

12th Mayor's Report to the Assembly Mayor's Question Time 23rd June 2022

This is my twelfth report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period from 6 May – 9 June 2022.

Please note that the information in the Mayor's Report is accurate at the time of publishing.

Executive Summary

Covid-19 and Recovery update

Cost of Living continues to be a focus for the London Recovery Programme. Data from NIESR shows that an estimated 236,000 or 6.5% of London households will face food and energy bills greater than their disposable income in 2022/23. Average rents are rising faster in London than the rest of the UK, with 18% reporting not being up to date with rent, and one in seven Londoners saying they were struggling financially in April. The programme team continue to work with mission teams and partners to ensure the partnership is focusing the programme on issues and solutions where it has a positive impact, and a paper on this is being brought to the next London Recovery Board meeting on 21st June.

On 25 May, 'Building a Fairer City', the London Recovery Board's action plan for addressing the structural inequalities that drove the disproportionate impact of the pandemic, was launched at a launch event in City Hall. Nearly 100 senior stakeholders from a range of sectors joined the event. As well as the Chief Executive of London Borough of Lewisham, Kim Wright – who chaired the London Recovery Board sub-group on structural inequalities - and my Deputy Mayor Debbie Weekes-Barnard, the event heard from several speakers from the NHS, local government, civil society and business.

On 7 June, my Recovery Team, working with the London Research and Policy Partnership and the International Public Policy Observatory delivered an event called Urban Recovery Plans in a Changing World. It brought together representatives from global cities, including Milan, Helsinki, Montreal and Boston to share experiences and best practice in urban recovery from the pandemic. My Deputy Mayor, Debbie Weekes-Barnard, presented on London's experience alongside Kim Wright, Chief Executive of the London Borough of Lewisham, who presented on 'Building a Fairer City'.

On 9 June, my Recovery Team and the High Streets for All mission team hosted a seminar with representatives of local and regional government in the Liverpool City Region and London, entitled 'Maximising the Social Value of High Streets and Town Centres'. It explored best practice in supporting high streets and town centres to develop and grow in recovery, and helped develop working relationships across the two cities.

Hosting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

I was incredibly excited that the eyes of the world were on London over the Jubilee weekend, as our nation united to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In the last 70 years the Queen has led our country through some of the most extraordinary times in our history and it was a privilege to welcome tourists from across Britain and all over the world to celebrate her historic reign. Alongside many events hosted in the capital over the bank holiday weekend, I was especially honoured to attend the Service of Thanksgiving at St Pauls Church, on behalf of Londoners, to pay tribute the Queen's tremendous service to our nation.

Opening the Elizabeth Line

On 17 May, we were honoured by the visit of her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, to Paddington Elizabeth line station to mark the completion of the transformational new railway ahead of its opening to passengers on Tuesday 24 May. During her visit, Her Majesty officially unveiled a plaque to celebrate the completion of the line named in Her honour. The plaque will be permanently mounted at Paddington station, celebrating The Queen's connection with the railway for generations to come. Her Majesty was introduced to staff who have been key to the Crossrail project, as well as Elizabeth line staff who will be running the railway - including apprentices, drivers, and station staff.

On 24 May, the Elizabeth line opened, delivering fast and seamless journeys through the heart of London. Thousands of excited customers flocked to the nine new stations in central London. To mark the event I was joined on the first eastbound train from Paddington by Andy Byford, London's Transport Commissioner and Elizabeth line Director, Howard Smith. Baroness Vere of Norbiton, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport, TfL Chief Operating Officer, Andy Lord, and Crossrail CEO Mark Wild were also out on the railway with us on the first day looking at the regeneration around Woolwich station. It is good to see businesses embracing the arrival of the Elizabeth line, and for many, the new railway marks an exciting new chapter in the capital.

Following an opening day full of celebrations, I was delighted to report that more than one million passenger journeys were made on the new Elizabeth line in its first five days. This new line is the most significant addition to our transport network in decades. It will add billions to the national economy and is set to serve up to 200 million passengers each year. I'm sure passengers will enjoy the modern trains, beautiful step-free stations, and the reduced journey times as it connects areas including world-leading financial centres in the Square Mile and Canary Wharf, to key business and events hubs in the east including the Royal Docks, as well as London's cultural and creative heart in the West End.

TfL seeks views on expanding world-leading ULEZ London-wide

On 20 May, Transport for London launched a new consultation on plans to expand the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to cover almost the whole of the capital from August 2023, as new data estimates it would deter more than 100,000 of the most polluting cars a day.

Traffic congestion continues to be a persistent problem in the capital. Last year, the cost to the London economy was estimated to be £5.1 billion. Nearly two-thirds of the cost of congestion in London has been attributed to traffic delays in outer London. This comes at a cost to everyone, impacting businesses, bus customers and essential services. The air Londoners breathe is so toxic it stunts children's lungs, exacerbates chronic illness and contributes to thousands of premature deaths each year. More than half of the 500,000 Londoners with asthma live in outer London and all areas of London still breach safe levels of pollution. That's why these proposals for expanding the Ultra -Low Emission Zone are the right thing to do. Air pollution is not just a central London issue and Londoners in the outer boroughs should be able to enjoy the clean air benefits the ULEZ brings.

Starting a record number of affordable homes in 2021/22

On 13 May, I was delighted to announce another record-breaking year of new affordable homes started with funding from City Hall. 18,722 starts were recorded, surpassing the previous record set in 2019/20. This is the most recorded in a single year since GLA records began in 2003. I want to thank our delivery partners and the housing and land team at City Hall for achieving this in spite of the huge challenges facing the sector, including materials cost inflation and a labour shortage exacerbated by Brexit.

