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Second Mayor's Report to the Assembly

This is my second report to the Assembly, fulfilling my duty under Section 45 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. It covers the period 5th June to 2nd July

Appointments

LDA Chair

On 9 June I formally appointed Harvey McGrath as the new Chair of the London Development Agency with immediate effect. This was following a London Assembly confirmation hearing. He will join the new interim Chief Executive, Peter Rogers, in setting the strategic direction of the LDA and ensuring value for money for taxpayers.

LFEPA

I have appointed David Cartwright and Simon Walsh as the two Mayoral representatives members of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority from 23rd June 2008 until 16th June 2009.

TfL

On 10 June I announced the appointment of three new members to the Transport for London board. As you know from my previous report, Tim Parker, the First Deputy Mayor, has been appointed to the board and has been nominated by the Mayor to be the Chair of the board from 1 September 2008. This has been confirmed by a hearing process of the London Assembly.

Stephen Norris and Kulveer Ranger have also been appointed to the Transport for London board to provide advice and experience on a range of issues that affect the work of Transport for London.

In addition, I am re-appointing Sir Mike Hodgkinson, Judith Hunt, Christopher Garnett and Eva Lindholm for a two month period. Peter Anderson, previously an Adviser to the Board, has also been appointed as a Board Member for a period of two months. Further appointments will be made to the Transport for London board later this summer.

Chair of the Mayor's Fund for London

On 25 June I announced that Sir Trevor Chinn has been appointed as chair of the Mayor's Fund for London. Sir Trevor Chinn is a high profile businessman whose dynamic career includes being Chairman of businesses from the RAC, to the AA and Kwik Fit. Sir Trevor Chinn is recognised for his tireless commitment to charitable work which has included chairing the Variety Club of Great Britain, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and the Wishing Well Appeal for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Community Safety and Policing

London Overground stations win Secure Station award

Ten London Overground stations have been recognised as helping to reduce crime through good design and management through the awarding of Secure Station status on 12 June.

When TfL took over the Overground network in November 2007 a survey revealed that almost a quarter of passengers believed the service was too dangerous to use. Since then TfL has ensured that all stations are staffed while trains are running and has also launched a network-wide station upgrade programme. As a result a recent survey by British Transport Police (BTP) found that almost 82 percent of the passengers now feel they are safer on the stations.

Following a rigorous assessment by the British Transport Police Secure Station Status was awarded to South Hampstead, Kilburn High Road, Acton Central, South Acton, Brondesbury, West Hampstead, Hampstead Heath, Walthamstow Queens Road, Caledonian Road and Barnsbury and Canonbury.

Homeland Security and London Resilience

My statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes spoke on my behalf on London's experience of July 2005 at an international Conference on Homeland Defence on urban areas on 18 June. The Conference analysed the current security challenges facing urban areas and methods of overcoming them.

Richard also spoke on my behalf on London Resilience at the Intellect, Criminal Justice & Emergency Services Group in central London on 24 June.

Muslim Safety Forum

My statutory Deputy Mayor Richard Barnes spoke on my behalf on policing and community relations at the Annual General Meeting of the Muslim Safety Forum on 2 July 2008.

Transport

Public consultation on the future of the western extension of the congestion-charging zone

On 1 July I delivered another key manifesto pledge by announcing that a five-week public consultation on the future of the Western Extension will begin in early September.

Anyone with an opinion to share or comment to make on the Western Extension can contribute to the consultation. But Transport for London is particularly keen to hear from local residents, retailers and businesses within or on the borders of the extension.

Free travel for injured war veterans

On 27 June I announced that injured war veterans in London are to receive free travel on the capital's transport network, whether they are residents or visitors, in recognition of their service to the country. I made the announcement as I joined hundreds of British army war veterans, their families and friends, to launch an annual Veterans Day event in Trafalgar Square to celebrate the contribution that servicemen and women make to society and to pay tribute to their outstanding courage and bravery.

From 2 November all war veterans in receipt of a pension under the War Pensions Scheme or the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, including war widows and widowers and eligible dependents, will be able to travel for free on Transport for London bus, Tube, tram, Docklands Light Railway and London Overground services. The Train Operating Companies have also given me their backing in agreeing that war veterans will be able to travel free on their services within Greater London.

Taxi touts

On 12 June I took part in a fact finding evening to see the extent of the problem of taxi touting on the streets of London. I have asked Transport for London and the Metropolitan Police to press ahead with plans to crack down on illegal cabs. A major reason for the crackdown is my concern regarding the risk illegal cabs may pose to women.

Plans to crack down on illegal cabs include:

- Doubling the number of dedicated cab enforcement officers from 34 to 68.
- More high profile operations aimed at preventing touting.
- A 'one strike' rule that would mean any licensed driver convicted of touting would immediately have their licence revoked.

More than half a million cycle journeys now made every day in the Capital

Figures released on June 16 showed a 91 per cent increase in the number of people cycling on London's major roads since Transport for London (TfL) was created in 2000. Overall, TfL estimates that there are now in excess of 500,000 cycle journeys made every day in the Capital.

To continue to support the huge rise in the popularity of cycling in the Capital, a further £55 million will be invested in cycling this year – up from £36 million last year, and a ten-fold increase on the £5.5 million spent on cycling in 2000. This money is being spent on improved cycle parking facilities, education, events and cycle promotion.

The number of people cycling in London increased for the sixth year running last year, even though last summer was the wettest since 1912. Between March 2007 and March 2008, cycling on London's major roads grew by a further 4.5 per cent, with an estimated 20,500 more cycle journeys being made in the Capital every day.

A growing number of people are choosing to cycle around London, and great strides have been made. But the overall number is still too low, which suggest that many Londoners need further encouragement to take it up. Alongside TfL, the boroughs, and business, I am exploring a range of options to make cycling safer, more practical and

more attractive. £2 million is to be invested in new secure parking facilities, and alongside the forthcoming bicycle hire scheme and other ambitious initiatives in the near future I'm hoping to inspire a whole new generation of cyclists.

