

My **Progress
Report to
Londoners**
on the
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Manifesto



Mayor Boris Johnson

Letter from Mayor Boris Johnson

Dear Londoner

In the coming weeks I will be setting out my manifesto commitments for taking this great city forwards in the right direction over the next four years.

I will be making those commitments with utter seriousness and determination.

And I want my promises to be judged by the determination and success with which I have fulfilled the promises I made to Londoners in 2008.

I am proud of our record of delivery, and I hope you will take the time to read this Progress Report to London.

- I said we would make London safer
- I said we would improve our transport network
- I said we would cut the cost of City Hall for hard-pressed Londoners
- I promised to improve the quality of life for Londoners and build a record number of homes

I also promised to run the most open and transparent administration in Britain, and that is why I am determined in this Progress Report to level with Londoners. If we have not achieved a goal – or not yet – then I am determined that we should be honest about the reason.

But with a 91 per cent success rate, I believe that overall it is a record of very substantial achievement.

We have ended the culture of waste at City Hall, and the high-handed misuse of taxpayers' money. In tough times, we have put scarce resources to work where they will deliver the maximum benefit for Londoners.

We have put 1000 more police on the street, and found the funding that will keep police numbers high – and as a result we have cut crime by more than 10 per cent. The murder rate is down by a quarter and crime on buses by more than a third. We have stepped up investment in our creaking transport infrastructure, and cut tube delays by 40 per cent.

We have done simple things to improve the lives of Londoners.

We have introduced – and will guarantee – a 24 hour Freedom Pass.

We have put the Oystercard on the overground rail.

We have brought in the best bike hire scheme in the world.

For just over the cost of one year's fare evasion on the bendy buses, we have developed and designed a new Routemaster-style bus for London.

After eight years of eye-watering rises under the previous Mayor, we have cut the council tax and saved Londoners £445 for an average household.

And yet there is so much more that we want to do. We want to continue to modernise and automate the Tube – investing in the new technology that will allow us to keep fares low, in a way that is honest and sustainable.

We want to get on with the work of generating 200,000 jobs that will flow, in the next four years, from our investments in transport and housing.

We want to keep boosting London's high streets and shopping centres, and to expand our growing programme of opportunities for young people. We have helped create 54,000 apprenticeships. We want to reach 100,000 by the end of the year.

We want to tackle the continuing scandal of illiteracy in this city, and much else besides.

To judge the strength of our intentions for the next four years, please look at what we have done.

It is easy to make promises. It is hard work to keep them.

It is because I am so proud of our work, and because we have kept our promises to London, that I believe we can achieve even more over the next four years.



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**Making
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Giving Londoners their say

Pledge

Communicate in plain English and listen to the results of consultations (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.4).

Hold more Public Question Times, where Londoners will be able to directly question the Mayor (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.4).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

I pledged that I would listen to Londoners and I have done just that.

You may remember that after a consultation, I scrapped the Western Extension of the Congestion Charge Zone (WEZ) in line with the wishes of residents, businesses and other organisations. The last day of charging was 24 December 2010. (Mayor of London, Press Release, *48 hours until the end of the Western Extension Zone*, 22 December 2010).

In addition, I have taken action to 'communicate in plain English' and simplify GLA Group publications. For example the London Underground house manual is being reduced from 1200 to just 400 pages (HMT, *National Infrastructure Plan 2011*, p.11).

This is in stark contrast to my predecessor who imposed the WEZ despite 63 per cent of residents and 72 per cent of businesses opposing the scheme (Daily Mail, *Ken gives go-ahead for congestion charge extension*, 30 September 2005).

Promise delivered.

I have been delighted to hold more public meetings, as well as meet thousands of Londoners whilst out and about.

Between November 2008 and November 2011 I held 7 People's Question Times (GLA Website, *People's Question Time*).

In addition, other platforms have been created to work alongside People's Question Times, such as the 3 Talk London events and the 9 Mayor's Consultation meetings on specific issues important to Londoners held so far. As Mayor therefore I have held 24 meetings inviting my constituents to question me. (Talk London Website, GLA Website, *Mayor's consultation meetings*).

This is more in 4 years than the 16 which Ken Livingstone held in his two terms in office (GLA Website).

Chair the Metropolitan Police Authority, so Londoners can hold me to account over what happens with the police (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.4).

Ensure local police chiefs hold monthly open public meetings (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.4).

Promise delivered.

I became the Chairman of the Metropolitan Police Authority shortly after my election in May 2008.

Once the direction of London policing had been set I stood down from this role in January 2010 and promoted my Deputy, elected Assembly member, Kit Malthouse, preserving democratic accountability (BBC News Online, *Boris Johnson steps down from police authority*, 27 January 2010).

A Revised Approach

The MPA has since been replaced by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPC) which is headed by my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. This change means that as Mayor and Deputy Mayor we will be even more accountable to Londoners for police performance, setting local priorities and allocating resources (GLA Website, *About MOPC*).

When we appointed the new Met Commissioner, I made it clear that this would be someone who has a clear strategy for tackling gang violence and youth crime and restoring pride in our great city. (BBC News Online, *Bernard Hogan-Howe new Metropolitan Police commissioner*, 27 September 2011)

As a result of my personal lead, crime has fallen in London by 10.6 per cent, robberies are down 16.7 per cent and murders have decreased by 24.4 per cent (MPS statistics, Comparing 44 months of Ken Livingstone September 2004 – April 2008 with 44 months of Boris Johnson May 2008 - December 2011).

Making progress.

Although monthly public meetings with the Police Borough Commander are not held in every borough, many boroughs hold some sort of regular public meetings. These allow residents to question their local police.

My introduction of crime mapping has opened up local policing to residents, transforming the accountability of the Met (Metropolitan Police Service MPS, *Police Crime Map*).

Hold regular meetings with business leaders, so businesses large and small can have direct, personal contact with the Mayor (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.4).