Record breaking figures show resurgence in council home building in London

On 26 May, I announced that more new council homes were started in London in 2021/22 than in any year since 1979. A total of 4,946 City Hall-backed council homes were started last year. By contrast, in the entire decade before I became Mayor only 3,520 council homes were started in London. This turnaround in council building has been driven by initiatives such as my landmark Building Council Homes for Londoners grant funding programme, and the Homebuilding Capacity Fund which has allowed boroughs to increase their ability to build after a generation of decline. I am announcing two further revenue funds to expand council delivery this year.

Skills Bootcamps Launch

On 19 May, I announced £18 million of funding to support Londoners into good work through the Skills Bootcamps programme, with a focus on sectors key to London's recovery and long-term economic success, including Green, Digital and Construction. The programme is focused on short, flexible courses – up to 16 weeks - delivering skills that will help fast-track Londoners into good jobs. It aims to help employers to fill their vacancies with skilled talent by training unemployed Londoners and those with lower-level skills or in low-income work. Successful bootcamp providers will be announced in due course, with delivery starting from July 2022.

Making London a Living Wage City

On 16 May, along with the Bishop of London Sarah Mullally and Anna Purchas, London Region Chair of KPMG, and the London TUC I co-chaired the first steering group meeting for the Making London a Living Wage City Programme. The programme, funded by Trust for London and administered by the Living Wage Foundation, is setting ambitious goals to increase the number of accredited Living Wage employers by a further 1,000 (3,700 total) and the number of uplifted employees by a further 50,000 (164,000 total) by Spring 2024.

The group convenes senior leaders in the private, public and third sectors to better understand the challenge of low-pay in London and direct activity for the programme's sector and location-based action strands. A action plan with detail on how ambitions up to Spring 2024 will be met, will be published during Living Wage Week in November.

Tackling environmental inequalities

On 6 June, I announced new funding and support to tackle environmental injustices in London. Grow Together is a £150,000 community-led programme with charity Hubbub that addresses environmental inequalities experienced by lower income, Black, Asian and minority ethnic Londoners. As well as funding, five projects will receive expert guidance and mentoring to help embed community-led approaches. I also announced the third round of my Grow Back Greener Fund, which enables communities to create and enhance green space and increase climate resilience. The £1.2million fund prioritises projects in areas of the city with the poorest access to green space, at high climate risk and in areas of deprivation. The fund will open for applications at the end of June.

Jubilee line Night Tube services return

Transport for London returned Night Tube services on the Jubilee line on Saturday 21 May, in a further boost for the capital's recovery from the pandemic, with Northern and Piccadilly lines returning later this summer. This came after all Night Tube services were suspended in March 2020 due to the pandemic.

Public transport is key to the capital's recovery from the pandemic, and millions of Londoners are now regularly using public transport, showing continued confidence that services are safe, clean and reliable. Ridership on the Tube network has reached as high as 80 per cent of pre-pandemic levels at weekends, while ridership on buses is regularly at 75 per cent.

Restoring night services on the Jubilee line will provide further travel options for Londoners and visitors looking to make the most of all the capital has to offer in the evenings, and those who need to travel to or from work at night. The return of Jubilee line Night Tube services came in time for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

TfL seeks views on reshaping the central and inner London bus network following Government requirement for significant savings

On 1 June, proposals on reshaping the central and inner London bus network were published by Transport for London. These proposals have been set out by TfL as a direct result of the Government's conditions of funding, which requires TfL to reduce service levels on London's bus network.

Before the Coronavirus pandemic, TfL had made huge strides to improve its financial resilience. Due to TfL's reliance on passenger fares for the majority of its income, the effect of the pandemic on its finances has been devastating, requiring Government support to keep public transport in London operating. Passenger numbers continue to recover but are still significantly below pre-pandemic levels.

The Government set a number of conditions before providing emergency funding to enable TfL to keep operating, including requiring a plan setting out how to achieve significant financial savings and reduce service levels. This plan included reducing the extent of the bus network by four per cent by 2024/25.

Proposals to achieve this reduction, by changing and withdrawing some bus routes in and around central London, were published for consultation on Wednesday 1 June.

This six-week consultation sets out how TfL will ensure the bus network continues to provide Londoners with the service they need while responding to Government requirements to make further savings. The consultation closes on 12 July and all Londoners are encouraged to have their say.

Trade and investment mission to the USA

Between 8-12 May, I led my first international trade and investment mission since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, visiting New York, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Los Angeles.

This was the first time a Mayor of London has led a full trade and investment mission to California. Banging the drum for London overseas as a key destination for tourism, business, investment, talent and ideas is a key part of my work to promote London's economic and social recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

During my visit, I met the Mayors of New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles and other senior politicians to exchange best practice and ideas on the key challenges facing London and the USA, including a post-pandemic economic recovery, improving air quality, tackling the climate crisis, addressing homelessness, reducing inequalities, promoting greater social integration and fighting crime.

In New York, I:

- launched the largest international tourism campaign that London has ever seen to attract American visitors to London
- announced a long-term partnership between London and Major League Baseball (MLB) alongside Rob Manfred, MLB Commissioner. This will deliver more MLB games in London and bring baseball to more Londoners at grassroots level
- attended a business dinner hosted by Mike Bloomberg to discuss tourism, culture and trade
- met with Secretary Hilary Clinton to discuss UK-US relations and the need for cities and national governments to work together
- spoke to over 75 business leaders at a London & Partners trade and investment reception on opportunities in London and the importance of DEI in scaling tech companies.