Innovative projects this summer as major works continue to find long term solutions to cool the Tube

On June 24 London Underground revealed a number of new and improved measures to help cool the Tube network this summer. Industrial sized fans will be utilised to improve air-flow and an award-winning ground water cooling scheme will keep temperatures lower for passengers at Victoria. In the longer term there are plans for passengers to benefit from air-conditioned trains on the Circle, District, Hammersmith and City and Metropolitan lines; with the first of these services up and running in 2010.

Cooling the Tube does though remain a major challenge, especially on the deeper lines such as the Northern and Piccadilly, and we will continue to strive for a solution to the problem. However, supplying new fans and innovative measures such as the ground-water cooling system at Victoria are welcome weapons in the fight to keep passengers fresh.

The Tube is the oldest metro system in the world and the vast majority of the network was built long before air conditioning was invented. Tunnels were designed and built with only enough space for trains. This means that in the deep-level Tubes there is very little space for air-conditioning units on trains and nowhere to release the heat. It is one of the many challenges being addressed by the Underground's Cool the Tube project team.

The dedicated project team is working to implement engineering solutions to help passengers 'Stay Cool' this summer and, over time, cool the Tube. This year the measures include:

1. around 40 portable industrial fans at key stations to improve air-flow;
2. the start of upgrade works of ventilation shafts of the Victoria line to double ventilation capacity; and,
3. the continuation of an innovative and award winning ground water cooling scheme at Victoria Tube station.

In the long term, London Underground will be introducing air-conditioned trains on the Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines as part of the upgrade to these lines. The first of these new trains will be introduced from 2010.
London Underground's Managing Director, Tim O'Toole, said: "The London Underground's Victorian heritage is its charm and its burden. Today the Tube carries over a billion passengers a year and as passenger demand continues to grow so does the need to increase capacity and upgrade the network.

Congestion Charging

I agreed on 13th May to the terms of the draft Consent Order proposed in the matter of The Queen on the application of Porshe Cars Great Britain Limited (and others) and 1. The Mayor of London, 2. Transport for London and 3. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The draft Consent Order specifies that the decision to confirm the Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging Order 2007 with modification be quashed.

On 27 June I agreed changes in the contract price with London Councils TEC for the provision of adjudication services for Congestion Charging appeals.

Number of children killed or seriously injured falls to lowest rate since records began

Transport for London on June 25 published figures showing that the number of children killed or seriously injured on London's roads has fallen to a record low.

The figures confirmed that in 2007, the total number of children killed or seriously injured fell by 16 per cent from 392 to 331. Compared with the mid to late 1990s, there has been a 65 per cent fall in the numbers of children killed or seriously injured. It is the lowest that child casualties have been since records began in 1990.

This year, TfL will invest £45 million in road safety measures like education and training, cycle safety measures, improved road layouts, pedestrian crossings, and much more.

Over recent years, more emphasis has been placed on working with nursery and school children to ensure they have the essential skills and knowledge to stay safe on the Capital's roads. Successful programmes such as the Children's Traffic Club and Junior Road Safety Officer training have played a vital role in bringing down the number of under 16 year olds injured in road collisions in London.

Young people are often the most vulnerable on the roads and many parents are fearful about the safety of their children. There is some superb work going on to make the roads safer for young people and I'm delighted it is having an impact.

However, we must continue to work to cut the number of deaths and injuries of all road users and to make sure that fewer lives are decimated by road accidents. This rise in serious injuries involving cyclists is deeply concerning and will be looked at and addressed without hesitation

TfL takes over Croydon Tramlink

Transport for London (TfL) has now taken over ownership of Tramlink in south London. The final documents to seal the deal were signed on Friday by the Managing Director of TfL London Rail, Ian Brown and the directors of Tramtrack Croydon Ltd, the concession holder that owned the Tramlink network

This now means that TfL will be able to save taxpayers money as they will no longer need to pay substantial amounts of compensation for Tramtrack Croydon to keep fares low. Last year that payment was £4 million, and the rate was expected to increase significantly over the 88 years remaining on the concession agreement.

This is marvelous news for tram fans and a fantastic deal for Londoners. This puts an end to the unbelievable scenario of millions of pounds of their taxes being used to pay Tramtrack to keep fares down. We are going to ensure fares are kept affordable and improve services at the same time. Our team is already hard at work planning how trams can further contribute to improving public transport in south London; and I am delighted TfL has already guaranteed passengers will see an immediate increase in the number of services

The deal is excellent value for London's fare and tax payers. Tramlink plays a vital part in the public transport network, which serves south London.

Additional services will be run to relieve crowding on the Wimbledon to New Addington line and increase the off-peak Elmers End and Beckenham Junction service from two to four trams per hour. Graffiti and vandalism on the system will be tackled, general maintenance levels will increase and we will refurbish carriage interiors, exteriors and the tram stops to improve the environment for passengers.

New measure introduced to cut death and injury toll of red light jumping

On June 5 the London Safety Camera Partnership introduced a new measure to tackle the issue of red light jumping. Two people every week are killed or seriously injured on London's roads by people who don't obey traffic lights. Motorists that are caught jumping a red light may now be given the option of attending a course aimed at changing their behaviour, rather than receiving a fixed penalty fine and points on their driving licence.

Through changing driver behaviour the course aims to have a long term impact on safety for all road users, and help reduce the numbers killed and injured. In suitable cases the interactive workshops will be offered to offenders by police discretion. They cost £95 and last two and a half hours. The courses are available at three sites across the Capital - Bromley, Ealing and Islington.

Tube drivers test drive future of the Underground

On June 6 Tube drivers on the Jubilee Line helped Tube Lines test a state of the art signalling system that will result in less time waiting for trains and faster journeys for passengers.

The training centre at the Neasden Depot houses two Tube Train cabs equipped as simulators that portray trains fitted with the technology, having new display and control panels that show drivers the ideal speeds to travel on equipped sections of the Jubilee line.

This is the first phase of implementation of an automatic train operation system, which will go live in December 2009. More than half the 370 Jubilee line drivers have now been trained.

The priority for London Underground is to ensure that the reliability of the Tube can be greatly improved over the coming years. An essential part of this is focusing upgrades on signalling and track, as these are the elements that will allow for a better frequency of services.

Giant cinema-style screens to beam movie trailers and advertising to Tube passengers

From Monday 30 June tube users will be able to watch moving advertising images on the biggest screens in Europe and keep up-to-date with trailers for the latest movie releases while they wait for their next train.