Work closely and co-operate with locally-elected Councillors instead of bullying and berating them (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.4).

Promise delivered.

I pledged to hold meetings with businesses at least every six months I have far exceeded this by holding 106 meetings on business issues, including 8 meetings with the London Business Advisory Council alongside many meetings with individuals (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Report to the Assembly*, May 2008 – November 2011).

This has enabled me to listen and respond to the concerns of small businesses, leading to the creation of the £50 million Outer London Fund (GLA Website, *Outer London Fund*).

I have also therefore been able to negotiate good deals for Londoners, such as securing private sponsorship for the cycle hire scheme and cycle superhighways saving taxpayers money whilst delivering services (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Barclays saddle up to sponsor London Cycle Hire Scheme*, 28 May 2010).

Promise delivered.

I meet with the leaders of London boroughs twice a year at the London Congress (GLA Press Release, *Mayor's vision for better focused GLA with more say and more power on key London issues*, 15 June 2010, London Councils website, *Congress of Leaders*).

At the April 29th 2009 meeting at the London Congress, I agreed with London's Borough Leaders the London City Charter, a ground-breaking new agreement that sets out how the GLA, the boroughs and their delivery partners will work together to ensure that London's public services continue to improve and to be delivered as efficiently as possible. (London Councils website, *Congress of Leaders*).

I have a strong relationship with local councils, of all political colours, which has enabled me to achieve more for London, such as the redevelopment of Stratford and East London (Mayor of London, *The revised London Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

Ending the culture of cronyism at City Hall

Pledge

Create a Cabinet for London, to run London in a more business-like and efficient manner (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.10).

Strengthen the accountability of Mayoral advisers by putting a separate register of interests online, and requiring them to appear before the London Assembly on a regular basis (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.11).

Stand for only two terms (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.11).

What has been achieved so far

Promised Delivered.

I have run London in a more business-like and efficient way, which has resulted in cutting £2bn of waste, freeing up taxpayer's money (GLA, *Final Draft Consolidated Budget 2012-2013: Explaining of Proposals*, 1 February 2012, p. 117).

To ensure my governance is as open as possible, Mayoral decisions are placed online at the earliest opportunity once they are formally agreed (GLA Website, *Mayoral Decisions*).

I have also ensured transparency in decision making, all GLA expenditure over £500 and decisions relating to expenditure over £50,000 are accessible to the public (GLA Website, *GLA decision making*, August 2011; GLA Website, *Making expenditure clear*).

A Revised Approach

On reflection it became clear the Mayoralty was not best suited to a Cabinet system of government. This is what distinguishes it from other forms of local and regional government and ultimately makes it more effective. What I have done is open City Hall and my team up to the same level of scrutiny that a Cabinet would have (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 15 July 2009, 2143/2009).

Promise delivered.

For the first time, the GLA website now has a section on the appointments to my Mayoral team.

Each member also has their expenses, interests, gifts and hospitality published, (GLA Website, *Mayoral Team*).

The GLA website also contains the ways that members of the public can get involved, meet me or contact the GLA (GLA Website, *Contact us*).

Promise delivered.

I am currently standing for my second term as Mayor.

By contrast Ken Livingstone said in the past that he would only stand for one term but has served two terms and is contesting his 4th Mayoral election this year (Ken Livingstone, *Manifesto for a Mayor and London Assembly*, 1998).

Restoring trust in how City Hall spends your money

Pledge

Launch an immediate review of City Hall and its finances within the first 100 days (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.13).

Launch an immediate independent review of the London Development Agency and all grants given by that body (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.13).

Enable Londoners to view all GLA expenditure over £1,000 with a comprehensive search engine on the Mayor's website (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.13).

Review the process of making appointments to all the functional bodies to ensure maximum transparency (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.13).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

In the first week after I was elected as Mayor of London I announced the formation of the Forensic Audit Panel which reported in July 2008 (Legacy London Website, *Report of the Mayor's Forensic Audit Panel*).

The report concluded that Ken Livingstone's LDA 'misspent' money 'on a massive scale, say tens of millions' (GLA, *Report of the Mayor's Forensic Audit Panel*, 15 July 2008).

Promise delivered.

The review of the LDA was conducted by the Forensic Audit Panel which reported in July 2008.

The report concluded that Ken Livingstone's LDA 'misspent' money 'on a massive scale, say tens of millions.'

It also found that there were failings in the LDA's leadership, governance and basic controls which led to the conclusion that the former LDA board was ineffective (GLA, *Report of the Mayor's Forensic Audit Panel*, 15 July 2008).

Promise delivered.

I have been determined to make my City Hall as transparent as possible. Now for the first time we published all significant GLA expenditure.

Since 2008 all GLA expenditure over £1,000 has been published online. In 2010 the reporting threshold was reduced to £500. I have also enabled detailed scrutiny of all GLA expenditure via the London Datastore (GLA Website, *Expenditure*, London Datastore Website).

I believe that Londoners now have the transparent City Hall they deserve, and that they can see my commitment to streamlining City Hall finances.

This never happened under Ken Livingstone.

Promise delivered.

The GLA Act was amended by the Government in 2011, to include confirmation hearings for chairs of functional bodies (GLA Website, *Proposed amendments to the GLA's Standing Orders Appendix 1*, 2011).

I have been determined to be as transparent as possible, such as when one of the Mayor's two direct appointments to the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority became vacant and an open and transparent recruitment process was established to fill the place (GLA Website, *Mayoral Decisions - MD914*).

Ensure Londoners pay no more than 38p per week for the Olympics (Boris Johnson, *Making London's Mayor Accountable*, 2008, p.13).

Promise delivered.

I have frozen Council Tax for three consecutive years and cut it this year. This includes the £20 precept for a band D property that is levied for the Olympic Games. This equates to 38 pence a week for the average London home (GLA, *Consolidated Budget and Component Budget 2011-12*, February 2011, p.15).