In San Francisco and Silicon Valley, I:

- was joined by 11 female founders of London-based companies that are taking part in London & Partners' *BeyondHERizons* programme
- held a series of meetings with entrepreneurs and business leaders to bang the drum for even more investment in London. This included meetings with Ruth Porat, Chief Financial Officer at Google; Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn; and Saeed Amidi, CEO and Founder of Plug and Play, the world's largest early-stage investor which recently announced that it is setting up its first UK operations in London and Warwickshire.
- accepted an invitation from the Stanford Speakers Bureau to take part in a guest interview series with Stanford University faculty students, during which I discussed my priorities for London, including how global cities and tech companies can and must lead the way in making our future greener and fairer
- attended a high-level roundtable with senior investors and business leaders to hear their perspectives about London and how we can position ourselves to continue to attract record levels of investment
- spoke at a London and Partners' trade and investment reception on why London continues to be the most popular destination for US companies
- was honoured to throw the ceremonial first pitch at Oracle Park in San Francisco ahead of the game between the San Francisco Giants and Colorado Rockies, in support of the MLB announcement

In Los Angeles, I:

- spoke at an interfaith event hosted by the Muslim Public Affairs Council at the Islamic Centre of Southern California
- joined representatives from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), LA City Hall, public health officials and licensed cannabis retailers and growers at a lessons-learned roundtable discussion, convened by the LA Department for Cannabis Regulation (DCR)
- met with some of California's most exciting businesses at Second Home, at which I invited them to choose London for future investments, and to collaborate with London's fastest growing creative technology businesses, 14 of which had joined me in LA as part of my Mayor's International Business Programme (MIBP)

- showcased London as a global leader for film in a roundtable with senior executives from Hollywood, becoming the first Mayor to bang the drum for London's film industry in Los Angeles.
- spoke at a creative industries reception at the newly-launched Holloway House, which was attended by influential representatives of the UK and US TV, fashion and film industries, including James Corden and Richard Curtis
- announced a ground-breaking talent partnership at Universal Studios alongside Dame Donna Langley, Chair of Universal Filmed Entertainment Group, and Adrian Wootton, CEO of Film London. This will see young Londoners from diverse backgrounds take part in NBCUniversal's Below-the Line Traineeship
- accompanied the Mayor of Los Angeles and previous Chair of C40 on a visit to the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) on a showcase of how LA and London are working together to improve air quality by delivering zero emissions vehicles.

Throughout my visit, I also undertook a series of interviews with US-based media to ensure that my message that London is Open for tourism, business, students and investment would be heard by millions of people across the USA.

Eid in the Square

On 7 May, I was delighted to see Eid celebrations return to Trafalgar Square, which had been paused for the last two years due to the coronavirus pandemic. This celebration follows the end of Ramadan, and returned for its 17th year to showcase a fantastic range of Islamic-inspired art, culture and comedy, with contemporary and traditional performances on the main stage and a feast of food stalls from across the world lining the Square. We ran a range of family-friendly activities including calligraphy, storytelling, mehndi, face painting, and drama and poetry workshops, as well as a variety of sports activities including Muslim Girls Fencing and Sisterhood FC. Trafalgar Square saw 25,000 visitors throughout the day who enjoyed guest visitors such as Naughtly Boy, Mehreen Baig and the Halalians.

Ahead of the celebration, the London Eye was lit up with a special lunar-themed light display in honour of Eid Ul-Fitr. The celebrations were a wonderful showcase of the hugely positive cultural impact that Muslim communities have on our city and beyond, demonstrating that in London, we don't just tolerate our diversity, we celebrate it.

London Government Dinner

On 30 May, I attended the London Government Dinner, which returned to its traditional home at Mansion House this evening after being held virtually for two years during the pandemic. In used my keynote address to political and business leaders from across the capital to outline the damaging impact of anti-London rhetoric in the national political discourse. I spoke of the damage this is doing to transport in the capital, the future of the City and the impact it has on Londoners facing up to the cost of living crisis.

Policing, Crime and Security

Chair announced for London's first ever Drugs Commission

On 12 May, during a visit to a cannabis dispensary and cultivation facility in Los Angeles, I announced that former Lord Chancellor and Justice Secretary Lord Charlie Falconer QC will be the Chair of the first ever London Drugs Commission. The Commission - comprising independent experts and leading figures from the fields of criminal justice, public health, politics, community relations and academia, will examine the effectiveness of our drugs laws, with a particular focus on cannabis. The Commission will not consider Class A drugs.

The illegal drugs trade causes huge damage to our society and we need to do more to tackle this epidemic and further the debate around our drugs laws. Los Angeles legalised cannabis in 2016, and I took the opportunity to speak with key figures from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), L.A.'s city government, public health and licensed retailers and growers to see what lessons could be learned in the UK in responding to the challenges of drugs.

Lord Falconer has been chosen to lead the Commission as it gathers evidence from around the world on the approach taken to cannabis, the best methods of prevention, the most effective criminal justice responses, and the public health benefits of different approaches.

University College London (UCL) has been appointed to provide world-class evidence-based research and assessment to the Commission on the criminal justice, health and economic implications for any potential change in policy. Following its work, the Commission will make a series of policy recommendations for City Hall, the Government, the police, the criminal justice system and public health services.

Marking the fourth anniversary of the MPS Violent Crime Taskforce

I'm proud to have funded the establishment of the Met's Violent Crime Taskforce (VCTF), which is working around the clock to target the most dangerous offenders and to bear down on violence across our city. They are deployed into areas at greatest risk of violence outbreaks across London, so they can support and protect the communities who need them the most. The unit also lead and manage London-wide operations focussed on tackling violent crime.

Since in 2018, the VCTF has achieved significant successes including: 16,812 total arrests for possession of firearms, knives, offensive weapons and drugs; 3,148 knives taken off the streets; 696 firearms seized; 2,008 offensive weapons recovered; 15,369 other seizures including drugs; 340 mopeds/scooters; 2,896 vehicles seized and 22,976 weapons sweeps.

The work of the Taskforce has been an important contributor to the 11 per cent drop in knife crime with injury and the 30 per cent drop in gun crime in London since May 2016. I'm determined to continue being tough on crime and tough on the complex causes of crime. I'd like to pay tribute to all the brave police officers who have served as part of the new taskforce for their excellent work helping us to drive down violent crime and make communities safer across London.

Transport

Transport for London and Global reveal new advertising sites at landmark Elizabeth line stations

As London prepared for the historic launch of the brand-new Elizabeth line on 24 May, Transport for London (TfL) and Global, the Media & Entertainment group, revealed 329 new state-of-the-art advertising sites along the line - the largest launch of digital advertising assets at one time on the TfL network.