A new cross-track projection (XTP) system, which allows high-quality digital images the size of a 14 foot TV screen to be projected on to the walls at 23 sites opposite platforms, has been installed by advertising company CBS Outdoor for London Underground.

Following the successful trial at Euston Tube station; Piccadilly Circus, Euston, Bank, Liverpool Street and Bond Street have now been kitted out with High Definition projectors and giant soundless screens. Further stations are scheduled to host the 'Cross-track Projection' (XTP) technology, which will take the number of screens to 150 making it the biggest and most sophisticated system of its kind in Europe.

Any profits London Underground receives from XTP will be reinvested by London Underground to improve the Tube.

The screens will be capable of showing adverts at different times of the day, enabling advertisers to target the audience they want to reach. For example, this means passengers will be able to see ads for Sky News on their way into work and plan their evening TV viewing with Sky Movies adverts on their way home. Movie trailers from Paramount for Kung Fu Panda and Love Guru will also feature as well as adverts from big name such as Nestlé and theatre company Dewynters.

Second World War bomb

On 6 June I thanked everyone that was involved with or affected by the Second World War bomb unearthed near Bromley by Bow tube station.

Brixton Central Square project

On 2 July I approved the LDA transfer for £4.5m of LDA funding to TfL for the regeneration of Brixton Town Centre through the Brixton Central Square project. The vision for Brixton Central Square is to create a high quality public space of local, national and international importance that expresses the significance of Brixton for multi cultural Londoners. Implementation of this scheme is likely to reduce the number of traffic accidents and the incidence of crime in the area.

London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

David Ross Report

On 18 June I published David Ross' report reviewing the progress that has been made in preparing for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The report revealed that new economic and market conditions had put additional pressures on the venues' budget which had risen by £106 million. The report also identified areas of risk requiring attention, in particular planning the delivery of the Olympic Village, the Olympic Park legacy and security.

In my response to the report I stated that greater transparency and openness were needed in the budget and forecasting for the 2012 Games and that pressure should be sustained to contain costs that are rising due to the global economic downturn.

On the Olympic Park legacy, David Ross recommended work should be accelerated to ensure Londoners receive long-term benefits from the Games. I have asked David to work with me to establish a Legacy Board of Advisers to advise him on plans for the Olympic Park once the Games are over.

Olympic Board Meeting

On 12 June I chaired for the first time a meeting of the Olympic Board, where I reinforced my message that the key priority for tight financial management of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

London's plans for Beijing Games Handover

On 16 June, I took part in the launch of London's plans to celebrate the handover of the Olympic torch to London on 24 August, at the closing ceremony of the Beijing Games. At the event I joined LOCOG Chair Lord Coe, Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell and young Olympic diving hopeful Tom Daley as well as some of the talented performers who will take part in the London segment of the Beijing closing ceremony. More details of the plans for 24 August are available at www.london2012.com.

Olympic Get Set London Roadshow 2nd Phase

I am pleased to report that the Olympic Get Set roadshows have entered their second phase. The Roadshow offers Londoners a unique opportunity to find out how the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will increase jobs and skills opportunities and benefit culture, sport, business and regeneration in the capital - from the 9,000 new homes that will be built in the Olympic Park to the £17bn investment on the transport system.

The roadshow is made up of a number of pods that feature interactive sporting equipment, information on how musical acts can compete for the incredible opportunity to perform during the Handover celebration in London in August 2008, as well information on the opportunities for jobs, skills development and business in each local area. Advisors from the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and JobcentrePlus are supporting the Roadshow by providing information about the job and skills opportunities available across all London boroughs in the run-up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The first phase of this unique Roadshow saw it travel to 30 London boroughs (3 were missed due to bad weather). In the second phase the range of different sized pods will now travel to various community events across London in order to ensure that as many Londoners as possible have a chance to find out how they can get involved right now in the 2012 Games.

Children and Young People

State of London Debate

This year's State of London Debate took place at Central Hall Westminster on 25 June 2008 and discussed the issue of new opportunities for young Londoners. 2000 people attended the event. I was joined on the panel by Ray Lewis, Deputy Mayor for Young People, Munira Mirza, Director of Policy, Arts, Culture and The Creative Industries, and

Ross Kemp, actor and documentary maker. Jennette Arnold AM, Chair of the London Assembly, chaired the debate. The event was attended by 1,800 people representing a wide cross-section of London's population.

Fourth Plinth School Awards

Ekow Eshun, Chair of the Fourth Plinth Commissioning Group and Bob and Roberta Smith, who was shortlisted for the next Fourth Plinth commission, presented the Fourth Plinth School Awards to talented young London schoolchildren at a ceremony at City Hall on Friday 13th June.

School children aged from 7 to 14 from across London were asked to design a sculpture for a public space, inspired by the Fourth Plinth using their preferred choice of art form, from drawing, painting and sculpture, to collage and digital designs.

London Youth Offer – an update

London Youth Offer contracts between the London Development Agency and all London Boroughs have now been finalised, and delivery by boroughs and their local partner agencies has begun across London.

The Young Londoners' Fund has passed successfully through Expression of Interest stage with over 400 organisations applying for funds. The requirement was that third sector agencies had to lead on the bids in order to target this part of the Youth Offer at at the voluntary and community sectors to strengthen and broaden the work they do at local and London-wide levels.

A selection will now be chosen by the Young Londoners' Fund Board to continue on to Full Application Stage. The projects finally selected from this shortlist will be expected to deliver services from October 2008.

Environment

The Mayor's attendance at the opening of the new Bywater's facility

On 5th June 2008 I opened Bywaters' cutting edge Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). With an input capacity of up to 250,000 tonnes of dry recyclables per year, it is the largest undercover dry recyclables MRF in the capital and is just a few miles from Canary Wharf and the City.

Owned and run by family firm Bywaters, the MRF is part of a major £30million relocation project to a 9.2 acre site in Bow, east London. The building at Lea Riverside covers more than 187,000 square feet and is able to operate in all weather conditions, with materials remaining dry as well as secure.

This state-of-the-art facility is a welcome boost to my own goal of sending less rubbish to landfill and making London a world leader in recycling. The development of the new site followed Bywater's relocation in 2006 to make way for the 2012 Olympic Games. The company worked closely with the London Development Agency to identify suitable sites and plan a staggered relocation.