This is a contrast to the approach under Ken Livingstone which saw the GLA precept of council tax increase by 152 per cent in just eight years, costing the average household £964 (Annual Figures can be found at GLA Website, *Budget archive*).

Making London Safer

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Providing strong leadership

Pledge

I will chair the Metropolitan Police Authority (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 9).

I will stand up against excessive form-filling, and support the scrapping of the stop and account form, lobbying the government hard for its removal (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 9).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

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Promise delivered.

I have been focused on getting police officers out from behind their desks onto the street. In the two years from May 2008 to May 2010 the Met took 209 forms out of use (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 19 May 2010).

In March 2011 the Government gave police forces the option to scrap the stop and account form (Home Office Website, *Stop and search*). The Met has however decided to continue using the stop and account form after an MPA consultation found robust support for recording "stop and account" to make sure the process was both transparent and accountable (The Guardian, *Met police will retain recording of "stop and account" street encounters*, 23 September 2011).

From January 2009 a shorter revised stop and search was launched, with the time it takes to complete reduced from 8-10 minutes to 3-5 minutes. (MPA, *A Practical Guide to stop and search community monitoring groups*, August 2009).

I will expect PCSOs to take some of the administrative burden from police officers, so more can get out on streets (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 9).

Promised delivered.

In 2009 I introduced Operation Herald, a scheme focused on cutting administrative tasks and paperwork for London's police officers (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 July 2010).

A revised approach.

The scheme found that many of the administrative tasks could be cut altogether or done by civilian staff, rather than PCSOs, thus enabling more police presence on the streets.

Operation Herald moved clerical duties away from trained police officers to general staff, put more police on the front line and achieved efficiencies of 451 positions (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 July 2010).

We continue to work to get more officers out on the streets. There will be 1,000 more police officers than in 2008 by May 2012 (GLA, *The Mayors Consultation Budget*, 22 December 2011, p 1).

There are now 630 Safer Neighbourhood Teams, 1 for each of London's 624 neighbourhood wards, plus 5 more for the city of Westminster and 1 more for Crystal Palace where three boroughs meet. These are made up of at least 2 Police Constables and 3 PCSOs. There are over 4,100 police officers dedicated to neighbourhood policing (MPS Website, *Safer Neighbourhoods*).

Making trains, buses and stations safer

Pledge

I will require under 18s who have had their free bus travel withdrawn for anti-social behaviour to earn it back through voluntary and community service (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 13).

Double the strength of Safer Transport Teams, by releasing funding for approximately 440 extra PCSOs to patrol the buses and 50 more fully-warranted British Transport Police officers to patrol the worst suburban stations.

I will make buses safer by running a trial of live CCTV (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 13).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

Launched in August 2009, Payback London scheme requires under 18s who have their free bus travel withdrawn to earn it back through community work (TfL Press Release, *Under 18s free travel rules begin*, 1 June 2008).

I am pleased that we have used this scheme to show to young people the importance of caring for their city – clearing graffiti, picking up litter, and helping community schemes.

10,068 individuals have had their passes withdrawn since 2009 (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

Promise delivered.

I prioritised safety on London's public transport. An extra 440 uniformed officers were recruited to the Safer Transport Teams (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 July 2008).

There are now an extra 50 Transport Police on the Overground and particularly outer London stations (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 21 May 2009).

In 2008, I also banned alcohol on the Tube (TfL, Press Release, *Alcohol ban comes into force on the Tube, trams and buses from this Sunday*, 1 June, 30 May 2008).

Bus crime has decreased by 30 per cent during my term (MOPC, *Monthly Report: Police and Crime Committee*, 8 March 2012. Comparing 45 months of Ken Livingstone (August 2004 – April 2008) with 45 months of Boris Johnson (May 2008 – January 2012).

Promise delivered.

I launched a trial of live CCTV on 21 buses in October 2008.

The trial found that live CCTV provided no additional benefit and there are no plans to roll it out (BBC News Online, *Live CCTV on buses to be tested*, 20 October 2008, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 17 March 2010).

I will focus on reducing fare evasion by directing the MPA and TfL to investigate giving Revenue Protection Inspectors more powers (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 13).

Promise delivered.

A trial giving a team of Revenue Protection Inspectors additional powers started in March 2010 (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 19 May 2010).

Subsequently we launched the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) to assist these Revenue Protection Inspectors in dealing with a range of anti-social behaviour on the bus network. The CSAS powers mean that Inspectors can collect information and issue Fixed Penalty Notices (TfL Board, *Commissioner's Report*, 29 June 2011)

TfL have now enhanced 50 Revenue Protection staff on London's bus network with additional powers, granted by the MPS under the CSAS scheme (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 6 November 2011).

Since May 2011, there have been 38 CSAS specific intelligence led deployments resulting in 640 penalty fares, 470 prosecutions, 45 CSAS related offences and 2 Penalty Notices for Disorder. (GLA website, *Keeping crime low on our transport system*)

There has been a significant reduction in fare evasion rates on the buses and Tube from their highest levels under Ken Livingstone in 2007 and 2004, which was 3.5% and 3.8% respectively. The current rate of fare evasion across the network is stable at 2.2 per cent (GLA, *Mayor answers to London*, 18 August 2011).

I consulted on increasing penalties for fare evasion, and as a result, TfL have this year increased fines from £50 to £80 (TfL Press Release, 16 February 2012).

My removal of the bendy buses will save around £7 million a year in reduced fare evasion (GLA Press Release, 9 December 2011).

Tackling knife and gun crimes

Pledge

I will make it a policing priority to tackle knife and gun crime and not accept defeat. I will drive out the culture of political targets that distort priorities (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 21).

I will provide funding for handheld scanners and knife arches to use at Tube and rail stations, and other large-scale public events (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 21).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

It is a priority of the new MOPC to tackle knife and gun crime (MOPC Website). At my direction, the Met introduced an intensified stop and search regime called Operation Blunt 2, and over 11,000 knives have been taken off the street since then (Mayor of London, *Mayor of London's Annual Report 2010-2011*, May 2011).