The transformative Elizabeth line service, stretching from Reading and Heathrow in the West to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the East, is providing advertisers with new opportunities to present campaigns in impactful and unique ways, within bright, spacious and accessible environments unlike any others on the network.

At the heart of the new line are the central stations - Paddington, Tottenham Court Road, Farringdon, Liverpool Street, Whitechapel, Canary Wharf, Custom House and Woolwich - all of which have been built with advertising embedded in their design.

Google, MoneySuperMarket, Reed.co.uk, Sage and Schweppes are the first brands to advertise on the new Elizabeth line.

With a focus on creating extensive digital opportunities for advertisers, the new stations feature seven pairs of unmissable, full motion enabled Digital Ribbons and 16 new-format Digital Runways - made up of 234 platform edge screens - which are exclusive to the Elizabeth line.

There are also four brand-new, high impact, ultra-HD Digital Gateway screens, including one that measures 28m² over the escalators at Tottenham Court Road, and 32 new digital billboards (D6s) which have been installed in high-visibility locations such as ticket halls and corridors.

Platinum bus wraps to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Jubilee

Eight buses with special commemorative wraps have been put in service across the capital as part of Transport for London's celebrations to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. The platinum buses are in operation on selected routes passing by some of the iconic central London locations associated with the Royal family including Kensington Palace and Westminster Abbey, and Royal Parks such as Hyde Park and Green Park. Bus operators Arriva, RATP, Abellio, Go-Ahead, Metrolink and Stagecoach have funded the special wraps.

Customers using the Jubilee line, Elizabeth line or stations that have a Royal link in their name will have seen and heard special celebratory messages during the four day Platinum Jubilee weekend which took place from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June. Station announcements and platform digital display boards helped Londoners and visitors get into the party spirit from Queen's Road Overground station in Walthamstow, to Queensbury Underground and Royal Victoria DLR - and beyond.

Fire and Resilience

GMB Union meeting

On 10 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, spoke with representatives from the GMB Union to discuss a range of issues affecting London Fire Brigade staff.

Visit with Home Secretary to Old Kent Road Fire Station

On 18 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross, attended a visit of the Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, to Old Kent road fire station, alongside the London Fire Commissioner, Andy Roe and the Minister for Building Safety and Fire, Lord Stephen Greenhalgh. The visit marked the launch of the Government's fire reform white paper and a number of Government announcements regarding fire safety for the public.

London Fire Brigade's Environment Garden

On 26 May, my Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross and my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, visited the London Fire Brigade's "Act on Flooding" garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden explained how permeable paving and extra planting can reduce the risk of flooding in people's homes and what people should do if they are affected by flooding as well as how to prepare for it.

High Rise Exercise

On 27 May, I and Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, Dr Fiona Twycross attended a London Fire Brigade exercise to see how the Brigade (LFB) is giving crews a practical understanding of the new Fire Survival Guidance (FSG) procedures at a multi-FSG incident in a high rise block. We also saw new LFB policies introduced to improve its response to fires in high rise buildings.

Growth, Skills and Regeneration

Multiply Grants Awards New Maths Skills support for Londoners

In April, City Hall was allocated a three-year indicative budget of £40.9million to deliver the Multiply programme, which will be used to help people improve their ability to understand and use maths in daily life, home and work.

The London approach will be tailored to meet local need, while working alongside and adding value to existing skills programmes in London. This includes supporting Londoners into good work and mitigating the impact of the increased cost of living, by helping Londoners to improve their understanding of household finances.

My officers have now written to adult education providers with their indicative grant allocations ahead of delivery beginning in September 2022. Further activity will be commissioned to meet additional Multiply aims from financial year 2023-24.

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Meeting of the CBI London Council

In May, Jules Pipe, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, attended the quarterly meeting of the Confederation of British Industry's London Council and spoke to senior business executives to outline our commitment to supporting Londoners into good jobs and the vital role London's business community has in making that happen.

Jules reiterated that this type of joint working with employers is intrinsic to my Skills Roadmap for London, £44million Mayor's Academies Programme and Skills Bootcamps. Jules called for businesses to get involved with these programmes and the upcoming opportunity to shape London's skills delivery through London's Local Skills Improvement Plan.

Formal opening of the Lakeside Centre in Thamesmead

On 10 May, my Assistant Director for Culture and Creative Industries officially opened the Lakeside Centre in Thamesmead. The refurbishment and fit out of the building was supported with £1million regeneration funding from the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) and delivered in partnership with Peabody, Bow Arts and YMCA. The project has created 35 affordable creative workspaces, two residency studios, a community darkroom and community garden, an early years nursery and a community café. The site will also offer a wider programme of events, school programmes and public art, contributing to the regeneration within the Thamesmead and Abbey Wood Opportunity Area.

High Streets for All Challenge – Redchurch Street launch

On 19 May, on Redchurch CIC launched a new social venture on Redchurch Street in Tower Hamlets, following £80,000 of investment from my High Streets for All Challenge. Working with partner organisations and Saira Hospitality, a non-profit transforming the way hotels connect with local communities through education, the project will provide skills training and support to people who live locally and help them into work in the hospitality industry. By offering an alternative to the current economy of high-end retail, and through improvements to the public realm, the project is the first step in a vision to make the street as inclusive as possible.

A plan to improve London's built environment

On 25 May, I published a new forward plan to create a city that works for everyone as part of my Good Growth by Design (GGbD) programme. To take the programme into its next phase, I also announced a diverse panel of 42 new Mayor's Design Advocates (MDAs) – including, high-profile practitioners Sir David Adjaye OBE, Hanif Kara OBE, Farshid Moussavi OBE and Sir David Chipperfield CBE, alongside fresh talent and rising stars.