Bywaters is an example of a business that embraced the Olympic relocation process to improve and expand. By working closely with the LDA for more than two years, they were able to identify relocation sites that would develop their business and in turn help the LDA to deliver the Olympic site on time and on budget.

£6 million to revitalise London's parks and green spaces

On 22nd June I announced a £6 million funding package to clean up and improve London's rundown green spaces with Londoners getting the final say on which areas will benefit. The money for this programme comes from further savings made from the former administration's publicity budget following the scrapping of The Londoner newspaper.

Whilst many of London's parks, commons, heaths and public gardens are attractive and welcoming, there are many green spaces in the capital that are not being used because they are shabby, and people feel unsafe in them. The 'Priority Parks' funding - promised in my election manifesto - will help to regenerate the most deserving of London's green spaces across the capital over the next four years, providing a boost to local communities and making neighbourhoods safer.

Londoners will have the chance to vote online for which green spaces will benefit from the funding.

'Fuel of the future' hydrogen competition

On 19 June I congratulated young Londoners for successfully taking part in the London Schools Hydrogen Challenge – a competition by the London Hydrogen Partnership - encouraging 11-14 year old students to find out more about hydrogen technology, a cleaner, less polluting fuel that could help to improve air quality, and cut the carbon emissions which cause climate change.

535 students and 110 schools from across London took part in the challenge by completing a series of fun, educational and interactive online lessons during their science classes. I met with 33 pupils, from across London's boroughs. Finalists were presented with their own hydrogen remote control model car kit which they assembled and raced around a specially designed racing track. First, second and third cash prizes for schools were also presented.

London Food small grants fund

I am pleased to report that the second round of the London Food Small Grants Scheme is complete. 120 applications were received and successful applicants are due to be informed shortly. The £70,000 small grant scheme is funded by the London Development Agency to promote sustainable food events in the capital.

Grants from £500 to £5,000 were available for a wide range of sustainable food events from helping restaurateurs to buy local organic produce to showcasing sustainable food at community events.
The fund will provide an essential boost for organisations in London, to help them increase public awareness of sustainable food.

Businesses that do not become sustainable with respect to their food choices run the risk of losing customers as sustainability becomes a more important issue for consumers. The small grants scheme represents an opportunity for London's community groups and small food businesses to hold events that illustrate to Londoners where their food comes from, the production techniques that are used and the factors that work to make it fresh and affordable.

Siemens Media Summit on sustainable urban infrastructure

My Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes, outlined the importance of tackling climate change in cities at a Siemens Global Media Summit on Sustainable Urban Infrastructure at City Hall on 23 June and also opened a Siemens sustainable cities exhibition on Potters Field.

At the Summit, Richard Lambert Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, set out the CBI's views on climate change, energy and the EU Emissions Trading Scheme and Jeremy Oppenheim, a Director at McKinsey, outlined the results of a research project on Sustainable Urban Infrastructure in London, which concluded that London can meet its international greenhouse gas targets without a massive shift in its citizens' lifestyle.

In a letter to media delegates, I welcomed the findings of the McKinsey report which recognises that there are many cost effective measure to become more energy efficient that can be implemented now and reiterated a manifesto promise to establish London as one of the world's greenest cities.

North London Waste Authority's joint Waste Management Strategy

On 26 June I agreed the response to the public consultation draft of the North London Waste Authority's Joint Waste Strategy. The response set out a solution, as discussed with NLWA officers, that would ensure their strategy is in general conformity with the Mayor's Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

Social Inclusion

Carers Week

On 10 June my statutory Deputy Mayor Richard Barnes addressed the 'Give us a Break: Maintaining Carers' Wellbeing' event on my behalf. Held in London's Living Room, it was organised by Crossroads Caring for Carers, and dealt centrally with the theme of Carers Week (8 - 15 June, 2008), which was: 'Carers can't afford to be ill'.

Richard Barnes addressed London carers directly. He stressed the importance of caring for carers, describing the low level of Carers Allowance as 'not survivable' and said 'We will work together with you, both talking and listening to you.' The event included sessions on carers health: practical coping strategies and 'developing the right kind of selfishness', and a postcard was launched with practical advice in cartoon form.

It was attended both by carers and by those representing them or working with them, including Anne Roberts, Chief Executive of Crossroads and Dr Philippa Russell, Chair of

the government Standing Commission on Carers, set up to oversee implementation of the new National Strategy for Carers, launched that day.

EU Funding

On 5 June I welcomed the London launch of the new seven-year European Social Fund (ESF) programme which will see more than £680 million invested in supporting hundreds of projects that move Londoners into employment, including providing new skills for disadvantaged young people to help tackle exclusion and reduce crime and violence.

Save London's post offices

On 26 June I wrote to the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, John Hutton calling on him to take immediate action to save London's post offices. This follow the rejection of my application to the High Court for a judicial review designed to stop the closure of 162 post offices across London.

Economic and Business Policy

City review of London's financial services

On 22 June I announced that I have asked senior city executives to work with the City of London Corporation to examine how London can sustain its position as the world's leading financial centre.

I have asked Bob Wigley, Chairman of Merrill Lynch for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, to lead the review. The review group will commission external advisors to carry out the detailed work and is expected to report in the autumn.

CBI Business Summit

On Wednesday the 11th June I spoke at the CBI Business Summit. The summit was focused around the business opportunities around the London 2012 Games and brought together all the central players in the London 2012 project to share their vision of the Games and offer practical insight into how to maximise business opportunities. The conference was attended by approximately 200 delegates from a wide rang of medium to large private sector companies.

I spoke about the benefits the Games will bring to London and the necessity of ensuring value for money by securing a lasting positive legacy.

Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

On Wednesday 18th June I spoke at the London final of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. The awards are judged by a panel of leading business figures and seek to highlight leaders of businesses or social enterprises who have exemplified entrepreneurial skills at their best and created success through entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, vision, and the application of individual and corporate social responsibility.

In my speech I outlined the many business opportunities offered by London and emphasised the important contribution that entrepreneurship makes to the London economy.

