

8th Mayor's Report to the Assembly MQT – 18 January 2017

This is my eighth Mayor's Report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 1 December 2016 – 4 January 2017.

Draft Budget

First draft budget to support London's future growth

On 21 December, I published my first draft budget – with the focus on building a city where nobody feels left behind and where everyone has the opportunities they need to fulfil their potential.

The draft budget confirms plans to invest a record-breaking £3.2bn to deliver affordable housing, doubling the amount spent on tackling London's poor air quality and freezing all Transport for London fares for four years.

The draft 2017/2018 budget covers the entire Greater London Authority Group – including Transport for London, the London Legacy Development Corporation, the Metropolitan Police Service and the London Fire Brigade. Its plans include:

- A record-breaking investment of £3.15 billion to support 90,000 new genuinely affordable homes in the capital over the next five years;
- A freeze on all TfL fares for four years, while protecting concessions and extending the new Hopper bus fare;
- Maintaining real neighbourhood policing for all and better support for victims, including the increase in precept to support the strategic target of 32,000 police officers for London, against the backdrop of significant Government cuts to police funding.
- Tackling London's filthy air that is resulting in 9,400 deaths every year by doubling the amount spent on improving air quality from £425m committed by the previous Mayor to £875m through to 2021/22;
- Record investment in modernising our transport infrastructure including the biggest Tube capacity growth London has ever seen, extending the London Overground and Northern lines, starting planning for the Bakerloo Line extension and progressing new east London river crossings;
- Continuing to work with London's businesses, investors and innovators to ensure London's key sectors are protected and Londoners' economic opportunities maximised during the forthcoming negotiations to leave the European Union.
- Launching a Skills for Londoners taskforce, to ensure skills training meets the needs of London's economy.

- A proposed additional commitment of £4m on culture as a top priority for London, to fund new projects including London Borough of Culture, Creative Enterprise Zones and a vision for 24-hour London.
- A shift towards more active and healthier travel for Londoners, by making walking and cycling easier, safer and more attractive;
- A target to dispatch a fire engine within 10 minutes to any incident anywhere in London 90 per cent of the time. This is an improvement on the current standard;
- A commitment to speed up the delivery of housing on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park;
- Support for London's largest opportunity area through the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation.

A consultation document that sets out my proposals has now been made available on the Greater London Authority website at: www.london.gov.uk/budget

Members of the public have until 12 January 2017 to comment on the draft Budget. The Budget is due to be considered by the London Assembly on 25 January and 10 February.

Policing, Crime and Security

Police and Crime Plan consultation

On 1 December, I invited all Londoners to have their say on my new draft Police and Crime Plan which aims to restore real neighbourhood policing for everyone and commits to protecting the most vulnerable.

I am committed to ending the postcode lottery in public safety, which means some people and places are more vulnerable to, and fearful of, crime than others. This means ensuring the police focus on tackling problems of most pressing local concern - while maintaining a consistently high standard of service for all Londoners.

We have already had the views of nearly 8,000 Londoners via the Talk London Survey, we have sent the plan to over 1000 stakeholders and community organisations to review and cascade to their networks and we are continuing with our programme of meetings and events throughout the 12 weeks of consultation.

Additionally, there are upcoming sessions at the Police and Crime Committee dedicated to the plan.

The consultation closes on the 23 February and the final plan will be launched by the end of March 2017.

Londoners to have their say on the future of the Fire Brigade

On 5 December, I invited Londoners to have their say on how the capital's fire and rescue service deals with threats of terrorism and with flooding over the next four years. The consultation is available on the Talk London website <http://talklondon.london.gov.uk>.

The draft London Safety Plan (LSP) echoes the recommendations of Lord Harris, setting out intentions to boost the number of specialist firefighters trained to move in behind the police to fight fires and help treat casualties in a terrorist incident.

It also proposes an extensive evaluation of the role of Fire Rescue Units (FRUs) and the potential to give them attendance time targets, after Anthony Mayer's review highlighted the importance of these specialist vehicles in responding to major incidents.

Londoners are also invited to give their views on whether capability to respond to flooding should be expanded.

£72m to tackle crime across all of London's boroughs

On 13 December, I announced £72 million over the next four years to help prevent crime across London, maintaining recent levels of investment despite significant pressures on the policing budget.

The new investment will help to deliver local services including support for victims of domestic and sexual violence, knife crime prevention and rehabilitation of offenders within the community.

The new tranche of the London Crime Prevention Fund will be awarded according to the greatest need across London's boroughs, with a new emphasis on ensuring every Londoner has the access to the services they need to help support them and keep them safe. This includes targeted support to address violence against women and girls which specifically affects particular communities, focusing on targeted early intervention and awareness-raising.

Water cannon to be sold

Following the previous Mayor's decision to purchase the water cannon in 2014, more than £322,834 has been spent by the Met Police on purchasing, fitting out and repairing the three machines – despite the fact that they cannot legally be used in the UK and have languished in storage for two years.

On 14 December, I confirmed that the water cannon are now for sale via the Ministry of Defence (MOD). The MOD is helping to find the highest and most reputable bid from a European policing or civil protection organisation – according to conditions set by the German Federal Police.

While the process will incur some fees, remaining funds from the sale, alongside saved maintenance costs, will be channelled back into communities and youth projects to tackle crime.

8p a week council tax rise proposed in response to Government cuts

In response to funding reductions for the Metropolitan Police confirmed by the government on 15 December, I have announced proposals to increase the policing share of council tax bills by an average of 8p a week from April 2017 in order to help maintain police officer numbers across London.

In the 2015 Autumn Statement, the Government announced that police funding would be maintained at current levels, as long as the local police precept was increased by 1.99 per cent a year.

The Government warned last year that any area that did not provide this additional funding from council tax would see a cash cut in police funding. They have confirmed that the Metropolitan Police's funding next year will be £17.4m lower than in 2015-16, because the previous Mayor cut the police precept last year - the same year as the Mayoral election.

I am proposing a 1.99 per cent increase from April 2017 to avoid a similar reduction this time next year and to maximise the number of police officers across London.

The Government has warned that there could be further reductions to funding for the Metropolitan Police next year as a result of changes to the police funding formula.

Raising Awareness on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

On 2 December, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime visited Kelmscott School in Waltham Forest to formally unveil a Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) mural. The mural which was designed by a local artist with the support of a FGM activist and the children from the school was developed to raise awareness of FGM.

Community Engagement

On 20 December, I met with Richard Taylor and colleagues from the Damilola Taylor Trust. The Trust were keen to make us aware of their work with young people, particularly their Career Pathway Programme, which was seed-funded by Southwark Safer Neighbourhood Board. It was a very positive conversation focussed on considering how the Trust might work more closely with the GLA group to continue to build their programmes of work and to add value to our work with communities on keeping young people safe.

