

Introduction

This table provides an update on progress with implementing the Mayor's statutory strategies during 2019/20. Together with the GLA's annual accounts, and quarter four performance report, it meets the GLA's statutory requirement under Section 46 of the GLA Act 1999 to prepare and publish an annual report.

Further information about all of the Mayor's statutory and non-statutory strategies can be found at <https://www.london.gov.uk/get-involved/mayor-london-strategies-and-plans>.

Covid-19, Recovery and Strategies

This update mainly covers the period to 31 March 2020. This was to have been the last year in the current Mayoral term but the Covid-19 pandemic led to the Government bringing forward legislation to postpone the May 2020 election a year to 2021. Meanwhile, as the effects of the pandemic have adversely impacted so many aspects of London life, the Mayor of London, in partnership with London Councils and working with other partners, has introduced a recovery programme. The programme's grand challenge is to restore confidence in the city, minimise the impact on communities and build back better the city's economy and society. You can find more about the recovery work at <https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/londons-recovery-coronavirus-crisis>.

STRATEGY	2019/20 UPDATE
Economic Development Strategy	<p>The Mayor published his Economic Development Strategy in November 2018. In it, he set out his vision for London’s future economy – for a more inclusive and sustainable economy, that works for all.</p> <p>Achievements in implementing the Strategy during 2019/20 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2019/20 London & Partners – London’s international, trade, investment and promotion agency – added over £200m to London’s economy including £102m in foreign direct investment and £25m in trade and business growth, and helped to create or support more than 3,500 jobs. • The Adult Education Budget was delegated to the Mayor of London and began delivery for the academic year 2019/20. The funding (£306 million) was used to enable adults in London to gain new skills, with additional support focused in its first year of delivery on those earning below the London Living Wage and deaf Londoners. • The Good Work Standard, the Mayor’s benchmark for high employment standards with fair pay at its heart, has been adopted by more than 70 employers of a range of sizes and sectors – which collectively employ more than 207,000 staff. The scheme has also resulted in 17 employers successfully becoming London Living Wage accredited with the Living Wage Foundation. • The Growth Hub engaged 2,412 businesses through events, workshops and short one-to-one sessions, and provided 283 businesses with in-depth one-to-one support to enable future job creation and business growth. Five physical business support Hubs opened in 2019 – including hubs in Croydon, Tottenham and Woolwich, Lambeth and Hammersmith – targeting some of the most hard-to-reach business communities and areas of deprivation. • The Mayor announced more than £18 million in funding from his Good Growth Fund to 21 regeneration projects, which will create healthier and more inclusive places to work, live and visit. A further four standalone projects also received funding to deliver improvements in air quality.
Housing Strategy	<p>The London Housing Strategy was adopted in August 2018. It sets out the Mayor’s priorities in relation to housing in the capital, which include building more homes, including many more genuinely affordable homes; delivering high quality homes and inclusive neighbourhoods; securing a fairer deal for private renters and leaseholders; and tackling homelessness and helping rough sleepers. A high-level implementation plan includes key policies, proposals and actions; Mayoral targets or milestones where these have been agreed; and headline indicators of success. These indicators are monitored in the annual Housing in London report.</p>

Key achievements in 2019/20 include:

- 17,256 **affordable homes** were started in London in 2019/20 – more than at any time since records began in 2002/3. This included more than 3,300 council homes – the most in any year since 1982/83.
- The Mayor's Life off the Streets services helped more **rough sleepers** than ever before, with 6,900 people seen by services during the year. In the last quarter of 2019/20, the Mayor acted swiftly to protect rough sleepers at risk of Covid-19, by immediately providing emergency accommodation and support so that they could self-isolate – benefiting around 1,700 people over the period of lockdown and beyond.
- The Mayor secured funding from government and laid the foundations for his **Better Renting** project to combat rogue landlord and letting agent activity, working closely with local authorities, the police and other partners. Meanwhile, the Mayor's Rogue Landlord and Agent Checker (RLAC) continued to be a valuable tool with 592 new records of rogue landlord and letting agent activity added to the system, over 42,000 rogue landlord records checked by Londoners and 854 instances of rogue landlord and agent behaviour reported to the authorities through the site.
- The Mayor delivered a victory for renters by securing a commitment from government to scrap Section 21 'no fault' evictions. He also published 'Reforming private renting: The Mayor of London's blueprint', setting out his vision for reform of private tenancies and the need for rent control in London.
- In May 2019, after a successful lobbying from the Mayor, Government announced a new £200m fund to remove and replace unsafe aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding from high-rise buildings owned by private sector landlords. In summer 2019, the GLA's **building safety** team started administrating the Private Sector ACM Cladding Remediation Fund for buildings in London. Sixty private sector buildings have been referred by MHCLG as eligible to receive funding. The team also continued to deliver the Social Sector ACM Cladding Remediation Fund and paid out £55m to social landlords for either starting or completing ACM remediation works.
- In March 2020, following further lobbying from the Mayor, government announced an additional £1bn for the remediation of unsafe non-ACM external wall systems.
- Since September 2019 the Mayor has required new buildings on GLA land that are commissioned through the London Development Framework to meet high fire safety standards, contributing to the delivery of high-quality, safe homes.