London First 'Meet the Mayor' Event

On Wednesday 18th June I met with and addressed London First Members at their 'Meet the Mayor' event. London First is a business membership organisation whose mission is to make London the best city in the world in which to do business. Its member come from across the key sectors of London's economy and represent 26% of London's GDP. I gave a brief speech outlining my priorities for business in the new administration.

CompeteFor winning the Government Innovation Award

I am happy to report that on 5th June 2008 the CompeteFor service – a groundbreaking online resource that allows companies to compete for business opportunities linked to the 2012 Games - won the Government Opportunity Magazine Collaborative Procurement Award.

CompeteFor matches companies of all sizes to thousands of opportunities supplying London 2012 contractors. By registering online, businesses will be able to apply for contracts that are part of the estimated 50,000 future business opportunities - around £6 billion of work expected to be allocated by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and London Organising Committee (LOCOG).

This is one of the LDA's projects that are helping to deliver the legacy now. The project will ensure that Londoners reap a share of the economic benefits which the Games will generate. CompeteFor opens up the supply chain for small and medium sized businesses - while also helping improve their ability to supply through the work the LDA are delivering in partnership with the London Business Network, to ensure as many businesses as possible can access information, business support and networking events around the 2012 opportunities.

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

On 27 June I agreed the project proposals for ERDF funding, following the recommendations of the ERDF Moderation Panel. The projects will be delivered to meet three priorities: 1. business innovation and research and promoting eco-efficiency, 2. access to new markets and access to finance, 3. sustainable places for business.

Higher Eduction

University of East London's Research Knowledge and Scholarship Exchange Launch

My statutory Deputy Mayor, Richard Barnes visited the University of East London, toured the campas and spoke at the launch of its Research, Knowledge and Scholarship Exchange initiative on my behalf to highlight the role of Higher Education in economic development, on 13 June.

Culture and events

Fourth Plinth

On 23rd June I announced Antony Gormley and Yinka Shonibare, MBE as the winning artists of the next two commissions for the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square.

Antony Gormley's proposal One and Other is that the Fourth Plinth is occupied for 100 consecutive days, 24 hours a day, by members of the public who have volunteered to stand on it for an hour at a time. Over this period it is estimated that 2,400 people would take part. Antony Gormley said: 'Through elevation onto the plinth and removal from common ground' the body becomes a metaphor, a symbol and allows us to reflect on the diversity, vulnerability and particularity of the individual in contemporary society.' The project will now enter its development phase during which delivery and project management details will be finalised.

Yinka Shonibare's proposal Nelson's Ship in a Bottle is a scale replica of Nelson's ship, HMS Victory, in a giant glass bottle with sails made of patterned textiles commonly associated with Africa and bought from Brixton market in London. Shonibare says his piece will reflect the story of multiculturalism in London today: 'For me it's a celebration of London's immense ethnic wealth, giving expression to and honouring the many cultures and ethnicities that are still breathing precious wind into the sails of the UK.

Pride Reception 2008

On 1 July I hosted a Pride Reception at City Hall to mark the start of the Pride season. The reception was attended by a range of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans groups representing business, culture and the media as well as senior representatives from London's boroughs and public services. I will also be attending Pride on 5 July, which will take place through central London with a main stage in Trafalgar Square including speakers and entertainment. The London Pride event is one of the largest celebrations of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans pride in the world.

Veterans Day

Veteran's Day (27th June) is a national day to recognize and celebrate the contribution made by all those who have served in the Armed Forces and a means of raising public awareness of Veteran's issues. Events were held nationwide and delivered in the main by local boroughs.

I supported and attended the London Veterans Day Event on Trafalgar Square on Friday 27th June 11am – 5pm.
The key aims were to communicate the:

- fact that Veterans are of varying ages;
- support available to Veterans; and
- transferable skills that Veterans have.

The event consisted of entertainment and information stalls, giving details on the services available to veterans, a main stage, theatre area, exhibition stalls and a full day of stage entertainment.

Big Dance

From 5 June until 2 July a number of Big Dance activities relating to the 6-week countdown period took place which included: West End Live, Lee Valley Festival, Tottenham Festival and A Time for Tai Chi @ Somerset House and Dancing City.

Lates Campaign

The Lates festival has run from 5th June to 4th July. Lates meets the desire for and promotes the Late Night Cultural offer in the capital. Lates Partners include the major museums and galleries in London and over 70 events have taken place. The festival offers young professionals aged 20-35 the opportunity to access London's major galleries and museums after work.

Sixth London Older People's Assembly

On 16th June I agreed for the Sixth London Older People's Assembly to be held at City Hall on 7th July 2008 and for a net contribution of £10,000 towards the event to be met from the olders people's unit work programme budget.

Sixth Capital Age Festival

I agreed for the Greater London Authority to organise and meet the costs of the marketing and publicity of the sith Capital age Festival at the South Bank Centre on Friday 11 July and at various satellite venue from late July – mid July. It is anticipated that the cost of publicity and marketing will be approximately £12,000. I also agreed that the GLA will make a contribution to the Capital Age Festival for the creative costs of the festival. The GLA's total contribution will be a maximum of £25,000.

Budget for Liberty Festival

On 16th June I agreed a core budget of £140,000 for Liberty, London's Disability Rights Festival, which wil take place in Trafalgar Square on 31 August 2008. I also approved an application to the Arts Council for up to £35,000 grant and the seeking of £15,000 sponsorship for Liberty.

London Mela 2008

I agreed to allocated £130,000 from the 208/09 Cultural Events programme budget towards the cost of the London Mela 2008, which is being organised by Ealing Council to take place in Gunnersbury Park on 10 August 2008.

The £130,000 will be used as follows:

1. a direct contibution of £115,000 to Ealing Council
2. £15,000 to be used by the GLA for launch event, marketing and promotion and contingency costs.

Carnaval del Pueblo

On 26 June I agreed to enter into a funding agreement for grant funding of £55,000 for this year to Carnaval del Pueblo the annual main Latin American event in London, to be held in Burgess Park on Sunday 3 August. I also agreed to delegate power to sign the

funding agreement on behalf of the GLA to the Senior Policy Advisor – Cultural Strategy.