When we appointed the new Met Commissioner last year, I made it clear that this would be someone who has a clear strategy for tackling gang violence and youth crime and restoring pride in our great city. (BBC News Online, *Bernard Hogan-Howe new Metropolitan Police commissioner*, 27 September 2011)

Promise delivered.

I have provided funding for handheld scanners and knife arches to be used more, with £3.8m allocated to support the additional costs of Operation Blunt 2 for 2008/09 (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 19 May 2010, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 15 October 2008, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 12 November 2008).

This has led to over 11,000 knives being taken off the street (Mayor of London, *Mayor of London's Annual Report 2010-2011*, May 2011).

We have also focused on large-scale public events. In 2011, police officers manned knife arches throughout the Notting Hill Carnival day at various underground stations across London, particularly those in and around the carnival procession route. (Metro, *Notting Hill Carnival's 'peaceful' start belies knife arches and 6,500 police*, 28 August 2011).

Londoners are noticing the benefits. Responses to surveys about the deployment of knife arches and screening equipment showed a figure of 79 per cent of pupils feeling more reassured through the use of knife arches at key locations on routes to schools. (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 12 November 2008)

I will direct the LDA to fund youth community groups that provide mentoring schemes (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 21).

Promise delivered.

The Mayor's Mentoring Programme will provide appropriately trained adult volunteer mentors for a minimum of 1,000 black boys aged 10-16 who may be at risk of offending in seven target boroughs in London (GLA Website, *Mentoring*).

To date £1.3million has been committed in the form of grant funding and the associated administrative costs of the small grants fund (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 23 March 2011).

I have also launched Team London which provides a conduit for volunteers and London's disadvantaged (Team London Website).

I will ring-fence part of the LDA budget specifically for community sports projects (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 21).

Promise delivered.

The Mayor's Sports Legacy Fund provides £15.5 million worth of funding, which have ring-fenced for community sports projects (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 15 September 2010, Mayor of London Press Release, *Mayor gives community sports facilities a boost with £1m cash injection*, 23 November 2011).

I will make designing out crime a key priority in the London Plan and the Mayor's Housing strategy to prevent creating poor-quality housing where crime flourishes (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 21).

Promise delivered.

The London Plan sets out my designing out crime policy, which calls on boroughs and others to create safe, secure and appropriately accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

Our Housing Strategy also sets out that new homes and developments should be built to principles that design out crime risks (GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

Help the ignored victims of sexual violence

Pledge

I will provide stable, long-term funding to set up new Rape Crisis Centres in London (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 27).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

As part of my long term plan, three new Rape Crisis Centres opened in London in 2010, making four in total based in North, South, East and West London. (Mayor of London, *Press Release*, 8 March 2010).

15,882 victims of sexual abuse were helped with support, counselling and therapies at these four rape crisis centres in 2010- 2011 alone. (Mayor of London Press Release, *Mayor's Rape Crisis centres helping over 15,000 women*, 25 November 2011).¹

I have committed to continue to provide funding for the three new centres and the existing Croydon centre if re-elected (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 15 December 2010).

Demanding a police service accountable to you

Pledge

I will provide local neighbourhoods with New York-style crime maps, to enable residents to hold local police to account (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 30).

I will direct the MPA to ensure Borough Commanders hold monthly, open public meetings (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 30).

I will ask for regular meetings with the Home Secretary to ensure that Whitehall is listening to Londoners' concerns (Boris Johnson, *Making London Safer*, 2008, p. 12).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

My introduction of crime mapping has opened up local policing to residents, transforming the accountability of the Met (Metropolitan Police Service Website, *Crime Mapping*).

The Government launched a UK wide crime map website in early 2011 (Police UK Website).

Making progress.

Although monthly public meetings with the Police Borough Commander are not held in every borough, many boroughs hold some sort of public meeting, even if they are not monthly.

The most frequent and consistent of these are the quarterly consultative group meetings (Community and Police Engagement Group) where members of the public have the opportunity to question the Borough Commander (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

Promise delivered.

I regularly meet with the Home Secretary and Home Office ministers. My strong relationship with the Government has resulted in extra financial support for the Met, including £90 million to keep officer numbers high (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Reports 2008-2012*; GLA, *Mayor's Final Budget 2011-12*, February 2012; Evening Standard, *Met getting £90m to keep police numbers up on capital's streets*, 30 January 2012).

Getting Londoners Moving

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Putting commuters first

Pledge

I will re-phase traffic lights to get traffic flowing more smoothly (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

I will campaign for the Mayor to at last be given the power to fine utility companies who cause delays through badly planned roadworks (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

We have taken concrete steps to improve congestion in London. 2,000 traffic light signals have been reviewed since 2009 and a further 1,000 signals are being reviewed in 2011/12 (TfL Website, *Smoothing traffic flow*).

Changes made to over 1,000 traffic light signals in 2010 delivered a six per cent reduction in unnecessary delays at traffic signals (TfL, Press Release, *Londoners to face fewer delays at traffic signals*, July 2010).

A list of 145 signals which could be removed was also published in June 2010 and a further 26 were added to the list in November 2011.

Out of the 204 suggested removals, 22 have already been removed with removal agreed for another 15 and 80 under discussion with boroughs. It has been agreed between TfL and the boroughs that the remaining 87 signals will be maintained (TfL Website, *Suggested signal removal list*, Feb 2012; TfL Website, *Smoothing traffic flow*).

Promise delivered.

I have strongly lobbied the Government for this power, resulting in new legislation. The London Permit Scheme, submitted by TfL, was launched in 2010 and resulted in a 17 per cent cut in the number of road works by utility companies (London Councils, *London Permit Scheme: First Year Evaluation Report*, 27 May 2011, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 9 September 2009).

At my urging, legislation to give Fixed Penalty Notices to companies who cause delays under the Scheme has now been tabled by DfT.