Walk the Met initiative

On 15 December, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney AM, took part in the Metropolitan Police initiative 'Walk the Met'. Joanne joined the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe and local neighbourhood officers on a walk-about in Borough Market, Southwark. This initiative saw MPs and Assembly Members joining local police neighbourhood teams to see for themselves the extra demands placed on officers keeping London safe throughout the festive period.

Response to HMIP report on probation services

The HMIP report published on 15 December showed that London's probation service is simply not working, with Londoners significantly more at risk as a result of the upheaval caused by privatisation. Probation officers are struggling with unmanageably high caseloads, there is a lack of communication with courts, inexperienced officers, extremely poor oversight, a lack of senior management focus and control, and some offenders never even meet their probation officer.

Reoffending costs London almost £2.3bn each year, yet some offenders are, unbelievably, being lost from the system entirely, receiving no support at all as they attempt to rehabilitate and reintegrate into society.

In response to the HMIP report, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) will be supporting the special taskforce set up by the Ministry of Justice to stabilise the service and improve public safety. We will provide London-specific expertise and guidance to the taskforce, in order to improve public safety in London. In addition MOPAC will now be meeting with the MoJ contract team on a 6 weekly basis to review performance, with a view to informing the longer term improvement of the London Community Rehabilitation Company probation offer in London.

In the longer term, I will continue to make the case to the government that responsibility for probation services in London should be devolved to City Hall, so we can drive the very necessary long-lasting improvements that will cut reoffending, reduce crime, improve public safety and save the taxpayer money.

Transport

Transport for London's draft Business Plan

On 8 December, I hailed the new Transport for London (TfL) draft Business Plan, which sets out how the organisation will deliver my vision for transport over the next five years.

The plan sets out how investment in the public transport network will bring huge improvements for passengers, while at the same time keeping down the cost of travel, benefitting millions of Londoners.

I have already announced plans to make transport more affordable by freezing TfL fares for the duration of my mayoral term and by introducing the 'Hopper' fare that has already delivered over 10m free bus journeys for people changing buses within an hour.

TfL's new Business Plan includes the biggest ever increase in Tube capacity, bringing forward the extension of the Bakerloo Line. As well as, record investment to make London's streets cleaner and healthier – including doubling investment in cycling, an extended ULEZ, and introducing a transformed cleaner London bus fleet.

The plan also sets out how TfL will make efficiency savings totalling £800m per year by 2020/21, while protecting front line services and transport investment.

Record investment in cycling in London secured

On 5 December, I announced that a record £154 million per year will be spent on cycling over the next five years. The record investment will help Londoners get about quickly without having to use a car, which will benefit people's health, improve air quality and encourage the shift towards more healthy and active travel. It will also include substantial benefits for pedestrians with new pedestrian crossings and more pavement space.

Over the course of the Transport for London draft Business Plan, up to 2021/2022, a total of £770 million will be spent on infrastructure and initiatives to promote cycling. At an average of £154 million per year, it is almost double the £79 million per year spent over the last mayoral term. This investment represents an average £17 per head per annum and is on a par with Denmark and the Netherlands.

This new cycling budget, which will help achieve the target of 1.5 million cycle journeys per day by 2025/26, includes the completion of phase two of the North-South Cycle Superhighway from Farringdon to Kings Cross, which will begin construction next year. Work to deliver Cycle Superhighway 11 from Swiss Cottage to the West End, will also begin next year.

The Business Plan also confirms funding for two new Cycle Superhighways. Consultations will begin next year on Cycle Superhighway 4 from Tower Bridge to Greenwich and Cycle Superhighway 9 from Olympia towards Hounslow, with each route also tackling a number of traffic-dominated junctions. These new routes will open up even more of south-east and west London to cycling. The gaps in cycle routes left by the previous administration will also be looked into to make sure they usefully connect with each other, particularly in central London.

Working with London boroughs, three Mini Hollands in Enfield, Kingston and Waltham Forest and at least 20 more Quietway routes will be planned or rolled-out, making cycling safer and easier in different parts of London including Hammersmith, Finsbury Park, Croydon and Barking.

New officers to tackle illegal taxi and minicab activity

Only four months after my announcement of the expansion of TfL's Taxi and Private Hire Compliance team, the first wave of new officers are now out on London's streets.

More than 4,800 people applied for the 250 Compliance Officer positions when it was announced the unit was to quadruple in size back in August.

The 50 new officers have joined the existing team of 82, providing a highly visible uniformed presence across the Capital. Officers will be cracking down on illegal activity such as touting and plying for hire, as well as undertaking vehicle checks, ensuring drivers are licensed and have the correct paperwork. They will also provide advice to the public on how they can get home safely.

Over the next six months the team will continue to grow, so by summer 2017 there will be more than 300 Compliance Officers working across London.

Officers have spent an intensive period training, both in the classroom and out on the streets, being taught about legislation, regulations, health and safety and vehicle standards.

Free travel on New Year's Eve

Once again, TfL provided free travel on New Year's Eve so that millions of party goers could get home safely. Free travel was available from 23:45 on 31 December to 04:30 on 1 January on buses, Tube, tram and DLR with some TfL Rail and London Overground services finishing earlier.

Festive travel advice was available at TfL's website, providing daily travel information about all forms of public transport over the festive period, as well as the Victoria Coach Station and the Congestion Charge.

Londoners and visitors to the Capital were encouraged to make the most of the city over the Christmas and New Year period by planning their journeys ahead.

Festive campaign focuses on ensuring revellers get home safe

On 9 December, TfL launched its annual Safer Travel at Night (STaN) campaign, reminding the public of the dangers of un-booked minicabs and providing advice on how to safely get a taxi (black cab) or booked minicab home over the holiday period.

TfL's advice to the public remains clear – getting into a minicab that is not booked is dangerous. It is essentially getting into a stranger's car.

Night Tube comes to the Piccadilly Line in time for festive season

Night Tube services began on the Piccadilly line on 16 December, fulfilling my commitment to have five lines up and running by the end of the year.

The Piccadilly line is the fifth line to join the Night Tube network, following the success of 24-hour weekend services on the Central, Victoria, Jubilee and Northern lines, which have already seen more than two million journeys.

This follows a series of delays under the previous Mayor, who was unable to launch the services.

By starting before Christmas, the Piccadilly line services will make night-time travel easier for shoppers and those out enjoying London's nightlife during the festive season.

The services will also help Londoners working shifts to get to and from work, and make travel to the airport quicker and easier for those catching early morning weekend flights.