Thames Festival

On 30 June I agreed the contribution of funding of £65,000 to the Thames Festival Trust for the Mayor's Thames Festival from the 2008/09 Cultural Events budget.

Skills

London Skills and Employment Strategy

On 18 June I approved the London Skills and Employment Strategy 2008-2013 and implementation plans. The Strategy will now be considered by the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills before it is published.

Government Relations

City Charter Agreement

On 10th June, I attended the Leaders Committee of London Councils for the first time since being elected in May and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Cllr Merrick Cockell as Chair of London Councils. This sets out clear guidance for future working that will ensure improved relationships across all of London government, resulting in a better service for the public.

Over the next few months we will build on this and deliver a City Charter for London which will look at a wide range of important policy areas that can make a real difference to governance in the capital. We are all committed to serving Londoners in the best way possible and I am confident that the London City Charter will achieve maximum results for all Londoners.

Government Relations e-zine

On 5 June I agreed to include a regular update by email to all London Councillors, London MPs and London Peers on my key policy announcements in the work programme for the Government Relations section for the entirety of the current Mayoral term (2008-2012).

Other meetings with boroughs

On 27th June I met with Cllr Merrick Cockell as Chair of London Councils and I will continue to hold regular meetings with him.

On 30th June I met with Cllr Stephen Carr, Leader of the London Borough of Bromley to discuss key issues relevant to that area. This is part of my commitment to meet with all borough leaders and establish strong working relationships with them.

Local Government Association conference

On 2 July I attended the Local Government Association conference in Bournemouth where I spoke to delegates about the importance of democracy and how we can renew citizen's interest in elections.

GLA Organisation

Consultancy agreements

On 5 June I agreed the award of consultancy agreements pending the appointment of employees pursuant to section 67(1) of the GLA Act 1999. I also agreed to an exemption from the requirements of section 7.1 of the contracts code of practice for this contact on the grounds of urgency. The continuity of the exercise of the Authorities functions is critical to the running of the Authority and its ongoing compliance with the Authority's statutory duties and the immediate award of the proposed contacts pending the selection and employment of employees pursuant to section 67(1) of the GLA Act and during the initial transition period is a matter of the utmost urgency.

James McGrath

It is with great regret that on 23 June I accepted the resignation of my political adviser, James McGrath. James has been a loyal, committed and highly professional colleague. I will always be grateful to him for his skills, advice and support in helping elect me as Mayor of London. Unfortunately, his remarks in a conversation with an Internet journalist, published on the weekend of 22 June, made it impossible for him to continue in that role. James is not a racist. He shares my passionate belief that racism is vile, repulsive and has no place in modern Britain. But his response to a silly and hostile suggestion put to him by Marc Wadsworth, allowed doubts to be raised about that commitment. I wish James well in the future, thank him for his contribution and urge everyone not to misrepresent his view or misinterpret his intentions any further.

Technology Group Capital Programme Budget

I approved the reallocation of the 2007/08 Technology group Capital programme budget to align with actual expenditure incurred in the financial year 2007/08.

Housing and Homelessness Unit budgets

On 27 June I agreed the reallocation of existing Housing and Homelessness budgets for 2008/09 to reflect and accommodate revisions to the Unit's work programme, to ensure that it meets my policy priorities.

Audit reports

On 26 June I noted the results of recent internal audit reviews into:
London's European Office
London TravelWatch
Network and Communications
E-Counting
Sponsorship

Payroll
Absence management
Remuneration and conditions of service
Use of agency staff

I noted the contents of the 2008-10 internal audit plan and the profiled 2008/09 audit plan.

I also noted the contents of the proposed external audit and inspection plan for 2008/09.

Expenses incurred by Mayor, London Assembly members, and senior managers under previous administration

On 26 June I noted the expenses incurred by the Mayor, London Assembly members, and senior managers under the previous administration during the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Formal set up of the Forensic Audit Panel and award of contract

On 16th June I confirmed the formal set up of the Forensic Audit Panel, its membership and Terms of Reference. I also agreed the award of a contract to PWC to provide expert advice and assistance to the Forensic Audit Panel.

Annual Report

On 16th June I agreed the text of the Annual Report 2007/08. The report will include a section about the change of Mayor and a forward look to my key policy commitments for London, as well as a section reviewing the initiatives of the last year and a section on the work of the London Assembly.

Mayor's Annual Equalities Report

I have published my Annual Equalities report, which is written to sit alongside my Annual Report and sets out how the GLA has promoted equality for Londoners over the past year. This has been done through the Greater London Authority's equalities framework, and looks at how we assess the impact of our strategies, policies and procedures on London's diverse communities. A summary report will also be available. I have a statutory responsibility under Section 33 of the GLA Act to produce an Annual Report that sets out the arrangements that have been put in place during the year to promote equality of opportunity and assesses how effective those arrangements have been.

Anticipated outturn against revenue and capital budgets for GLA in 2007/08

On 22nd June I agreed contributions to and from reserves which will be reflected in the final accounts for the year. The final position for 2007/08 is a net underspend of £3.029m against the approved budget requirement of £125.6m. I agreed a net transfer of £3.025m to earmarked reserves. I also received a report on progress against the implementation of strategies and performance against the corporate plan deliverables and performance against BVPIs.

Annual Efficiency Statement

On 2 July I agreed the GLA's 2007/08 backward looking Annual Efficiency Statement for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government. The Annual Efficiency Statement is the Government's process for monitoring the savings which local authorities have made against the targets set as part of the 2004 comprehensive spending review, and the Gershon agenda.

Re-tendering exercise for the procurement of temporary agency staff

On 2 July I approved the GLA's inclusion in TfL's re-tendering exercise for the procurement of temporary agency staff. The procurement process is expected to begin on 1 June 2008, with a new joint framework launching in January 2009. This is part of the 'Delivering More Together' programme, which is now focusing on achieving better value for money through joint procurement.

GLA group press cutting service

On 1 July I agreed to the GLA entering into a license agreement with the Newspaper Licensing Authority for one year and the payment of the annual fees in respect of this license agreement. It is important for the GLA group to effectively engage with the media and thereby reach Londoners. Media monitoring plays an important part in meeting that objective.