MDAs are independent experts who will support my vision of “good growth” and will ensure that new buildings and public spaces will benefit Londoners and are at the heart of the capital's recovery from the pandemic. The panel of MDAs have experience in both the public and private sector and include practitioners, academics, policymakers and those from community-led initiatives. The new cohort includes practitioners with expertise in key areas such as zero-carbon and sustainability, the safety of women and girls and housing quality. 55 per cent of the panel are women and 45 per cent come from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds.

GGbD is my programme to shape a better city by promoting quality and inclusion in the built environment. The programme comprises projects and policies promoted across the Greater London Authority (GLA) Group, but is also a call to action to architects, urban designers and other built environment professionals working in London. The newly updated programme reflects the importance of an inclusive recovery from a pandemic that has highlighted inequalities in the capital and the need to counter racism and other forms of prejudice in the built environment. It looks to engage directly with the reconfiguration of high streets and other workspaces, as well as underscoring the urgent imperative of achieving net zero.

Formal opening of The Africa Centre

On 9 June, my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Jules Pipe officially opened The Africa Centre in Southwark – a project funded through my Good Growth Fund with a grant of £1.6million, with support from the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP). Through its new home in Southwark, The Africa Centre will continue to promote and celebrate its rich heritage and the ambition to become London's hub for African arts, culture, enterprise and development. The project focuses on young creative businesses, providing a platform for showcasing their work and providing hot-desking, meeting rooms and collaboration spaces in addition to a wider outreach programme accessible to local people and schools. The building also provides gallery and exhibition space and a café open to the public on the ground floor.

Housing

CIH housing conference

On 10 May, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, spoke at the CIH conference in Brighton about the need for higher standards and better regulation in the social housing sector. The session also discussed retrofit and building safety issues. The deputy mayor highlighted the new standards I have introduced around design, sustainability, safety and EDI in my 2021-26 Affordable Homes Programme. He also stressed the urgent need for the government to introduce much tougher national regulation of the housing sector.

Rough Sleeping and Mental Health Programme (RAMHP) visit

On 11 May, my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley, visited the East London Mental Health Trust's Rough Sleeping and Mental Health programme, which serves communities across Tower Hamlets, Newham, the City of London and Hackney. The RAMHP was initially funded by City Hall for two years, and has now been taken on by the NHS. The deputy mayor spoke to service users, outreach teams and staff and was impressed by the impact the programme has had.

The latest Life off the Streets Executive Board meeting

On 24 May, the latest Life Off The Streets Executive Board took place, chaired by my Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley. In addition to regular attendees, this meeting was also attended by Eddie Hughes MP the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing. Participants discussed the Government's new Rough Sleeping Strategy and London's role as an early adopter of the 'Ending Rough Sleeping Framework' as well as receiving an extensive update on the homeless health workstream.

The Economy, Business and Enterprise

Business engagement

On 19 May, I convened a meeting of the London Covid Business Forum, through which we have been working with business to progress the 'Roadmap to the Safe and Full Reopening of London's Economy'. The Forum discussed businesses' responses to the Spring Statement and received an update from London & Partners on the launch of my Let's Do London international tourism campaign to a US audience in New York City.

On 25 May, I attended the New West End Company's Board meeting. I highlighted the importance of working closely with Westminster Council on plans for Oxford Street, the contribution of businesses alongside other stakeholders to the development of the Elizabeth line and exciting events lined up for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

On 26 May, I met with Charlie Nunn, CEO of Lloyds Banking Group. We discussed our respective priorities including London's recovery, hybrid working and the transition to net zero.

On 16 May, my Deputy Mayor for Business Rajesh Agrawal joined a 'Dubai Trades' dinner with senior government representatives from the United Arab Emirates, and senior UK government and business figures. Rajesh gave a speech on why London remains one of the most attractive cities in the world to invest.

On 17 May, my Deputy Mayor for Business Rajesh Agrawal and my Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills Jules Pipe attended the UK's Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum (UKReiiF) conference in Leeds. Over 4,000 people attended the conference, including 500 investors. At the conference, Rajesh took part in a panel discussion held in partnership with Opportunity London on 'Levelling Up London' where he highlighted that the success of London and the rest of the UK is not a zero-sum game. Rather, we grow and succeed together. Both Rajesh and Jules also attended a lunch with Lord Grimstone, Minister for Investment, and a number of the Metro Mayors.

On 25 May, my Deputy Mayor for Business Rajesh Agrawal met with Peter Jelkeby, Ikea's UK & Ireland Country Retail Manager & Chief Sustainability Officer to discuss Ikea's plans in London. Ikea noted that it has capacity to offer jobs to all staff from its Tottenham store in Edmonton, North London which will close on 31 August 2022.

On 31 May, my Deputy Mayor for Business Rajesh Agrawal attended IMEX in Frankfurt, Germany; a major European trade show for the global meetings and events industry. The event attracted around 5000 event organisers and buyers, and 2000 exhibitors from 150 countries. Rajesh spoke at a press conference hosted by London & Partners with ExCeL and joined the IMEX Policy Forum 'City Workshop' discussion to promote London to a global audience of media and meeting planners.

On 8 June, my Deputy Mayor for Business Rajesh Agrawal met with Rob Heasman, Chief Executive, Earls Court Development Company (ECDC), and Rebekah Paczek, Director of Public Affairs and Community Relations, ECDC, for a visit to the Earls Court development and site of the former exhibition halls. Rajesh was able to see first-hand the scale of the opportunity and of their vision for the site to include a substantial commercial and cultural offer.

Environment

GLA and Uber meeting

On 9 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, met with Jamie Heywood, Regional General Manager at Uber, to better understand their environmental ambitions and how they could support the transition of key fleets to zero emission technologies.