Commuters back rail devolution to TfL

Passengers across London and the wider commuter belt have been left frustrated by the Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling's, decision to break the Government's promise to hand over control of inner-London commuter services to TfL, who have set out a business case to provide a better service, fewer delays and frozen fares.

The polling, conducted by Yougov for the Greater London Authority shows that 52 per cent of commuters across London believe that Chris Grayling took the wrong decision and should have given TfL control over the struggling commuter lines.

In general 58 per cent think TfL should have more control of commuter rail lines, with only 5 per cent saying they should have less control. Just 14 per cent of London's commuters now back Grayling's decision to keep London commuter lines in control of the train operating companies.

The new figures come as a cross-party group of MPs wrote to the Prime Minister urging her to review Chris Grayling's decision. The letter was signed by Conservative MPs Tania Mathias and Bob Neill, Liberal Democrat MP Tom Brake and eleven Labour MPs.

The London Assembly has also passed a unanimous motion calling on Chris Grayling to change his mind. This further demonstrates that commuter rail devolution is supported by MPs, Councils and Assembly Members from all parties inside London and the wider commuter belt.

Fairer deal for London's bus drivers

On 21 December, I took the first steps towards fulfilling my manifesto promise to provide a new fairer deal for London's 25,000 bus drivers.

For many years the pay of bus drivers has been set in isolation by the private bus companies which operate routes on TfL's behalf.

This has led to large variations in pay between drivers employed by different companies, despite their similar level of skill, experience, and the demands of the job.

TfL has been working with the bus companies and trade union representatives, and I have announced the introduction of a fairer system for bus drivers' pay, including a new starter minimum wage of £23,000 for drivers working across all of London's bus companies.

In addition to new guarantees around drivers' wages, I am remedying the unfair situation where drivers who have moved to another bus operator have found that their past experience and record has not been reflected in the pay offered.

Transport for London wins international road safety award

At a ceremony on 13 December, Prince Michael of Kent awarded TfL the International Road Safety Award for its ground-breaking work and promising results for reducing death and serious injury.

Analysis of police collision and travel demand data have led TfL to put in place a range of initiatives which contributed to a 3% drop in the number of people killed and seriously injured on London's streets (2,092) in 2015. Its lowest ever level.

TfL is now looking to go further and is working to deliver on my plans to remove the most dangerous Heavy Goods Vehicles from the Capital's roads by 2020 through the Direct Vision Standard. This is the first scheme of its kind in the world, directly addressing the issue of lethal driver blind-spots.

Transport for London gives lost toys a new home for Christmas

This Christmas TfL's Lost Property Office gave around 500 children's toys and games new homes by donating them to The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal.

For the past decade, TfL has been sharing the festive cheer so that disadvantaged children have something to unwrap at Christmas. This is the tenth consecutive donation from the Lost Property Office. It includes children's toys and games that have been lost on the network and have remained unclaimed for over three months.

The Salvation Army will be working with local care services in south London, including those from Lewisham Council, to distribute the toys among families and children who otherwise might not have anything under the tree this Christmas.

More than five weeks of disruption avoided by careful coordination of utilities work

Drivers experienced greatly reduced disruption over the festive period as TfL confirmed that utilities companies will be coordinating work along the A501 around Marylebone and Euston, carrying out 100 projects at the same time to take advantage of low traffic volumes.

The work was carried out between 26 December and 3 January when traffic in central London was at its lowest level. Due to the coordination between a variety of utilities companies the series of high-impact utilities work in 2017 that otherwise would be needed was avoided. In total some five weeks of disruption has been spared.

London's rapid growth means that the city's aging utilities require significant maintenance to support new homes and businesses. Work planned for the Marylebone Road and Euston Road area includes repairs to water mains, as well as highway works, which will mean the road is reduced to one lane in some locations.

While lane closures were in place for this and other major utilities work, there were repairs to the footway, carriageway, lighting and drainage. TfL also capitalised on the lane closures to prune overhanging trees, ensuring the continued safe operation of the road with minimum disruption.

Please Offer Me a Seat' badge and card to be rolled out permanently

TfL has announced that a blue badge for those less able to stand on public transport will be introduced on a permanent basis in spring next year.

The 'Please Offer Me a Seat' badge, and accompanying card, were trialled earlier this year to help those who need a seat, but have difficulty getting one. The six-week trial was in response to passenger feedback and TfL research, which found that those with hidden disabilities and conditions, or those undergoing treatments, can often find it difficult to get a seat when they need one.

More than 1,200 people tested the new badges, which are similar to the popular Baby on Board badges. During the trial, 72 per cent of journeys were said to be easier as a result of the badge, in 86 per cent of journeys participants reported feeling more confident when asking for a seat and 98 per cent said they would recommend the badge and card to somebody who requires or would benefit from it.

When it is launched, TfL will become the first European transport provider to officially recognise invisible impairments and conditions in such a way.

Vauxhall's safer, more welcoming future is confirmed

The next step in making Vauxhall's roads safer has been taken following TfL's announcement that work to remove the one-way traffic system and replace it with safer two-way roads will begin in 2019. Together with the new public square and improvements to both the bus station and Bondway, will help create a more accessible and attractive area.

The changes are part of the drive to encourage the use of streets as public spaces and will boost pedestrian and cyclist safety. A new civic area will be created and the area will be better connected by 12 new or improved signalised pedestrian crossings. Upgraded cycle lanes will be segregated and signalised cycle crossings will be installed to improve safety.

The work will complement both ongoing and future improvements to cycling and walking in the area, including the nearly complete transformation of Stockwell junction and future proposals to improve footways, cycle and bus facilities in Nine Elms.

TfL announces shortlist of bidders to build the Barking Riverside Extension

TfL has announced the names of the three companies shortlisted to bid to build the London Overground Barking Riverside Extension, which will serve one of London's largest housing development sites.

The extension of the Gospel Oak to Barking line down to Barking Riverside will bring huge benefits for people in the local area and beyond, supporting the major new development with 10,800 new homes, many of which are affordable, a new school and healthcare services, as well as shops, restaurants and leisure facilities.

The new station will lie at the heart of the Barking Riverside community, delivering a sustainable public transport alternative to car travel and linking the area into London's public transport network through connections at Barking, with District and Hammersmith & City Tube services and c2c services to London Fenchurch Street and Essex.

The bidders have been shortlisted to build the extension, they are: Balfour Beatty, Carillion PLC and VolkerFitzpatrick Morgan Sindall joint venture.