Culture Strategy	<p>The Mayor’s Culture Strategy was published following public consultation in December 2018. ‘Culture for all Londoners’ outlines the Mayor’s ambitious vision to sustain a city that works for everyone, and is built on four priorities: Love London: more people experiencing and creating culture on their doorstep; Culture and Good Growth: supporting, saving and sustaining cultural places; Creative Londoners: investing in a diverse creative workforce for the future; and World City: a global creative powerhouse today and in the future.</p> <p>The Mayor has published a high-level implementation plan, which includes key policies, proposals and actions; and headline indicators of success. The ‘One Year On’ report, published in March 2020, summarises the progress of the actions taken by the Mayor against the policies in the Culture Strategy between December 2018 and February 2020.</p> <p>Key achievements up to the end of 2019/20 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered the first ever London Borough of Culture 2019 in Waltham Forest. The year-long programme involved all 88 schools in the borough, recruited more than 1000 volunteers and engaged 85 per cent of households. It supported over 500,000 additional visits to cultural activity. • Ran a £1m Culture Seeds micro-grant fund to support local grassroots arts, culture and heritage projects, in community settings. Culture Seeds awarded grants to over 200 projects across every London borough, reaching nearly 60,000 Londoners. • Established East Bank, a new culture and education district at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. • Set up six new Creative Enterprise Zones across London. The Zones have already delivered over 12,000sqm of affordable creative workspace, provided new models of business rate relief and embedded policies in Local Plans to support local creative businesses • Awarded 38 projects with a significant cultural component £32m in the first two rounds of the Good Growth Fund. • Through grant funding of games, fashion, film and design, the Mayor helped London’s creative industries generate £737m in new orders, exports and inward investment in 2018-19 alone.
London Environment Strategy	<p>In May 2018, the London Environment Strategy was published. This strategy brings together policies on every aspect of London’s environment, kick-starting action that will improve the city’s environment right away, whilst setting ambitious long-term goals. These include to make London a zero-carbon, zero-waste city with the best air quality of any major world city and thriving green spaces.</p>

	<p>Alongside the strategy, an Implementation Plan sets out those actions that the Mayor has prioritised to take forward directly between 2018 and 2023 to help implement the policies and proposals set out in the strategy and includes a commitment to report on the progress of the London Environment Strategy each year. The 'one year on' report summarises the actions taken by the Mayor against the policies and proposals in the strategy over the last year, and was published in December 2019, with a chapter on each of the key London Environment Strategy areas: climate change mitigation and energy; air quality; green infrastructure; waste; adapting to climate change; ambient noise; and GLA Group – leading by example. Actions for each of these areas are grouped as Programmes, Policies and Lobbying and Partnerships. As the Mayor has limited direct powers over most environmental policy areas, to be effective, the actions must be complemented by work from partners and stakeholders.</p> <p>Significant achievements in 2019/20 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor introduced the world’s first Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in April 2019 – see transport section for further info. The compliance rate with ULEZ standards was 80 per cent by April 2020, and concentrations of NO2 at roadside sites within the ULEZ in February 2020 were down 44 per cent from February 2017. The impacts of the ULEZ go beyond air quality - we have seen a 12,300 tonne (6 per cent) reduction in CO2 emissions from road transport in the central zone over the first ten months. • London Power, the Mayor’s new energy company, was launched in January 2020. London Power was designed to ensure Londoners have access to energy that is always fair, always affordable and always green, with excellent customer service. • In addition to the 180,000 trees planted between May 2016 and March 2019, 108,000 trees were planted during 2019/20 including 3,000 street trees. The Mayor has also committed funding to plant 145,000 trees across the capital in 2020/21 and 2021/22. • Working in partnership with ZSL and Thames Water, 63 operational water fountains were installed across London. This is on top of the 3,500 refill points that have been established across the city, compared to only 200 when the scheme started in 2018.
London Health Inequalities Strategy	<p>The Mayor’s Health Inequalities Strategy (HIS), published in October 2018, sets out his plans to tackle unfair differences in health to make London a healthier, fairer city and take action to address London’s stark health inequalities, focusing on reducing the number of years Londoners live in poor health.. The strategy tackles the determinants of health which lead to these differences - or health inequalities - by focusing on five key areas: Healthy Children; Healthy Minds; Healthy Places; Healthy Communities; and Healthy Living. It was accompanied by a high-level implementation plan which includes key policies, proposals and actions for the first two years; Mayoral targets or milestones where these have been agreed, and headline indicators of success.</p>

The HIS Annual Report was published in October 2019, providing an update and summary of achievements on the Mayor's first year of delivery against the key areas in the Strategy, made possible with the work of partners across London.