Section 60 Responses

Response to the Impact of the 2012 Games on Lottery Funding in London

That the Mayor works with other delivery partners to create a single London Cultural Olympiad funding pot by the time of the start of the cultural Olympiad in August 2008 which will provide a source of funding for small voluntary and community projects which want to participate in the third tier of the cultural Olympiad

The 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games offer a unique opportunity for Londoners to participate in a major cultural celebration. The GLA and LDA are working with a range of partners, including LOCOG and Arts Council England (ACE) to ensure that we make the most of this. A new fund of £1.4m, to support organisations across London in developing cultural programmes and projects in the run up to 2012 was announced earlier in the year. The London Development Agency and ACE will work in partnership to deliver the scheme for an initial period of 18 months, with the intention that this will be extended if it is successful. Details of criteria will be determined over the next couple of months. The grants will be available to smaller voluntary and community led or based projects.

In addition, the Legacy Trust has established a London Advisory Board. The Legacy Trust is an independent grant making body that supports a wide range of innovative cultural and sporting activities that celebrate the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and which will leave a lasting legacy in communities throughout the United Kingdom. The London Advisory Board has recently put forward a successful proposal for £2.8m funding for a London-wide cultural project entitled The Big Dance. The Big Dance will take place from 5-13 July this year and will also take place in 2010 and 2012. The initiative will require input from a variety of public, private and voluntary sector

agencies and organisations, all working together to produce hundreds of dance events across the capital. A detailed budget and business plan will be developed by the summer.

Combining these initiatives, and others like them, into a single funding pot is not possible because resources for the projects are derived from different places. However, the London Cultural Consortium is working to ensure that the cultural sector is made aware of all possible funding streams in order to make the best use of the available funds.

That by summer 2008 the Mayor makes available the Department of Health and Primary Care Trust's Implementation Plan for delivery of sports participation legacy and the resources allocated to deliver it.

The Department of Health does not hold an implementation plan for delivering a sports participation legacy for London. This is because responsibility for delivery rests with me. However, NHS London is working alongside Sport England London Region to deliver initiatives that help to achieve our aims. For example, NHS London is encouraging the uptake of physical activity by engaging pre-school children and their families and carers via pre-school care, nurseries, playgroups and Children's Centres. It is also delivering and maximising the impact of the National Healthy Schools Status and promoting non-traditional, non-competitive approaches to physical activity.

I have recently appointed Kate Hoey to be my Sports Commissioner to really up our aspirations in relation to a sports participation legacy from the Games. Kate will lead on the development of a London Legacy Plan for Sport, and work with Sport England and other partners to deliver a sports participation legacy in London that we can all be proud of.

The London Legacy Plan for Sport, commissioned by the LDA and Sport England will bring the work of all sporting agencies in London together. The overarching plan will include not only opportunities for school and community sport participation, but also talent identification and elite pathways. It will map out the roles and responsibilities of the key stakeholders, identify gaps in delivery and infrastructure and propose actions to address these gaps. Importantly, it will also identify potential funding streams to support delivery of sport legacy projects identified in the plan.

Initiatives already underway include the London Summer of Sport Programme, offering free sporting activities for people of all ages and abilities. In 2007 alone the programme helped around 60,000 Londoners take part in sport. Building on this success, the London Youth Offer, worth a total investment of £79million over the next two years, from the DCSF and the LDA, will include opportunities for young people to take part in physical and sporting activities. The LDA, in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, also established 56 new after-school clubs right across the capital this winter.

The London Development Agency has also already invested £600,000 through the SPRINT programme, which will enable 250 individuals to become qualified in coaching, community sports development and sports leadership by the end of 2008. Once qualified, the coaches will work in the voluntary and community sector, encouraging and supporting the uptake of physical and sporting activities at a local level. A further £498,000 is being invested to enable 150 unemployed disabled people to become qualified coaches.

Many other initiatives are underway such as a proposal to offer free gym access to women aged 16-24 in 11 boroughs, school sports co-ordinators in every London secondary school, a proposal for a national school sports week, the embedding of commitments to increasing participation physical activity in Local Area Agreements, the development of Active Workplaces in an additional 100 London employers, 5 new physical activity co-ordinators, one in each sub-region, by the end of 2008 and the sharing of good practice across the sector.

The Regional Public Health Group is also working to increase participation in physical activity. For example, it is jointly funding a team of physical activity for health co-ordinators, supporting physical activity programmes through its £613,000 'Obesity Food and Physical Activity' fund, and using London as the focus for its 'Let's Get Moving' physical activity care pathway pilot. In addition it is currently undertaking an audit of physical activity programmes in Primary Care and Mental Health Trusts. This should provide a more detailed picture of activity by the summer and will inform future planning on regional programmes.

Finally, I will be continuing the work of my predecessor, leading a new Healthy Weight Board for London. This group will bring together the NHS, Department of Health, Sport England, Transport for London and others to help deliver the Government's National Obesity Plan within London. The first meeting took place at the end of March and the group has agreed to provide a high-level action plan for my consideration later this year.

Design for London

London Festival of Architecture

On 19th June 2008 I was delighted to speak at the launch of the London Festival of Architecture (LFA) 2008 at Somerset House. The biennial event has emerged as the most important architectural festival in the calendar.

There is currently a five week programme of events unfolding across the capital in five key areas or 'Hubs', with large-scale public events taking place in a different Hub each weekend. The events include street installations, exhibitions, guided walks, cycle rides, boat tours of the city's river and canals, parties, design workshops, debates, breakfast talks, and weekend street markets.

Design for London - on my behalf - are the principal sponsors of this event which is a vital means of engaging on design issues across the capital. I believe that architecture and urban design are vital tools in transforming London into a more prosperous, better connected, more environmentally responsible city. In pursuit of this it is important that design excellence underpins and fully informs building projects across the capital.

Designing Demand

I am pleased to report that the Designing Demand programme - which shows business leaders how good design can turn ideas and technologies into profitable products, services and brands - was officially launched in London on 17th June 2008.

The £3.5 million programme, funded by the London Development Agency (LDA), will offer design support, tailoring new services for business based on their executive development courses and associated facilities such as rapid prototyping and technology

labs. It is being delivered by a consortium of Grant Thornton UK LLP and Design London - a major partnership between the Royal College of Art and Imperial College London.