TfL sets out plans to open railway arches in Wood Lane

On 20 December, TfL announced plans to open 31 of its railway arches near Wood Lane Tube station. Largely unused, the aim is to transform these arches into a diverse mix of commercial, leisure and retail space as well as creating new pedestrian passageways to improve connectivity in the neighbourhood and introduce new cycle parking.

The railway arches are located along the Hammersmith and City viaduct between the Wood Lane Tube station and the A3220 West Cross Route in Hammersmith & Fulham. Adjacent to these arches, major developments are already underway, including the extension to Westfield London shopping centre and the construction of nearly 2,500 new homes, office spaces, restaurants, shops and leisure spaces.

Subject to planning permission, TfL will complete the project in two phases, coordinating with the construction timetables of the neighbouring developments.

Lancaster Gate customers to benefit from new lifts

London Underground has been advising customers using Lancaster Gate Tube station that it will be closed from 4 January while essential work to replace the station's two lifts is carried out.

The two 50-person lifts are nearly 30-years-old and are being replaced at the same time in order to keep the closure period as short as possible. The new lifts will give improved reliability, reducing failures and will ensure that customers face fewer delays when exiting the station.

The new lifts will also use less energy and include CCTV and hearing induction loops and are expected to be in service during July 2017.

White Christmas for Elizabeth line train as it undergoes all-weather testing In Vienna

The new Elizabeth line trains, that will improve travel across London for hundreds of thousands of Londoners, are undergoing the most intense testing possible in readiness for any possible weather conditions they could encounter.

Bombardier Transportation, which is building the new trains in Derby, delivered the front carriage of a test train to the Rail Tec Arsenal test centre in Vienna for three weeks of testing in a number of weather conditions, with temperatures ranging from -25°C up to +40°C. The facility in Vienna is the only place in Europe that can carry out this level of testing on trains.

Subjecting the new trains to a range of climatic conditions, including thick snow and ice, is another crucial step towards making sure that the trains perform as intended whatever the weather. With these new trains entering passenger service later this year, it's key that all elements of the train are fully tested so that passengers have a comfortable experience.

The Economy, Business, Enterprise and Regeneration

Panel of experts to advise on Brexit talks

On 19 December, I unveiled my new panel of business leaders, investors and academics who will advise me on the risks, challenges and opportunities for London following the vote to leave the European Union.

Ranging across London's key economic sectors, members of the panel include Sir George Iacobescu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Canary Wharf Group, Sherry Coutu, Executive Chair of Scaleup Institute, and the former European Trade Commissioner Lord Mandelson.

They will be joined by Baroness Vadera, chair of Santander UK, Xavier Rolet, chief executive of the London Stock Exchange Group, and Julia Onslow-Cole, Partner, Legal Markets Leader and Head of Global Immigration at PwC.

Since the referendum I have been holding a series of monthly face-to-face meetings with the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, David Davis MP. As these meetings progress, the Brexit Expert Advisory Panel will provide insight and expertise as I push for a proper, sensible solution to the complicated challenge of leaving the European Union in a way that protects London and the UK's economy.

£7 million fund to help young Londoners access tech jobs

On 1 December, I unveiled a £7m programme to arm young Londoners with the skills they need to access jobs in the capital's thriving digital, technology and creative industries.

My Digital Talent Programme will have a particular focus on boosting the proportion of women in the industry, which currently stands at just 17 per cent. It will also work to increase black, Asian and minority ethnic Londoners and those from disadvantaged communities who are employed in these crucial sectors of the capital's economy.

London is widely regarded as one of the world's leading technology hubs and it is estimated that the sector will contribute £18bn to London's economy this year. There are now around 40,000 tech businesses in London, employing almost 200,000 people, 3.5 per cent of the capital's total workforce.

The programme will help Londoners access tech jobs by offering work placements, creating tailored learning opportunities, assisting university students and helping businesses to access the skills they need.

New board to support business, jobs and growth

On 22 December, I announced the new membership of London's Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), which will boost jobs and support economic growth in the capital.

The new pan-London LEP, called the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP), brings together London Councils and business leaders across all the city's main sectors.

It will provide strategic oversight of the Royal Docks Enterprise Zone, which has the potential to deliver up to 40,000 jobs and 4,000 homes in east London, the London Growth Hub, the new online gateway to business support in the capital, and London's European Structural and Investment Funds.

I will chair the new board, with the Deputy Mayor for Business, Rajesh Agrawal, taking on the role of Co-Deputy Chair alongside another Co-Deputy from the business community. The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe, will also sit on the board, with the remaining members drawn from the London boroughs and businesses. There is also a new place for a trade union representative.

The eight new business members – half of whom are women – bring a broad range of expertise in economic development as well as significant experience covering sectors from innovative tech start-ups to high-street retail, commercial land owners and creative industry.

The Workspace Providers Board

On 2 December, I announced plans to recruit a team of entrepreneurs and business leaders to help protect London's workshops, studios and workspaces.

The Workspace Providers Board will advise on securing workspace, including through the planning process, and creating new space, for example through identifying sites for building new developments or re-fitting empty space in existing buildings.

The Board will also advise me on wider challenges and issues around workspace, such as permitted development rights and general affordability.

Dek Catford

On 2 December, I visited Dek Catford, and met small businesses, start-ups and artists, making use of the new workspace created with GLA support. I announced the creation of a new Workspace Providers Board to advise the GLA, and highlighted findings of the 'Value of Workspace' report by IPPR, around the social and economic value of workspaces.

Well Street Market

On 3 December, I visited Well Street Market, in the heart of Hackney, where the focus is all about community. Well Street market is home to London's first ever Teenage and Student Market and I very much enjoyed chatting to young entrepreneurs, residents and traders. Well

Street's Traders and Residents Association (WESTRA) have been trying to bring back the market for years and through my Civic Crowdfunding Initiative I awarded them £20,000, to support their crowdfunding campaign. It was a pleasure to see such an empowered community enjoying a fantastically vibrant street market.

London & Partners Review

In August 2016, I requested an internal review of the funding, governance and effectiveness of London & Partners to ensure GLA funding results in the best possible promotion of London. The review was established in the context of new priorities, the result of the EU referendum and increasing competition with other cities. The internal review steering group, chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Business, came up with 14 final recommendations which I have approved.

London Growth Hub

I have approved the receipt of grant funding from the Department for Business, Environment & Industrial Strategy and the associated expenditure totalling £1,040,000 to further develop the London Growth Hub.

I have approved a proposal that the Growing Places Fund funding be reserved for use to maintain the London Growth Hub in future years.

Finally, I have agreed that detailed proposals for the proposed face-to-face business support services in 2017/18 be agreed by the London LEP.