TfL's Lane Rental scheme would come into effect from Spring 2012, subject to new regulations and approval from Department for Transport, expecting lane rental to reduce serious and severe disruption from road-works by 40 per cent by 2015. (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 12 October 2011, Department for Transport Statement, *Street works: lane rental*, 26 January 2012).

I will not introduce Ken Livingstone's £25 Congestion Charge and I will make the Congestion Charge fairer and more effective by reforming it when the current contracts expire (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

I will hold a new consultation on the Western extension, and abide by the result (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

Promise delivered.

I have not introduced the £25 Congestion Charge. We also now have a flexible Congestion Charge pricing, paying has been made easier through the introduction of an online account system (TfL Press Release, *Pre-register now for Congestion Charge Auto Pay accounts*, 24 November 2010).

The Western Extension of the Congestion Charge Zone (WEZ) was removed following a consultation in December 2010 (TfL, Press Release, *Mayor confirms removal of Congestion Charge Western Extension Zone by Christmas and introduction of CC Auto Pay in New Year*, 20 October 2010).

Following the removal of the WEZ there was a lower than expected increase in traffic driving into and within the former zone and no discernible impact on air quality were reported (TfL, Press Release, *TfL announces initial results following removal of the Western Extension of the Congestion Charging Zone*, 3 June 2011).

Promise delivered.

I held a consultation on the future of the Western Extension of the Congestion Charging zone in 2008 (GLA, Press Release, *C charge overhaul*, 15 October 2009).

On 27 November 2008 I announced that, based on the results of the public consultation, I would begin the legal process required to remove the Western Extension in line with the wishes of residents, businesses and other organisations (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Western extension: Londoners have spoken and the Mayor has listened*, 27 November 2008).

The final day of the Western Extension Zone was 24 December 2010 (TfL, Press Release, *Mayor confirms removal of Congestion Charge Western Extension Zone by Christmas and introduction of CC Auto Pay in New Year* 20 October 2010).

I will seek to re-instate tidal flow at the Blackwall tunnel, to ease congestion in South East London (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

I will, on behalf of Londoners, oppose Government plans to increase charges at the Dartford crossing, and lobby for residents in the London boroughs affected to have the same discounts as those proposed for residents in Dartford and Thurrock (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

Not met - a revised approach.

After a detailed analysis, I listened to experts and decided to adopt a revised approach to improving South East London congestion.

This was not delivered because a TfL review found that returning to the tidal flow at the Blackwall Tunnel would not improve traffic management (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 17 March 2010).

In addition, there are issues around fire risks associated with introducing two way traffic flows in a tunnel with a high proportion of HGVs with no separate means of escape, as shown by the 2009 incident when a truck catching fire caused a blaze inside the tunnel which closed it for days (Evening Standard, *Blackwall Tunnel shut by fire for days*, 30 November 2009).

Furthermore, in a tunnel with two way flow there would be no choice but to pass fire smoke and/or toxic fumes over one or other queue of traffic, whereas with one way traffic the system ventilates in the direction of traffic flow thus protecting the queue of vehicles behind the fire.

The principal causes of serious and severe disruption in the Blackwall tunnel are vehicle breakdowns, accidents and HGV's exceeding the northbound height restrictions (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 3 March 2011).

TfL have introduced a number of measures to reduce these unnecessary tunnel closures, including an additional lane for HGV vehicles on the northbound Blackwall Tunnel approach. This will enable all over-height vehicles to be diverted away from the tunnel before they reach the entrance, reducing unnecessary delays (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 3 March 2011).

Promise delivered.

I called for the Government to delay planned toll increases at the Dartford crossing (Kent News, *Boris Johnson calls for delay on Dartford toll hike*, 15 October 2011).

I also wrote to the then Secretary of State for Transport asking that the discount given to residents in Dartford and Thurrock be extended to those living in Bexley and Havering (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 19 May 2010).

My request was acknowledged by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Mike Penning MP, on 17 October 2011. In light of the responses to the consultation, the Minister announced on 24 November that he would delay the implementation of the proposed charge rises at the Dartford crossing. The Government is considering when any changes will now be made, and TfL will continue its discussions with the DfT to ensure the smooth operation of the Olympic Route Network (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 22 December 2011).

I will allow motorcycles in bus lanes (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

Promise delivered.

Following the completion of two trials, motorcycles have been given permanent access in bus lanes from 23 January 2012 (TfL Website, *Motorcycles in bus lanes*).

I will trial orbital express buses for outer London, to encourage modal shift in these areas (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

Promise delivered.

I conducted a thorough trial, which showed that although the buses were used, they were not very cost effective (TfL, *Surface Transport Panel Report*, November 2009).

However, the East London Transit bus is now running services from Ilford to Dagenham Dock via Barking town centre. The second phase will run from Barking town centre to the Barking Riverside development (TfL Website, *East London Transit*, 22 February 2010).

I will order TfL to look again at air conditioning on the Tube (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

Promise delivered.

Despite the difficult economic circumstances, we have made great progress on this. After I asked TfL to look into again, air conditioned trains have now been introduced on the Metropolitan Line. They will start to be introduced on the Hammersmith & City and Circle lines in late 2012 and on the District Line from 2013. The roll-out of this new fleet of trains will be complete by 2016 addition. The number of ventilation shafts on the Victoria line is set to double to 26 when work is completed later this year. (TfL Website, *Taking the heat out of your journey*, 29 June 2011).

I want to see the Tube open one hour later on Friday and Saturday nights (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

Not met.

Unfortunately it was not possible to keep the Tube open later due to exorbitant demands made by trade union bosses at a time of strained economic circumstances (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 17 March 2010).

I will seek to negotiate, in good faith, no strike deals with the Tube unions to end the disruption caused by unnecessary strikes (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

Not met.

Via London Underground's management, I have offered the Tube trade union bosses several opportunities to enter into negotiations on this point, but they refused. Their behaviour has sadly shown they have absolutely no interest in a no strike deal (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 3 March 2011).