Warmer Homes Programme

My £43 million Warmer Homes Programme, which supports low-income Londoners living in energy inefficient homes to install energy efficiency measures, is a key part of my response to the cost of living crisis facing Londoners. From the end of May I am beginning a large scale direct marketing campaign, in collaboration with boroughs, reaching out to energy inefficient homes across London by letter to promote the programme. My Warmer Homes Advice Service provides a fuel poverty advice and referral service across London – including telephone advice, and home energy advice visits.

Sustainable City Awards

On 11 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues gave a keynote speech at the annual Sustainable City Awards, hosted by Global Action Plan. The speech outlined the sustainability challenges London faces, and acknowledged the extraordinary achievements of Londoners making a difference in their schools and communities.

London Fuel Poverty Partnership meeting

On 12 May, my Deputy Mayors for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, and for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard co-chaired the first 2022 meeting of the Fuel Poverty Partnership. The Partnership discussed the urgent issues Londoners are facing with the increase in energy bills. It brings together strategic partners across energy support and advice, health, industry, private and social rented sectors and others to work collectively to tackle fuel poverty in London. The Partnership agreed four strategic objectives on which to focus task and finish groups over the coming months: health, the private rented sector, the cost of living and fair decarbonisation of heat.

London Tree and Woodland Awards

On 17 May, my Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy, Shirley Rodrigues spoke at the 13th London Tree and Woodland Awards and presented the awards to winners with Sir William Worsley, Chair of the Forestry Commission. The awards recognise the work of individuals, community groups, schools and professionals to protect, improve and expand the capital's tree and woodland cover. Before the awards, Deputy Mayor Rodrigues met Sir William to discuss opportunities for tree planting in London and updated the Forestry Commission on the London Rewilding Taskforce.

Children and Young Londoners

London Early Years Campaign – launch of employer toolkit

On 16 May, I launched my new toolkit for employers, helping them to better support working parents when it comes to understanding childcare offers and entitlements. These offers can be confusing for parents and guardians, and with the rising cost of living, it's never been more important that they know what support is available. The toolkit was produced by Coram Family and Childcare, in collaboration with a group of employers accredited with my Good Work Standard. Other organisations across the city can now use it to better support their employees to access high quality early education for their families. This doesn't just benefit children, it means that parents and guardians can be supported back in to work and employers can benefit from their skills and talent.

Visit to London Early Years Foundation (LEYF) Nursery and Research Launch

On Friday 13 May, my Walking and Cycling Commissioner Dr. Will Norman attended a LEYF nursery in Newham for the launch of research into the role of bikes in early learning, conducted by Bikeworks with the London Early Years Foundation (LEYF). LEYF is a key partner of ours in the early years sector and has been an active participant in discussions on the importance of instilling healthy habits in children from a young age. I am dedicated to improving the health outcomes for children in London and have been working on numerous initiatives to support child health, including school superzones, my Healthy Early Years London and Healthy Schools London programmes and water only schools, amongst others.

NASUWT Teachers Conference

On Saturday 14 May, my Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, spoke to union members at the NASUWT London Regional Conference about the impact of the pandemic and the key role that teachers play in supporting young Londoners and keeping communities together. I am committed to working with partners to ensure schools and teachers can deliver a quality education to our young people. I will fight hard for the funding schools and colleges need and have raised this numerous times with the Secretary of State for Education, alongside highlighting other challenges faced by the sector.

Deputy Mayor Joanne McCartney's Visit to Alton Community Playschool

My Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, Joanne McCartney, visited Alton Community Playschool in Wandsworth on Monday 23 May. During the visit Joanne heard about how the nursery has been affected by the pandemic, including how the children, staff and families have been impacted. She also discussed the Wandle Early Years Hub, which was established through my Early Years Hubs Programme, and the successes that have come from it for children in Wandsworth and Merton. Several parents also joined the discussions, giving their insights into how important early years education has been for their children. The business support I have offered Alton Community Playschool and other nurseries in London through my Strong Early Years London initiative is supporting settings across London to provide necessary and sustainable services to families and children.

Culture

BATFA New Creative and Future Galleries opening

On 18 May, My Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries Justine Simons OBE, attended an event at BAFTA to celebrate the refurbishment of their New Creative and Future Galleries. BAFTA were awarded £418, 500 from the Good Growth Fund, which supported the delivery of major capital works at its Piccadilly headquarters for a multipurpose creative space and gallery. The space will support the organisation work to get more underrepresented groups into their Learning and New Talent outreach programmes.

2.8 Millions Minds Project

On 17 May, my Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, joined Shadow Minister for Children and Early Years, Helen Hayes MP and young Londoners from Haringey and Tower Hamlets at the Houses of Parliament to launch, A Manifesto for 2.8 Million Minds. There are over 2.8 million children and young people living in London and the past couple of years have been especially difficult, with many young people experiencing mental ill-health. This event was a call to action to change the future of how mental health care is imagined, delivered, and funded for young people. Led by the young people with artist, James Leadbitter, Chisenhale Gallery and Bernie Grant Arts Centre, this manifesto was presented to 130 guests who included, directors of arts institutions, members of parliament and funders.

Abba Voyage Premier

On 26 May, I went to the ABBA arena at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to attend the first ABBA concert since, with Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons OBE, and the Mayor of Stockholm, Anna König Jerlmyr. The show is the first of its kind made possible by innovative technology recreating the quartet as digital Avatars. London continues to be a world leader in the music industry. It will be a huge boost for our economy and bring hundreds of jobs to the area. The show will run until 2025, giving fans from all over the world a chance to come and see this performance and visit our capital.

Untold Stories

On 27 May, I announced £533,000 of grants to 42 projects across the capital as part of the Commission for Diversity in the Public Realms, Untold Stories programme. This programme will help London's communities highlight the neglected stories in our public spaces. The projects span from a 'walk of fame' celebrating the role of Irish and Pakistani workers in Cricklewood to an augmented reality map highlighting Poplar's hidden histories. The Commission continues to work towards its goal of the capital having a public realm that tells a wider, diverse and more representative story of London.