Skills for Londoners taskforce

I have approved the establishment of a Skills for Londoners taskforce, comprising a small steering group supported by a large stakeholder advisory group on which the steering group can draw for advice and guidance to assist in developing a new skills agenda for London and to make sure businesses and Londoners get the skills they need to succeed.

I have approved an open application process to appoint members to the steering group and stakeholder advisory group.

Housing and Land

Homelessness Prevention Fund

On 21 December, I successfully secured over £4.2 million from the DCLG's homelessness prevention fund for three new Pan-London projects to tackle rough sleeping. These new projects will enable me to provide early intervention to those new to the streets but also have a dedicated service for the most entrenched rough sleepers. This is an early success for my new 'No Nights Sleeping Rough' Taskforce – a partnership of government, boroughs, homelessness charities and other agencies to tackle rough sleeping in the capital – which helped to develop the bids.

I have also announced plan for a £50m fund to help homeless people, including former rough sleepers and victims of domestic abuse, by delivering properties specifically earmarked for people needing to move on from hostels and refuges.

The move-on accommodation will help homeless people, including young people and women, who are ready to move into a home of their own after spending time being supported in hostels and refuges.

Londoners at heart of new estate regeneration guide

On 13 December, I published a draft good practice guide, which recommends that Londoners must be involved at an early stage to help shape any proposals by boroughs and housing associations for estate regeneration. The draft guidelines, which have been developed with councils, housing associations and residents' groups in recent months, recommends full rights for tenants to be rehoused on newly regenerated estates as well as a fair deal for leaseholders.

I have also set out my expectation that demolition and rebuilding should only go ahead after other ways of achieving the aim of regeneration have been considered, and where there is no loss of social housing.

The guidelines, which will be consulted on widely for three months, will be included in the conditions for future City Hall funding for new estate regeneration projects. The new standards will also be applied through the planning system where possible, as well as acting as a benchmark for boroughs, developers and housing associations to follow, even if the regeneration schemes do not involve the Mayor.

Poplar Riverside Housing Zone, Blackwall Reach

I have approved the allocation of a further £27.01m Financial Transaction funding being made available for the purposes of accelerating the delivery of housing within the Poplar Riverside Housing Zone in addition to the indicative allocation of £22.99m Financial Transaction funding in respect of the Poplar Riverside Housing Zone under MD1545.

I have delegated authority to the Executive Director of Housing and Land in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Housing & Residential Development to determine that such due diligence has been satisfactorily undertaken and that it is appropriate for GLA Land and Property Limited (GLAP) to contractually commit Housing Zone loan funding of £50m to Swan New Homes Ltd in respect of the Blackwall Reach Regeneration Project.

Environment

Tackling the Capital's air quality crisis

On 7 December, I announced that the amount of money committed to tackling the Capital's air quality crisis will be more than doubled over the next five years. £875m will be invested in action to improve the quality of the Capital's air through to 2021/22, dwarfing the £425m committed by the previous mayor.

Each year 9,400 deaths occur in the Capital which can be attributed to air quality related illnesses. London does not meet legal requirements for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and 474 of the Capital's schools are in areas where safe levels are being breached.

I am proposing a range of far-reaching programmes to tackle the threat to health from poor air, enhancing the quality of life across the Capital. This includes:

- The implementation of at least 12 Low Emission Bus Zones – the first two going live on Putney High Street in February next year, with the next one following in Brixton and Streatham in October 2017
- The phasing out of diesel-only buses and a commitment to purchase only hybrid or zero-emission double decker buses from 2018
- TfL committing to meeting the ULEZ standards for double decker buses a year earlier than previously planned, so that the 3,100 double-decker buses operating in the zone will be Euro VI hybrid in 2019. All 300 single-decker buses operating in central London will be zero emission by 2020.

For the delivery of ULEZ, I have sought the views of Londoners on plans to introduce ULEZ early (from 2019), extending it to the North and South Circulars for all vehicles, and London-wide for lorries, coaches and buses potentially from 2019. I further consulted Londoners on my Emissions Surcharge ('T-Charge'), which will remove older polluting vehicles from central London, with £22m of direct investment.

To complement, all new black cabs licenced after 1 January 2018 will be zero-emission capable therefore no new diesel taxis will be allowed. £65m will be provided to help decommission taxis more than 10 years old and to encourage early adoption of zero-emission technology amongst the taxi trade.

All new minicabs (those under 18 months old) will need to meet the same standard when licenced after 1 January 2020, with every private hire vehicle having to meet this standard when brought forward for licencing from 1 January 2023.

My Air Quality Fund will also continue to provide £9m to take targeted action to tackle some of the worst pollution hotspots across London. Five Low Emission Neighbourhoods (spanning eight boroughs and involving a range of local businesses) have already received a joint £5m contribution from TfL and myself.

I want London to be a 'world leader' in tackling toxic air and I would like to see Government match my ambition and introduce a national diesel scrappage scheme, implement a 21st century Clean Air Act, reform Vehicle Exercise Duty – making it less attractive to buy polluting cars, and give London the additional funding and powers it needs to tackle the public health emergency.

New £1m better boiler fund

On 15 December, I announced plans to help Londoners struggling to afford to heat their homes with a £1m fund to replace or repair inefficient or broken boilers.

The new fund – called Better Boilers – is the first ever pan-London scheme of its kind to help Londoners living in fuel poverty.

This pilot scheme will help up to 500 fuel-poor home-owners in London to keep warm this winter by replacing or replacing inefficient or broken boilers with A-rated ultra-low emission appliances, and will reduce annual energy bills by an average of around £150 per household. It will also:

- reduce cold-related ill health and winter deaths
- lower NOx emissions to help improve air quality

- save up to 310 tonnes of carbon emissions a year, contributing to the Mayor's aim for London to be a zero-carbon city by 2050
- reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning

I have committed to producing a Fuel Poverty Action Plan and to reducing bills through Energy for Londoners. My programme on energy and fuel poverty aims to help Londoners get out of fuel poverty and put London on a path to zero carbon by 2050.

London Sustainable Drainage Action Plan Published

On 12 December, I published my London Sustainable Drainage Action Plan. The plan recognises that London is outgrowing its drains and sewers and that we need a step change in the way we manage rainwater.

This action plan addresses a specific need to promote the awareness, and the retrofitting, of sustainable drainage systems right across London. It contains a series of actions to make our drainage system work in a more natural way that will bring a wide range of benefits including:

- steadily reducing flood risks by easing the burden on our drains and sewers
- reducing pollution of our tributary rivers and streams
- creating more pleasant landscapes, streets and settings for London's buildings
- providing opportunities to save water
- providing opportunities for school activities and studies related to the water cycle

The main focus of the action plan is on the retrofitting of sustainable drainage to existing buildings, land and infrastructure. The key is to identify when and where other planned maintenance, repair or improvement works are scheduled and then to identify opportunities to retrofit sustainable drainage as part of those works. This way sustainable drainage can be introduced at a much lower cost. In some cases these measures can save money, for example where 'harvested' rainwater replaces large scale water supplies used for irrigation, toilet flushing or vehicle/plant cleaning.