I will focus on upgrading the track and signals on the Tube to get a faster, more reliable service (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

I will fight for rail commuters, and call an emergency summit with Train Operating Companies to demand longer trains, manned stations at night, more frequent services and lower fares (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 10).

Promise delivered.

200km of track have been replaced so far (TfL Website, *What's the plan*).

The whole of the Victoria Line has already seen its track renewed and new signalling installed (TfL, *Upgrade Plan*, February 2011).

Work to install a new signalling system on the Jubilee Line is now also complete (TfL Website, *What's the plan*).

We have focused on upgrading the Tube. Overall, I have secured £4.6 billion in the next four years alone for Tube upgrades (TfL, *Business Plan – GLA Budget Update 2011/12- 2014/15*, p.10).

Promise delivered.

I have now held three annual Train Operating Summits with train companies (Association of Trade Operating Companies, *Mayor brings London's rail industry together to get set for the Games*, 27 February 2012).

This resulted in agreements on key areas including improving customer information, improving and station standards, increasing the frequency of services, simplifying the fares structure for London Underground and National Rail, and planning for future growth (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 24 February 2010).

In addition, I completed a deal with the Government on Oyster Pay As You Go, making the commute easier for Londoners (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 17 June 2009).

Platform wait time fell by 67 per cent between 2007/08 and 2011/12. Customer satisfaction with customer information and cleanliness increased, respectively from 79 to 82 and from 72 to 76, between 2007/08 and 2010/11 (TfL, *Performance Data Almanac*, 9 December 2011).

Making trains, buses and stations safer

Pledge

I will require under-18s who have had their free bus travel withdrawn for antisocial behaviour to earn it back through voluntary and community service (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 24).

I will double the strength of Safer Transport Teams, by releasing funding for approximately 440 extra PCSOs to patrol the buses and 50 more fully warranted British Transport Police officers to patrol the worst suburban stations (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 24).

I will make buses safer by running a trial of live CCTV (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 24).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

Launched in August 2009, Payback London scheme requires under 18s who have their free bus travel withdrawn to earn it back through community work (TfL, Press Release, *Under 18s free travel rules begin*, 1 June 2008).

I am pleased that we have used this scheme to show to young people the importance of caring for their city – clearing graffiti, picking up litter, and helping community schemes.

10,068 individuals have had their passes withdrawn since 2009 (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

Promise delivered.

I prioritised safety on London's public transport. An extra 440 uniformed officers were recruited to the Safer Transport Teams (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 July 2008).

There are now an extra 50 Transport Police on the Overground and particularly outer London stations (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 21 May 2009).

In 2008, I also banned alcohol on the Tube (TfL, Press Release, *Alcohol ban comes into force on the Tube, trams and buses from this Sunday, 1 June 30, May 2008*).

Bus crime has decreased by 30 per cent during my term (MOPC, *Monthly Report: Police and Crime Committee*, 8 March 2012. Comparing 45 months of Ken Livingstone (August 2004 – April 2008) with 45 months of Boris Johnson (May 2008 – January 2012).

Promise delivered.

I launched a trial of live CCTV on 21 buses in October 2008.

The trial found that live CCTV provided no additional benefit and there are no plans to roll it out (BBC News Online, 20 October 2008, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 17 March 2010).

However, under my Mayoralty bus crime has reduced by 30 per cent within 45 months (May 2008 – January 2012) (MOPC, *Monthly Report: Police and Crime Committee*, 8 March 2012. Comparing 45 months of Ken Livingstone (August 2004 – April 2008).

I also banned alcohol on London's public transport in 2008 (TfL, Press Release, *Alcohol ban comes into force on the Tube, trams and buses from this Sunday, 1 June, 30 May 2008*).

I will focus on reducing fare evasion by directing the MPA and TfL to investigate giving Revenue Protection Inspectors more powers (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 24).

I will crack down on illegal minicabs by doubling the strength of the Cab Enforcement Unit, from 34 officers to 68 (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 24).

Promise delivered.

A trial giving a team of Revenue Control Inspectors additional powers started in March 2010.

Subsequently we launched the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) to assist these Revenue Protection Inspectors in dealing with a range of anti-social behaviour on the bus network. Since May 2011, there have been 38 CSAS specific intelligence led deployments resulting in 640 penalty fares, 470 prosecutions, 45 CSAS related offences and 2 Penalty Notices for Disorder (GLA website, *Keeping crime low on our transport system*).

I have also saved £7 million in lost fares from scrapping the unpopular bendy buses (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Final bendy buses banished from the streets of London*, 9 December 2011).

Promise delivered.

I am a strong supporter of London's cabbies. We have doubled the police team dedicated to tackling illegal minicabs, with 34 extra police officers in addition to the original 34 officers in 2008 (TfL Website, *Cab enforcement*, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 25 January 2012).

I have also introduced tougher penalties for any licensed driver convicted of taxi touting to send out a clear message that this will not be tolerated. Since August 2008 licensed drivers convicted of taxi touting now lose their licence for a minimum of one year. Over 600 private hire licenses have been revoked (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 25 February 2009; TfL Website, *Cab enforcement*).

Fresh perspectives on transport

Pledge

I will end the era of the bendy bus by scrapping them (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 31).

I will launch a competition to produce a new, iconic London bus, a 21st century Routemaster with conductors, of which Londoners can be proud (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 31).

I will make London a genuinely cycle-friendly city by introducing a central London cycle hire scheme and increasing the number of cycle parks (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 31).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

I was elated when the last bendy bus went out of service on 9 December 2011, saving £7 million in lost fare revenue (Mayor of London Press Release, *Final bendy buses banished from the streets of London*, 9 December 2011).

Promise delivered.