Night Time Enterprise Zones Funding

On 7 June, I launched my expanded Night Time Enterprise Zone programme, building on the success of the 2019 pilot project in Waltham Forest. Boroughs can now apply for new funding, in partnership with the London Economic Action Partnership, which will create at least three new zones across London. Zones will support the capital's recovery from the pandemic by extending opening hours and boosting activity on the high street after 6pm, giving Londoners from a range of backgrounds better access to shops and services after 6pm and supporting good standards for night workers.

Communities and Social Policy

Mental Health Awareness week

The focus for this years' Mental Health Awareness week (9-15 May) was loneliness and my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard, wrote a piece for the Campaign to End Loneliness on how to support London's social and economic recovery by addressing the drivers of loneliness and its impact on mental health. The piece was published on Sunday 15 May and built on the findings from my recent report, Reconceptualising Loneliness in London.

Civic Futures fellowship programme

On 19 May, my Community Engagement Team launched the third round of the Civic Futures fellowship programme. After two successful years, the programme will convene a third group of thirty people from across London's civil society, local government and activist spaces to take part in a 15-month learning experience focused on collaboration, exploration and inquiry. Applications to join are open until 4 July 2022.

Black Majority Churches

On 6 June, I met with leaders from Black Majority Churches across London to discuss the work that we are doing at City Hall, to hear more about work that is going on in their communities, and to find out how we may be able to better support them and their congregations. Our discussions focused on policing and crime, the cost-of-living crisis and air quality. Their questions and contributions will be taken back to GLA policy teams for action.

Civil Society and Sport

The Queen's Garden Party

On 11, 18 and 25 May my Team London volunteers supported The Queen's Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. A total of 27 volunteers supported the events over the 3 weeks, giving a friendly welcome to guests and providing directions and event information on how they can access the event.

Sports Partnerships Roundtable

On 17 May, my Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard, convened the key national and international sporting stakeholders (including the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, Premier League, London Marathon Group, Sport England, and Comic Relief) to discuss their commitments for ongoing and prospective work in London. This meeting enabled these stakeholders to understand my priorities for Londoners better and to identify new areas of future potential collaboration.

London Ambassadors

Recruitment was concluded in the first week of May and role offers extended. My programme now has 370 Ambassadors and 75 Team Leader Ambassadors that have accepted role offers. My team have begun delivering compulsory training sessions to all volunteers. Foundation training is currently being delivered for new Ambassador volunteers, with role specific / refresher training scheduled to begin in June. These sessions are offered as either online-only or in-person training sessions. Currently 9 of the 14 foundation training sessions have been delivered, with the remainder due to be delivered in June.

Health

Monkeypox

My statutory health adviser, Professor Kevin Fenton, also continues to brief me on the monkeypox virus outbreak situation. The majority of cases identified in the UK to date were in London, but numbers and the risk to the general public remained low. The UK has been early to identify cases using its rapid diagnostic infrastructure and contact tracing. Officials were working on the strategy to contain it and eliminate it.

Pandemic Response

I met with senior leaders from NHS London and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), including with my statutory health adviser on 26 May. During the meeting, they raised that there continues to be consistent declines in infection rates in all regions, including London. This is incredibly positive as it is crucial to the recovery of our city.

NHS colleagues also informed me that they were planning a broad geographical spread of vaccine availability over the summer. The majority of residents in care homes had now had their 'spring booster'. I encourage everyone who is eligible to come forward for their vaccine. I passed on my thanks via the leadership to all the frontline staff for their continued dedication and hard work.

Royal College of Nursing Roundtable

I am enormously grateful to all London's nurses and was privileged to hear directly from Royal College of Nursing members about their experiences and concerns during our 16 May roundtable event. Nurses played a vital and critical role in responding to the pandemic, caring for patients and ensuring that millions of Londoners received vaccinations.

I'm committed to working with the Royal College of Nursing and being their advocate and champion. I will continue to challenge the government to prioritise recruitment and retention to fill the huge number of vacancies impacting the sector and will work with colleagues from the London NHS leadership to address the issues nurses face.

NHS Chief Executive

On 24 May, I had an introductory meeting with Amanda Pritchard, the NHS Chief Executive. I was delighted to hear that she is focused on a fair recovery which addresses health inequalities, and learns lessons from the pandemic, including connecting differently and more effectively with communities.

She told me that the NHS Board are now routinely reviewing data by ethnicity and deprivation, using an inequalities lens. I was also pleased to hear that she sees employment as an important local issue and one where the NHS, as an anchor institution employing over 250,000 people in London, can play its part. More NHS trusts are signing up to paying the London Living Wage, and London is the first NHS region to bring a social value approach to local procurement.

In response to questions about London's work on the NHS Estate and the aspiration to use surplus NHS land for housing for Londoners, she confirmed that the five new integrated care systems are being 'knitted into' key processes and governance, and that the London NHS region are working to continue a once-for-London approach where appropriate.

We also discussed tackling barriers to GP registration for some underserved groups, particularly those without permanent addresses. My team will continue to work with the NHS on improving access.

London Legacy Development Corporation

London Blossom Garden

I was delighted that Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park's London Blossom Garden was Highly Commended at this year's prestigious London Tree and Woodland Awards. As a lasting living memorial to the impact of COVID-19 on our capital and tribute to the ongoing efforts of our key workers, it has become a very special place for Londoners to reflect and will be for generations to come.

LLDC Neighbourhood Priorities Fund

On 6 May, London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) launched the 2022 bidding round for the Neighbourhood Priorities Fund – a fund that ensures local community groups benefit from the Community Infrastructure Levy collected from developers. More than £3 million has been awarded to 47 different local community projects in the last five years and this year’s pot offers £448,000, with each applicant able to bid for funding up to £30,000.

Queen’s Baton Relay - 5 June

On 5 June, the Birmingham 2022 Queen’s Baton Relay visited the Park as part of its final journey through England this summer. It’s great that the Park’s local communities were able to join in the excitement as we edge closer to the Commonwealth Games, with Lee Valley VeloPark set to be at the heart of the action as it hosts the Track and Para Track Cycling.