The action plan aims to set the direction for the next 20 years, but includes 40 actions specifically for the next five years. These actions will be implemented, in part by City Hall staff, and in part by others, and include a commitment to measure and report progress annually. It is also important that the awareness of rainwater management is spread more broadly across London's institutions and individual Londoners.

C40 Cities Mayor's Summit

From 30 November to 2 December, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, who has been appointed to the C40 Cities Board of Directors, represented me at the C40 Cities Mayor's Summit in Mexico City. Over the three days Shirley co-chaired a session, on my behalf, with the Mayor of Milan and the Mayor of Copenhagen on how European cities can work together best and also represented me as Vice Chair of the C40 at the C40 Cities Steering Committee.

In addition, Shirley represented London on a panel alongside the mayor of Phoenix, the deputy mayor of Amsterdam and a senior councillor from Auckland discussing the benefits of the circular economy and how London plans to accelerate the transition to one. She also met separately with the deputy mayor from Amsterdam and the deputy mayor from New York to

talk about circular economy and energy efficiency respectively and agree to collaborate on these programmes of work where mutually beneficial.

Air Quality Alerts

I have been working with TfL to implement a new process to provide public alerts disseminating “moderate”, “high” and “very high” pollution episodes. Three day pollution forecasts are provided by Airtex, and these will be used as the basis of my alerts. Londoners will receive two days’ notice of a pollution alert.

The alerts are being displayed at 2,500 bus stops and river piers, the entrances of all 270 Tube stations and on 140 signs next to the busiest main roads into London with instructions to switch engines off when stationary to reduce emissions. Further to this, PA announcements will be made at all Tube, London Overground, Tram and DLR stations and on buses. TfL and I also alert the public using the following Twitter accounts: @LDN_gov @LDN_environment @TfL @tflaccess.

As a result of this new process we have already alerted Londoners about dozens of moderate pollution episodes via Twitter and our website. We were also able to advise people about the high pollution episode which hit London at the start of December. Londoners were alerted through social media; signs on public transport; and via the mainstream media - many of whom publicised pictures of the new alert signage in action.

I am also working with Airtex to develop a five day forecast from 2017.

Hydrogen London Partnership

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies are a part of London’s zero carbon and clean air future. The GLA is working very closely with industry and academics to further developments in this sector as London is one of the leading EU cities in this field as well as a key deployment location for vehicle manufacturers. Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, is therefore taking over the role of chair for my Hydrogen London Partnership.

Thames Water

My Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with Thames Water just before Christmas to discuss the recent burst water main incidents. Thames Water has launched a detailed investigation into the recent incidents and also any other bursts in the last five years. This will identify the underlying causes for the bursts and also try to identify any patterns across the network. Thames Water’s investigation will conclude in January 2017. I have proposed that I meet with the Chief Executive, Steve Robertson, to understand Thames Water’s response to the investigation and how they plan to avoid these incidents happening in the future.

London Waste and Recycling Board Recruitment and Appointment

On 14 December, I launched a recruitment campaign to find a new Chair for the London Waste and Recycling Board to reinvigorate recycling in London and accelerate the transition to a Circular Economy in the city. I am seeking an experienced senior leader with a good understanding of recycling, carbon and the circular economy and would particularly welcome applications from a diverse range of applicants.

This month I am also pleased to announce that I have appointed Shirley Rodrigues, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, as my independent appointment to the London Waste and Recycling Board.

Recruitment for London Sustainable Development Commission Chair

On 19 December, I also launched a recruitment campaign to find a new Chair for the London Sustainable Development Commission (LSDC). The LSDC provides me with independent advice on making the capital a more sustainable city. Its role is to promote integrated and innovative solutions, policies and programmes to deliver improvements in quality of life for everyone now and in the future. I am looking for senior level leadership experience in the sustainability field, or a related area, and someone with outstanding communication skills who will thrive in a highly political environment.

Social Integration, Social Mobility, and Community Engagement

International Volunteering Conference

On 5 December, I hosted City Hall's first ever International Volunteering Conference. The event celebrated the end of London's year as European Volunteering Capital 2016. My Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder, welcomed delegates to the event and passed the European Volunteering Capital title to Sligo in Ireland.

The event attracted 290 attendees from London, the UK, France, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Germany, Serbia, Romania, Ireland, Denmark and the US. The conference focused on issues such as integration of refugees into their new communities, using volunteering to help with gaining employment, and how to use communications tools to create stronger communities. Rob Wilson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Civil Society, delivered a closing speech. The event ended with a musical performance by the London 2012 Games Pandemonium Drummers.

Young Leaders Pitch Day and the Unilever brightFuture Grants Pitch Day

On 7 and 8 December, I welcomed Team London Young Ambassadors schools to City Hall. The schools were showcasing their volunteering and social action projects at the Young Leaders Pitch Day and the Unilever brightFuture Grants Pitch Day. Both schemes help young Londoners to become leaders of their community. This helps them build the skills they need to reach their potential in life.

At the Young Leaders Pitch Day, schools who have been working together in their local boroughs pitched their project idea to a panel of judges. They pitched to receive a grant of up to £1,000 to increase social action and volunteering in their boroughs. Over 70 young volunteers from nine boroughs participated. All schools were successful and received a grant.

Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew Ryder, attended the Unilever brightFuture Grants Pitch Day on 8 December 2016. This event saw 80 young volunteers, who had all been nominated for a Team London Award, pitch their social action project idea to staff from City Hall, Unilever and WE. I am proud to say that all schools were successful and awarded grants of up to £1,000 funded by Unilever.

Health

Getting active makes older Londoners healthier & happier

The lives of older Londoners can be transformed by getting active in their local communities, a City Hall report has found.

More than 700 people in 22 boroughs took part in my Get Moving scheme, aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of older Londoners. The pilot project funded 16 community organisations to run free physical, social and creative activities, particularly targeted at more isolated groups of older people.

A report on the five-month scheme, published on 13 December, found that those taking part experienced less day-to-day pain as a result of regular activity, and an increase in their ability to do everyday tasks such as housework. Older Londoners also reported that learning new skills improved their confidence and mental wellbeing, as well as their physical stamina. By far the greatest benefit was reduced social isolation, with people making new friends and feeling engaged with their communities.