Following a competition to design a new London bus, the first new Routemaster bus, complete with conductors, entered service on 27 February 2012. I am proud that it is British designed and built and one of the greenest buses in Europe. (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Mayor unveils iconic final design for London's new bus*, 17 May 2010, TfL, Press Release, *First passengers jump aboard the new bus for London*, 27 February 2012).

Promise delivered.

As a dedicated cyclist, I notice everyday just how genuinely cycle-friendly London now is. I am proud of the fresh thinking, innovative approach that we have taken towards cycling.

The Barclays Cycle Hire scheme was rolled out across central London in mid 2010. (*The Guardian*, 30 July 2010, Mayor of London, Press Release, *Mayor's flagship cycling scheme - Barclays Cycle Hire - opens for business*, 30 July 2010).

Four Cycle Superhighway routes have also been opened and four more routes will open in 2013 (TfL Website, *Cycle Superhighways*).

Between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2010, over 40,000 cycle parking spaces were delivered across London (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 26 January 2011).

We are also working hard to make cycling in London safer by improving junctions on Cycle Superhighways and have recently launched a major review of other junctions (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 November 2011; TfL, Press Release, 7 February 2012).

I will use my influence as Chair of the MPA to ensure the police take cycle theft more seriously (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 31).

Promise delivered.

I have ensured that cycle theft is treated more seriously. The Cycle Security Plan produced by TfL, British Transport Police, City of London Police and Metropolitan Police Service was launched in July 2010 sets out what we have done, and plan to do, to prevent and deter cycle theft and criminal damage (TfL, *Cycle Security Plan*, 7 June 2010).

One of the Plan's proposed initiatives was the dedicated MPS Cycle Task Force, which was launched in July 2010. In its first year of operation alone, the Task Force made 175 arrests for crimes related to cycle theft and security marked over 12,000 bicycles. In 2010 cycle theft fell by 3 per cent (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 September 2011).

I will encourage better integration of river services (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 31).

Promise delivered.

My team and I worked hard to improve integration for commuters who travel by riverboat. In 2009 we formed the River Concordat to bring boat operators, borough councils, pier owners, and others together to improve services. From November 2009 Riverboat services are now Oysterised (GLA Report, *By the river*, April 2009).

I will protect London's cab trade (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 31).

Promise delivered.

As a strong supporter of London's cabbies, I ensured that Black cab drivers to have formal representation on the TfL Board (TfL Website, *Board Members*).

We have also reduced the bureaucracy they faced, scrapping half yearly taxi inspections by the Public Carriage (TfL, Press Release, *Transport for London to abolish mid-year inspections for taxis*, 6 November 2008).

We have doubled the police team dedicated to tackling illegal minicabs, with 34 extra police officers in addition to the original 34 officers in 2008 (TfL Website, *Cab enforcement*, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 25 January 2012).

I have also introduced tougher penalties for any licensed driver convicted of taxi touting to send out a clear message that this will not be tolerated. Since August 2008 licensed drivers convicted of taxi touting now lose their licence for a minimum of one year. Over 600 private hire licenses have been revoked (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 25 February 2009; TfL Website, *Cab enforcement*, 23 February 2009).

Making transport more convenient

Pledge

I will provide Londoners with new LiveBus technology, so that every Londoner will be able to see in real time, online, where their bus is as they wait, or as they plan their journey (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 37).

I will stop the proposed Tube ticket office closures in outer London (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 37).

We intend to ensure that the number of Oyster outlets continues to increase in outer London (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 37).

I will allow Londoners to set up a direct debit to renew their travelcards (Boris Johnson, *Getting Londoners Moving*, 2008, p. 37).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

Londoners are now able to plan their journeys in real-time. This LiveBus technology was launched in 2011, allowing Londoners to check live arrival times online (TfL Website, *Live Bus*).

Having already launched live bus arrival information for all 19,000 bus stops across London via the web and text messaging, our current focus is TfL's rollout of 2,500 new on-street signs at key bus stops (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 25 January 2012).

Promise delivered.

All stations including those in outer London which had a ticket office when I became Mayor have retained their ticket offices.

London Underground has changed the opening hours of ticket offices so that all stations with a ticket office have retained that facility, which is now open at times that reflect demand. This has also enabled a more efficient deployment of staff, who are often now freed from their position behind a glass screen to locations such as gate lines and platforms where they can be of most help to passengers, (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 23 February 2011, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 20 June 2007).

Promise delivered.

The total number of Oyster Tickets Stops in London has increased from 2,578 in May 2008 to 3,923 in May 2011. Approximately 3,663 stops of the May 2011 provision are located in outer London (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

Not met - a revised approach.

This has not been delivered, but Londoners can now pay their Congestion Charge by direct debit. Londoners can use direct debit to renew their oyster card on any journey. (TfL, Press Release, *Auto Pay hits the mark*, 16 September 2011)

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Making London safer

Pledge

Chair the Metropolitan Police Authority to make our streets safer (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 4).

Stand up against excessive police form-filling and support the scrapping of the stop and account form, lobbying the Government hard for its removal (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 4).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

I became the Chairman of the Metropolitan Police Authority shortly after my election in May 2008.

Once the direction of London policing had been set I stood down from this role in January 2010 and promoted my Deputy, elected Assembly member, Kit Malthouse, preserving democratic accountability (BBC News Online, *Boris Johnson steps down from police authority*, 27 January 2010).

A Revised Approach

The MPA has since been replaced by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPC) which is headed by my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. This change means that as Mayor and Deputy Mayor we will be even more accountable to Londoners for police performance, setting local priorities and allocating resources (GLA Website, *About MOPC*).

When we appointed the new Met Commissioner, I made it clear that this would be someone who has a clear strategy for tackling gang violence and youth crime and restoring pride in our great city. (BBC News Online, *Bernard Hogan-Howe new Metropolitan Police commissioner*, 27 September 2011)

As a result of my personal lead, crime has fallen in London by 10.6 per cent, robberies are down 16.7 per cent and murders have decreased by 24.4 per cent (MPS statistics, Comparing 44 months of Ken Livingstone September 2004 – April 2008 with 44 months of Boris Johnson May 2008 - December 2011).