Planning

Design Future London

On 6 May, my Design Future London young people’s design challenge - developed to attract young people from diverse backgrounds into built environment professions - closed for submissions. As part of the challenge, young Londoners aged 11-24+ had the opportunity to masterplan part of the Royal Docks and design a sustainable home for the future. Over 110 submissions for the competition were received. The shortlist of successful entries has now been published. The winners will be announced on 5 July.

Replacing the Planning Website

As part of my commitment to making the planning system easier for Londoners to engage with, I have started the procurement for a replacement planning website. This will enable people to understand better how major schemes might impact their communities and to be involved in the decision making process. The successful contractor is intended to deliver this transformation early in 2023.

Planning Decisions (Stage III representation hearings)

Vinegar Yard, LB Southwark

Having decided to become the local planning authority for the above case, at the hearing on 27 May 2022 I decided to grant planning permission, subject to planning conditions and prior written conclusion of a section 106 agreement.

Delegated Planning Decisions (Stage 2 referrals)

The Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, under powers I delegated to him, has sent a letter in response to the following statutory referrals:

Former Rexel Site, LB Barking and Dagenham

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Crown Honda, Hyde Estate Road, LB Barnet

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Barnet stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Project Oriel, St Pancras Hospital, LB Camden

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Camden stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

The Ugly Brown Building, St Pancras Way, LB Camden

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Camden stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

50-56 Fore Street, LB Enfield

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Enfield stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Land adjacent to Cockfosters Underground Station, LB Enfield

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Enfield stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Land forming part of St Edward's Academy, London Road, LB Havering

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Havering stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Former Holloway Prison, LB Islington

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Islington stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Canbury Car Park, RB Kingston Upon Thames

The Deputy Mayor has written to the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Evelina Children's Hospital, Westminster Bridge Road, LB Lambeth

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Lambeth stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Eddie Katz, 42 Station Road, LB Merton

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Merton stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Development Site at Albert Island, LB Newham

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Newham stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

587, 595 High Road Ilford, LB Redbridge

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Redbridge stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Land at South side Manor Road, Woodford Green, LB Redbridge

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Redbridge stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Ilford Retail Park, LB Redbridge

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Redbridge stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Access Self Storage 248-250 York Road London SW11 3SJ, LB Wandsworth

The Deputy Mayor has written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Cundy Street Quarter, City of Westminster

The Deputy Mayor has written to the City of Westminster stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

180 Piccadilly & 48-50 Jermyn Street, City of Westminster

The Deputy Mayor has written to the City of Westminster stating that he is content to allow the Council to determine the application itself.

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

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

- Eastminster School of Riding, LB Barking and Dagenham
- Bromley Ski Centre, LB Bromley
- Belgrove House, LB Camden
- Woolgate Exchange, City of London
- Peninsula Gardens, RB Greenwich
- Woolwich Leisure Centre Project, RB Greenwich
- 325 Lordship Road, LB Hackney
- Redevelopment of the land to the West of Willoughby Lane, LB Haringey
- Ashley Road Depot, LB Haringey
- Broadwater Farm Estate, LB Haringey
- Montgomerys Wharf, High Street Brentford, LB Hounslow
- 302-312, High Street, Stratford, London Legacy Development Corporation
- Former Hartley Centre, LB Newham
- Site of the Former Blackfriars Crown Court, LB Southwark
- 5-9 Rockingham Street and 2-4 Tiverton Street, LB Southwark
- Minerva House, Montague Close, LB Southwark
- 2 Butcher Row, LB Tower Hamlets
- Percy Ingle, LB Waltham Forest
- Battersea Reach York Road SW18 1GJ, LB Wandsworth
- Stockley House, City of Westminster

Key engagements

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

- I spoke at the GLA's Eid on the Square Celebrations on Trafalgar Sq on 7 May
- I travelled to New York, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Los Angeles on a trade mission and to draw American tourists, business and investment to London from 8 May
- I officially opened the Bank branch upgrade of the Northern Line on 16 May
- I co-chaired the inaugural meeting of the London as a Living Wage City Steering Group on 16 May
- I met with representatives of the Royal College of Nurses on 16 May
- I joined Her Majesty the Queen at the ceremonial opening of the Elizabeth line on 17 May
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 19 May
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 19 May
- I held my regular meeting with the NHS & OHID on 19 May
- I met with the Acting Met Police Commissioner on 19 May
- I met with key Elizabeth Line stakeholders and press on 23 May
- I held my regular planning decisions meeting on 23 May
- I attended the official Elizabeth Line opening on 24 May
- I met with the Chair of London Councils on 24 May
- I met with the CEO of NHS England on 24 May
- I made a planning site visit to Vinegar Yard on 24 May
- I chaired the Violence Reduction Unit Partnership Reference Group on 25 May
- I attended the New West End Company Board Meeting on 25 May
- I met with the CEO of Lloyds Bank UK on 26 May
- I attended the opening of the London Residency of Abba Voyage on 26 May
- I chaired a planning hearing for Vinegar Yard on 27 May
- I joined the London Fire Brigade on a high-rise training exercise on 27 May
- I spoke at the City of London's London Government Dinner on 30 May
- I held my regular meeting with Transport for London on 31 May
- I made a planning visit to Pope's Road on 31 May
- I held my regular meeting with the Acting Met Police Commissioner on 1 June
- I took part in a panel discussion on shared challenges hosted by the Clinton Global Initiative on 1 June
- I attended the National Service of Thanksgiving to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee at St Pauls on 3 June
- I attended a concert to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee outside Buckingham Palace on 4 June
- I attended the Platinum Pageant outside Buckingham Palace to close Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on 5 June
- I met with the Black Majority Church Leaders on 6 June
- I attended a screening of Ms Marvel on 7 June
- I chaired the Transport for London Board on 8 June