City Hall will now build on the success of the Get Moving pilot, working with health and social care providers, local authorities, community organisations and arts and leisure providers to develop local opportunities for older Londoners to get active.

Culture and Events

New Year's Eve Fireworks

London is the best place in the world to see in the New Year and at midnight on 31 December over 110,000 people from almost 100 different countries came together to watch the spectacular fireworks display on the banks of the Thames.

This year's show was one of the most exciting yet, bringing a fantastic end to the year, and showing the world emphatically that London is open. For the first time ever, viewers around the world could feel like they were here, enjoying the show live in an exclusive 360° viewing experience online via the BBC. Millions also tuned in to watch the event live on TV.

The joint working of the MPS, TfL and other agencies and local authorities, along with the teams here at the GLA, to deliver this event safely for London is testament to the hard work and commitment of all concerned.

Christmas Message

In December I took the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

As we looked back at the year that had passed, and as the New Year came into view, I urged Londoners to look forward with hope and optimism.

It is also important that we take the time to spare a thought for those who may have lost loved ones this year, or, for whatever reason, may be alone or homeless this Christmas.

And let's give thanks to those who are working over Christmas – like our police officers, firefighters, emergency service and NHS staff, who work so hard to help keep us safe and well. Not just at this time of year but all year round.

This is the true spirit of Christmas - and the true spirit of London. Our diversity and openness is our greatest strength. We don't just tolerate, but celebrate and respect each other. We show that London Is Open.

Merry Christmas everyone and have a great 2017.

Chanukah

Chanukah is a joyous time of year, but we must always remember that Chanukah celebrates freedom from religious oppression. It is a timeless story that has given hope for over 2,000 years to Jewish people, and to many others. It resonates with me personally and I know it resonates with many other Londoners too - no matter what religion you practice or beliefs you hold dear. It's the message that, regardless of the odds, it's possible that when we work together we can ensure light triumphs over darkness.

As part of this year's events, it was an honour to host a Chanukah reception at City Hall earlier this month, in partnership with the London Jewish Forum. During the eight-day festival the giant Menorah on Trafalgar Square was lit each night. I was delighted to support this festival, which was organised by the Jewish Leadership Council, the London Jewish Forum and Chabad Lubavitch UK.

Trafalgar Square Lighting-Up Ceremony

On 1 December, my Statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney AM, attended the Lighting-Up Ceremony of the Oslo Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square. The tree is given by the city of Oslo as a token of Norwegian gratitude to the people of London for their assistance during the years 1940-45. The Christmas tree installation for this event was externally audited for our ISO 20121 sustainable events management certification and we have successfully maintained our certification for another year.

The Illuminated River

On 7 December, I announced the winner of the global competition to find a creative team to create a beautiful new, sustainable lighting scheme for up to 15 bridges across the River Thames.

The winning entry for this £20m public art project came from American light artist Leo Villareal and London architect Alex Lifschutz, of Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands and their scheme 'Current'. Villareal and his collaborators are proposing a sensitive "rhythm of light" across each bridge, created using computer code which monitors and responds to the ebbs and flows of the river and pedestrians.

Villareal and Lifschutz want to listen to Londoners in developing the scheme to deliver at all levels of art and light, urban design and architecture, the environment and sustainability. Their aim is to create a lighting master plan which reduces pollution and wasted energy, is sensitive to history and ecology and subtly rebalances the ambient lighting on the river to provide a beautiful night-time experience for residents and visitors.

The Illuminated River Foundation has also announced that it will receive £5m from the Rothschild Foundation and that £5m has been donated by Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin through their charitable Arcadia Fund.

Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Legacy

Revolution Champions League and TechCrunch Disrupt Hackathon

The final of the Revolution Champions League track cycling tournament on 2 and 3 December attracted sell-out crowds at the Lee Valley VeloPark along with the TechCrunch Disrupt Hackathon at the Copper Box Arena on 3 and 4 December.

Appointments

Philip Kolvin QC appointed as Chair of the Night Time Commission

On 16 December, I announced the appointment of top lawyer Philip Kolvin QC as Chair of the Night Time Commission. Philip will preside over a revamped Night Time Commission, bringing together stakeholders from across the night-time economy including local authorities, the Metropolitan Police, club and venue owners, and residents.

Philip Kolvin QC is head of Cornerstone Barristers and a Patron and past Chairman of the Institute of Licensing. He is also on the advisory board of the Night Time Industries Association.

Philip recently acted on behalf of Fabric nightclub and played a pivotal role in securing an agreement between the world-famous venue and Islington Council to regain its licence and reopen with stringent new conditions to protect the safety of clubbers.

Philip is widely regarded as the UK's top expert on licensing. He is the editor of several books about the leisure economy, licensing, planning and regeneration and recently published a Manifesto for the Night Time Economy.

He has acted for many of London's local authorities, the police and the industry and has recently taken the first licensing case to the Supreme Court and European Court.

Starting on 9 January, Philip will work alongside the newly appointed Night Czar, Amy Lamé, to develop and implement a vision of London as a 24-hour city.

London's first-ever Walking and Cycling Commissioner

On 20 December, I appointed Will Norman as London's first-ever Walking and Cycling Commissioner. Will Norman is currently Global Partnerships Director at Nike, where he specialises in increasing levels of physical activity and participation in sports around the world, working with a range of international organisations.

As part of the capital's biggest ever focus on walking and cycling, he will work closely with my Deputy Mayor for Transport and TfL to make healthy, active, non-polluting travel easier in London.

This will include pushing forward with my Healthy Streets programme to create a safer, more pleasant London for cyclists and pedestrians, and investing a record budget of £770m on infrastructure and initiatives to promote cycling until 2021/2022.