Designing Demand in London aims to have more than 600 London Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) experience at least one element of the programme over the next three years. Workshops for both SMEs and the business advisory community are being rolled out in the coming months in order to generate prospective clients for the various programme streams.

Planning and Development Control

Draft London Plan Implementation Report on Geodiversity of London

On 26 June I approved the consultation draft of the London Plan Implementation Report on Geodiversity of London. The public consultation will run for 14 weeks starting in July 2008.

Beckton desalination plan

On 26 June I agreed retrospectively to the withdrawal of the legal challenge to the decision of the Secretaries of State to grant planning permission for a proposed desalination plant at Beckton. I also agreed to meet the Treasury solicitor's costs of £23,051, from the GLA's legal fees reserve.

Housing Capacity and Strategic House Land Availability Assessment

On 30 June I gave my approval to undertake a Housing Capacity and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment in order to inform revisions to the London Plan and other Mayoral strategies and borough Local Development Documents.

Planning Decisions (Stage II referrals)

The Deputy Mayor, Government Relations, under powers I delegated to him, has sent letters in response to the following statutory referrals:

Former Sleepeze Site, 61 Morden Road, LB Merton
Ian Clement has written to the London Borough of Merton stating that he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

Ibis Hotel, 47 Lillie Road, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
Ian Clement has written to the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham stating he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

Kingston Power Station, RB Kingston upon Thames
Ian Clement has written to the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames stating that he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

Lymington Fields, LB Barking & Dagenham
Ian Clement has written to the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham stating that he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

Wellesley Square, Randolph and Pembroke House Site, LB Croydon
Ian Clement has written to the London Borough of Croydon stating that he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

Wah Kwong House, LB Lambeth
Ian Clement has written to the London Borough of Lambeth stating that he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

East India Dock Road, LB Tower Hamlets
Ian Clement has written to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets stating that he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

Clapham Park Estate, LB Lambeth
Ian Clement has written to the London Borough of Lambeth stating that he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

Ransome's Wharf, LB Wandsworth
Ian Clement has written to the London Borough of Wandsworth stating that he has decided not to direct refusal of this application.

Planning Decisions (Stage I referrals)

The Deputy Mayor, Government Relations, under powers I delegated to him, has asked officers to send letters giving comments about the following stage one referrals:

- Barrier Park East, LB Newham
- RAF Bentley Priory, LB Harrow
- Former Anerley School for Boys, LB Bromley
- 40 Broadway, City of Westminster
- Queen's Market, LB Newham
- Cannon Wharf, LB Lewisham
- The Warren, Royal Arsenal, LB Greenwich
- Former Catford Greyhound Stadium, LB Lewisham
- 45 Millharbour, LB Tower Hamlets
- St Katharine's Dock, LB Tower Hamlets
- Stockwell Street, LB Greenwich
- Hayes Station Goodsyard, LB Hillingdon
- Land bounded by High Road, Trout Road and the Grand Union Canal, Yiewsley, LB Hillingdon
- 61-63 Great Suffolk Street, LB Southwark
- 25 Churchill Place, LB Tower Hamlets
- Charles House, Warwick Road, RB Kensington & Chelsea
- Telephone Exchange, Warwick Road, RB Kensington & Chelsea
- Greenwich Peninsula, Plot N0602, LB Greenwich
- Langley Park School, LB Bromley
- Terminal 5 Hotel, LB Hillingdon
- Land at Warren Lane, Woolwich, LB Greenwich
- Chelsea Barracks, City of Westminster
- Kings College School Sports Grounds, LB Merton
- Former Greenwich District Hospital, LB Merton
- New Addington Central Parade, LB Croydon
- Kender Triangle NDC, LB, Lewisham

· Stockwell Street, LB Greenwich
· Cineworld cinema, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
· Woolwich Triangle, LB Greenwich
· Harold Wood Hospital, LB Havering
· Apart-hotel, Olympia, LB Hammersmith & Fulham
· Lascar Works, LB Hounslow
· Central Middlesex Hospital, LB Brent
· 24-34 Sutton Court Road, LB Sutton
· Crossness Sewage Treatment Works, LB Bexley

Development Plans

The Deputy Mayor, Government Relations, under powers I delegated to him, has asked officers to send a letter giving a response to the following development plans:

· Aylesbury Area Action Plan - Preferred Options Consultation, LB Southwark
· North Circular Area Action Plan – Preferred Options Consultation, LB Enfield
· Core Strategy – Issues and Options pre-consultation document, LB Waltham Forest
· Mill Hill East Area Action Plan, Submission Stage, LB Barnet

Stopping up Orders

The Deputy Mayor, Government Relations, under powers I delegated to him, has sent letters in response to the following stopping up orders:

·Stopping up Order re: Land at Roneo Corner, LB Havering

Decisions made under delegation to Head of Planning Decisions

·Land East of River Lea Navigation and North of Carpenters Road, known as King's Yard, LB Newham

Key Engagements

Among my additional engagements over the period 5th June – 2nd July were the following:

- I met with Paul Deighton on 6th June
- I met with Hon Phil Goff, New Zealand Minister of Defence on 6th June
- I attended the Metropolitan Police Service Commmisioner's London Service Ceremony on 6th June
- I attended the Filipino Independence Event on 8th June
- I chaired the Olympic Park Regeneration Steering group on 11th June
- I attended the Chancellors High Level group on 12th June
- I met with the Prince of Wales on 12th June
- I met with Tessa Jowell on 12th June
- I met with John Biggs on 13th June
- I met with Jennette Arnold on 13th June
- I met with David Ross on 16th June

- I met with John Denham MP and Harvey McGrath on 17th June
- I attended Mayor's Question Time on 18th June
- I attended the Taste of London festival on 19th June
- I met with Seb Coe on 23rd June
- I attended TfL board meeting on 24th June
- I met with Sir Martin Sorrell on 24th June
- I met with Bob Kerslake on 26th June
- I attended the Museum of London Reception on 26th June
- I spoke at the Policy and Partnerships Directorate away day on 27th June
- I attended the Mandela Concert on 27th June
- I met with Ruth Kelly MP on 3rd July
- I spoke at the Finance and Performance Directorate away day on 4th July
- I met with the Mayor of Istanbul on 4th July

Ends