Significant achievements in 2019/20 included:

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- The launch and roll-out of the new **Healthy Early Years London Programme**, supporting children across the city to have the best start in life. The target of 10 per cent of all London early years setting registered was achieved earlier than planned.
- Roll out of **Youth Mental Health First Aid** training for London's schools. Over a thousand setting have already been reached. Further resource has now been allocated from the Young Londoners Fund to expand training to other youth settings.
- Bold action on **child obesity** – with restrictions on advertising of less healthy foods on the TfL estate, inclusion in the London Plan of a new policy to restrict new hot food takeaways within 400 metres walking distance of primary or secondary schools, and the convening of an independent London Child Obesity Taskforce.
- Action on London's toxic **air quality**, including air quality audits at 50 primary schools and 20 nurseries in high pollution areas, and the launch of the new Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)
- The inclusion of health inequalities as one of the Mayor's **six tests** for new NHS reconfiguration and transformation proposals

Wider action in London / partnership

- London becoming the first global city to exceed **Fast Track Cities** UNAIDS 95-95-95 ambitions for HIV identification, diagnosis and treatment.
- Working together on **mental health** - continuing to build the excellent work of Thrive LDN Thrive, the development of a mental health toolkit for schools, and the launch of Good Thinking an innovative mental wellbeing service for London
- Commitment to tackling Health Inequalities in the **NHS long term plan** and in the development of Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) plans
- Producing and launched a shared health and care **Vision for London** - based on priority outcomes for Londoners, and

	<p>strongly influenced by the HIS</p> <p>The implementation plan will be reviewed and updated in 2020/21.</p>
Transport Strategy	<p>In March 2018, the Mayor published his Transport Strategy, which sets out ambitious plans to make London a cleaner, safer, healthier city with more affordable and accessible public transport.</p> <p>During the year in question significant progress has been made in delivering the goals in the Transport Strategy, with the following highlights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April 2019 a milestone in reducing vehicle emissions in central London was reached with the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) coming into operation (see Environment section above). • In October 2019 the Mayor launched phase 1 of the world-leading Direct Vision Standard for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs). The COVID-19 pandemic has placed additional demands on the sector, so although the new standards will come into force in October 2020, the scheme will not be enforced until March 2021. The introduction of the standard has meant the freight industry has been preparing and many vehicles are already compliant. • In February 2020, the Mayor announced that the amount of protected space for cycling in London had been tripled since 2016. This took the total to 162km of protected lanes complete or under construction. This follows statistics showing cycling in London at a record high, with the average daily volume of cycling in London reaching more than four million kilometres. TfL also doubled funding for active travel grants for community and not-for-profit groups to £500,000, expanding the programme to walking projects for the first time. • In March 2020, as part of the Mayor’s commitment to Vision Zero, TfL introduced a new 20mph speed limit on 8.9km of TfL roads within the Congestion Charging Zone. Cutting speeds from 30mph to 20mph significantly reduces the likelihood and severity of collisions, creating streets safer and more attractive for walking and cycling. • This year also saw the third anniversary of the introduction of the Mayor’s Hopper fare. More than 430 million trips have now been made using the Hopper fare.

London Plan (Spatial Development Strategy)	<p>The Mayor is required to prepare a Spatial Development Strategy for London, known as the London Plan. Following a formal public consultation on the new Draft London Plan from December 2017 – March 2018, in August 2018, the Mayor published Minor Suggested Changes to the plan.</p> <p>Unlike the other Mayoral Strategies, it is subject to a formal Examination in Public (EiP) and is a statutory material consideration for determining planning applications. The EiP took place from January 2019 – May 2019, where independent planning inspectors assessed the plan and the comments submitted during the consultation period.</p> <p>Following examination of the plan, the inspectors submitted their report to the Mayor, who issued his Intend to Publish version of the London Plan in December 2019. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government responded in March 2020 and directed the Mayor to make changes to the Plan before publishing the final version. The Mayor responded in April, signalled his commitment to working constructively with government to publish the Plan as quickly as possible.</p>
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