26 Q1 IN REVIEW

In Q1 2025-26 the  
**Oversight  
Committee** had...



**1**  
investigations  
underway

We held...



**3**  
Committee  
meetings



**1**  
site visit

We heard from...



**13**  
guests giving  
oral evidence



**5**  
written responses  
received to **1** Call  
for Evidence

## 2025-26 Q1: OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Between May and July 2025, the Oversight Committee conducted its investigation into *London's place in the Government's devolution reforms*. This investigation is examining the potential impacts on the GLA of the Government's proposals to introduce greater devolved powers, as outlined in the English Devolution White Paper and the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill.

The Committee met three times during the quarter. On 14 May, Members heard from two panels about the functioning of London's current devolution settlement, including its successes and challenges.

On 12 June, the Committee heard international perspectives. The meeting focused on examining lessons London can learn from the powers, functions, and policy approaches of Mayors and city authorities in other global cities. The guests were Filippo Barberis (Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Milan), Gaia Romani (Deputy Mayor of Milan for Decentralisation), and John Elvidge (City Clerk of the City of Toronto).

On 9 July, the Committee considered priority areas for London in any new devolution settlement across two panels. The Committee heard from Professor Tony Travers from LSE, Cllr Claire Holland (Chair of London Councils), and Richard Watts, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Mayor.

On 17 July, the Committee conducted a fact-finding visit to Paris and met with representatives from the OECD Regional Development and Multi-Level Governance Division and academic experts, as well as Patrick Bloche (First Deputy Mayor of the City of Paris), and Marie Villette (Secretary General of the City of Paris).

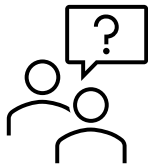
To support the investigation, the Committee launched a targeted Call for Evidence. By the end of July, it had received five written submissions. It also held four private briefings with invited experts to inform its work.

## 2025-26 Q1: OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Topic
14 May 2025	Devolution (1)
12 June 2025	Devolution (2)
9 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Devolution (3)</li><li>• 2028 GLA Elections</li></ul>
10 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayoral Mandates / Delivery Plans</li></ul>
23 October 2025	Resilience
12 November 2025	To be Confirmed (TBC)
11 December 2025	TBC
21 January 2026	TBC
10 February 2026	TBC
12 March 2026	TBC

## 2025-26 Q1 IN REVIEW: COMMITTEE SERVICES

In Q1 2025-26 the **London Assembly**...



asked **1,010**  
Mayoral Questions

We received...

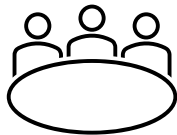
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Petitions:

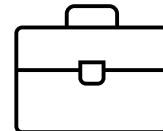
Regarding traffic improvements to Rectory Road, Stoke Newington; and restoring the 138 bus service to every 20 minutes instead of every half an hour

We held...



**3**

Plenary meetings:  
The London Assembly Annual Meeting; a Q&A on the Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy; and formal consideration of the Mayor's proposals to designate an Oxford Street MDA".



**1**

Confirmation Hearing:  
The Fire Committee met to consider the proposed appointment of the new London Fire Commissioner

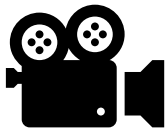
## 2025-26 Q1 IN REVIEW: COMMUNICATIONS

In Q1 2025-26 the **London Assembly...**



**Issued 45 Operational Notes**

**Published 23 News Releases**



**Recorded 62 Videos**

### Social Media



**1103** new  
followers  
across all  
social  
platforms



**22.8k** reach  
across  
Facebook  
and  
Instagram



**37k** Video  
views on  
Youtube and X,  
with **601k**  
impressions