Planning and Development

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

Royal Docks Service Station, LB Newham

I have written to the London Borough of Newham stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Conquest Club, Syon Lane, Isleworth, LB Hounslow

I have written to the London Borough of Hounslow stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

William Sutton Estate, Cale Street, Chelsea, RB Kensington and Chelsea

I have written to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

American Embassy, Grosvenor Square, City of Westminster

I have written to the City of Westminster stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Whitechapel Central (Safestore Site), Stepney, LB Tower Hamlets

I have written to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Marjory Kinnon School, Feltham, Isleworth, LB Hounslow

I have written to the London Borough of Hounslow stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Skipton House, Elephant and Castle, LB Southwark

I have written to the London Borough of Southwark stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

1 Undershaft, City of London

I have written to the City of London stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

22 Bishopsgate, City of London

I have written to the City of London stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Hope Wharf (Booker Cash and Carry), Greenwich, RB Greenwich

I have written to the Royal Borough of Greenwich stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Stone House and Staple Hall, Bishopsgate, City of London

I have written to the City of London stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

60 Sloane Avenue, Brompton, RB Kensington and Chelsea

I have written to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Former Hounslow House, LB Hounslow

I have written to the London Borough of Hounslow stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Holbrook House, Victoria Road, North Acton, LB Ealing

I have written to the London Borough of Ealing stating that I am content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Planning Decisions (Stage 1 referrals)

I have asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- 1-7 Dace Road, Fish Island, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Savoy Shell Filling Station, York Road, Battersea, LB Wandsworth
- Croydon Golf Centre, LB Croydon
- Exchange Plaza, Uxbridge Road, Ealing, LB Ealing
- 10 Bank Street, Isle of Dogs, LB Tower Hamlets
- Harmsworth Quays Printworks, Canada Water, LB Southwark
- Pentavia Retail Park, Watford Way, Mill Hill, LB Barnet
- Land at Chrisp Street Market, Poplar, LB Tower Hamlets
- Finsbury Tower, Clerkenwell, LB Islington
- Linton Fuels Site, Wandsworth, LB Wandsworth
- National Institute for Medical Research, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, LB Barnet
- Gateway Development Site, BBC Media Village, White City, LB Hammersmith and Fulham
- Keston Centre, West Green Place, LB Haringey
- 61 Curzon Street, Mayfair, City of Westminster
- Town Hall Annexe, Barking Road, LB Newham
- Norman House, Norman Road, Greenwich, RB Greenwich
- Barnet Cophall Stadium, Mill Hill, LB Barnet
- Meridian Square, Angel Lane, Stratford, London Legacy Development Corporation

Decisions made under delegation to Assistant Director - Planning

- Draft Old Kent Road Area Action Plan, LB Southwark
- Central Ealing Neighbourhood Plan (submission draft), LB Ealing
- Draft Southall Green SPD, LB Ealing
- Draft Hackney Central & Surrounds Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document, LB Hackney
- City of London Issues & Options Consultation, City of London

- Lewisham Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocation - Potential Sites, LB Lewisham
- Kensington & Chelsea Local Plan Partial Review Draft Policies (Regulation 18) Consultation, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Epping Forest Draft Local Plan Consultation, Epping Forest Borough Council
- London Borough of Hackney New Local Plan 2033 - Direction of Travel, LB Hackney
- Land at Lancaster Green, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- The Clearings Site, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- Grange Walk, LB Southwark
- Art'otel, 84-86 Great Eastern Street and 1-3 Rivington Street, LB Hackney
- 45 Millharbour, LB Tower Hamlets
- Aldgate Place, land bounded by Whitechapel High Street, LB Tower Hamlets
- Battersea Gasholders site, LB Wandsworth
- 198 York Road, LB Wandsworth
- Padcroft Works – site enclosed by Bentinck Road and Tavistock Road, LB Hillingdon
- Multi-storey carpark, Simpsons Road, LB Bromley
- MacDonald House, 1-3 Grosvenor Square, City of Westminster
- Recreation land at Gresham Road, LB Hounslow
- 195 Warwick Road, RB Kensington and Chelsea
- 804-834 Bath Road, LB Hounslow
- Wembley West End, Montrose Car Park , LB Brent
- 8-10 Grafton Street and 22-24 Bruton Lane, City of Westminster
- Ilona Rose House, 111-119 Charing Cross Road, City of Westminster

Key Engagements

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

- I visited Safer London in Southwark on 1 December to launch the consultation on my Police & Crime Plan
- I met with Jasmine Whitbread, the incoming CEO of London First, on 1 December
- I visited and opened a new co-working space and artists' studio at Dek Catford in Lewisham on 2 December
- I visited the E.Pellicci café in Bethnal Green and relaunched Well Street Market in Hackney on 3 December as part of Small Business Saturday
- I met with the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, on 5 December to discuss transport in London
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 5 December
- I visited Newbury Park Station on 6 December to announce my decision to proceed with step-free access at the station
- I met with Professor Vernon Bogdanor on 6 December to discuss constitutional issues
- I addressed the Chanukah reception hosted by the London Jewish Forum at City Hall on 6 December
- I met with the Rt Hon Liz Truss MP, Secretary of State for Justice, on 7 December to discuss criminal justice devolution in London
- I chaired the London Health Board Meeting on 7 December
- I had an introductory meeting with representatives from the GLA Unison Branch on 7 December

- I met with the Trustees of the Furzedown Project as part of their visit to City Hall organized by Leonie Cooper AM on 7 December
- I attended a reception at Tate Modern Switch House on 7 December to announce the winning design team of the Illuminated River competition
- I chaired the Homes for Londoners Board Meeting on 8 December
- I had my regular meeting with Transport for London on 8 December
- I attended the Evening Standard Film Awards on 8 December
- I attended a Christmas reception hosted by Evgeny Lebedev on 9 December
- I attended a Polka Theatre fundraising event on 10 December
- I launched the Mental Health Section 136 proposals at City Hall on 12 December
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 12 December
- I had my regular meeting with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, on 12 December
- I met with Mike Brown, the Transport Commissioner, on 13 December ahead of the Transport for London Board Meeting
- I had an introductory meeting with Dany Cotton, the new interim Fire Commissioner, on 13 December
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 14 December
- I had an introductory meeting with Major General Ben Bathurst, General Officer Commanding London District, on 14 December
- I chaired the Transport for London Board Meeting on 14 December
- I met with Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley on 15 December to discuss policing and security
- I had an introductory meeting with Andrew Grimshaw, the new Interim CEO of the London Ambulance Service, and the Chairman Heather Lawrence on 15 December
- I met with the Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Opposition, on 15 December to discuss constituency issues
- I attended the Mount Carmel reception taking place at City Hall on 15 December
- I attended the Labour Group Annual Reception on 15 December
- I opened the Magdalen Nursery in Earlsfield on 16 December
- I attended the GLA Christmas Party on 16 December
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 19 December
- I visited the Church Army Marylebone Project for homeless women on 19 December
- I attended the annual GLA Carol Service at Southwark Cathedral on 19 December
- I had an introductory meeting with Richard Taylor, from the Damilola Taylor Trust, on 20 December
- I attended my monthly Speak to Sadiq radio phone in at LBC on 20 December
- I attended the London Fire Brigade Carol Service at St Paul's Cathedral on 20 December
- I attended the London New Year Fireworks on 31 December
- I visited the Camden ward of Cantelowes with the new Dedicated Ward Officers on 4 January
- I met with Manuel Cortes, General Secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, on 4 January to discuss transport issues
- I chaired my regular planning decisions meeting on 4 January

Ends