Promise delivered.

I have been focused on getting police officers out from behind their desks onto the street. In the two years from May 2008 to May 2010 the Met took 209 forms out of use (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 19 May 2010).

In March 2011 the Government gave police forces the option to scrap the stop and account form (Home Office Website, *'Stop and search'*). The Met has however decided to continue using the stop and account form after an MPA consultation found robust support for recording "stop and account" to make sure the process was both transparent and accountable (The Guardian, *Met police will retain recording of "stop and account" street encounters*, 23 September 2011).

From January 2009 a shorter revised stop and search was launched, with the time it takes to complete reduced from 8-10 minutes to 3-5 minutes. (MPA, *A Practical Guide to stop and search community monitoring groups*, August 2009.)

Expect Police Community Support Officers to take some of the administrative burden from police officers, so they can spend more time out on the streets (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 4).

Crack down on binge-drinking and 'name and shame' councils that fail to use their powers to tackle the problem (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 4).

Promised delivered.

In 2009 I introduced Operation Herald, a scheme focused on cutting administrative tasks and paperwork for London's police officers (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 July 2010).

A revised approach.

The scheme found that many of the administrative tasks could be cut altogether or done by civilian staff, rather than PCSOs, thus enabling more police presence on the streets.

Operation Herald moved clerical duties away from trained police officers to general staff, put more police on the front line and achieved efficiencies of 451 positions (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 July 2010).

We continue to work to get more officers out on the streets. There will be 1,000 more police officers than in 2008 by May 2012 (GLA, *The Mayors Consultation Budget*, 22 December 2011, p 1).

There are now 630 Safer Neighbourhood Teams, 1 for each of London's 624 neighbourhood wards, plus 5 more for the city of Westminster and 1 more for Crystal Palace where three boroughs meet. These are made up of at least 2 Police Constables and 3 PCSOs. There are over 4,100 police officers dedicated to neighbourhood policing (MPS Website, *Safer Neighbourhoods*).

Making progress.

As Mayor of London, I immediately delivered a ban on the alcohol on Tube, bus, Docklands Light Railway, and tram services and stations across the capital (Mayor of London Press Release, *Mayor unveils plans to ban alcohol on the transport network*, May 2008).

The London Health Inequalities Strategy 2009 commits to enable Londoners to take action to reduce alcohol related harm. City Hall has been working with London Councils and other partners to improve the management of the night time economy and to reduce under-age sales. I also supported the work of the Greater London Alcohol and Drug Alliance (GLADA). I hosted the first health leadership summit on 1 November 2010 (GLA, *Health Inequalities Strategy one year on report*, June 2011).

Alcohol abuse was one of the early priorities of the London Health Improvement Board, which was set up in 2011. Proposals include more support for alcohol abusers, working with licensing authorities to ensure alcohol is supplied responsibly and developing an awards scheme to highlight best practice in town centre management and bars and off-licences which sell alcohol responsibly (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 15 June 2010, GLA, Press Release, *Health priorities for London set by new board*, 16 January 2012).

In addition, in February 2012 I announced that criminals convicted of serious drink-related offences will be fitted with 'sobriety bracelets' under a new pilot scheme in London. Anyone continuing to drink will be arrested and brought before a judge who has the option of sending them back to prison (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Mayor welcomes new approach to alcohol related crime in London but says more is needed*, 10 Feb 2012, PA News, *Bracelet scheme for drink offenders*, 11 February 2012).

Helping older people get around safely

Pledge

Protect and extend the Freedom Pass by working with the local councils (who fund it) to make it valid 24 hours a day (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 8).

Increase safety on buses by doubling the amount of police officers on patrol, adding 440 extra officers; and fund 50 extra fully-warranted British Transport Police Officers to patrol the worst railway stations in outer London (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 8).

Crack down on the young people who create trouble on the buses through the Payback London scheme, which will withdraw their right to free bus travel and allow them to earn it back by undertaking community service (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 8).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

I moved quickly to ensure the Freedom Pass is now valid 24 hours a day. The pre 9.00am validity is paid for in full from the Mayor's Budget (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 17 December 2008, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 9 November 2011).

Promise delivered.

I prioritised safety on London's public transport. An extra 440 uniformed officers were recruited to the Safer Transport Teams (GLA Website, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 July 2008).

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I am pleased that we have used this scheme to show to young people the importance of caring for their city – clearing graffiti, picking up litter, and helping community schemes.

10,068 individuals have had their passes withdrawn since 2009 (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

Work with the Government and train operators to make more Overground stations step-free (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 8).

Promise delivered.

Despite tough financial times 15 Tube stations have been made step-free during my term in office, including Green Park, now a key step-free gateway to the West End, and Hainault Station in Redbridge (TFL Press Release, *Hainault Tube Station is now step-free with three new lift*, 3 March 2010).

At one of London's busiest Overground stations, Clapham Junction, I opened a new entrance and nine new lifts in 2011 (South West Trains, *Station upgrade gives Clapham Junction a big lift*, 20 May 2011).

A further two interchange stations (Blackfriars and Farringdon) will be made step-free in early 2012. Another five major Tube stations will be made step-free within the current Business Plan period, to 2014/18. At my instruction, TfL is also continuing to look at opportunities for developer-funded schemes at stations like South Kensington.

The Department for Transport announced last year that six London Overground stations will be made step-free, more than anticipated, and accessibility improvements will be made at Stratford DLR (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

Making London age friendly

Pledge

Encourage developers to design safer walkways, better paving, and greener spaces in new developments, including in the Thames Gateway (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 11).

Preserve the existence of small, independent shops through better protection in planning legislation (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 11).

Improve open spaces in London, and work with local councils to improve street cleanliness (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 11).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

The New London Plan includes a commitment to ensure that the design of all new housing developments and social infrastructure should be accessible to and take particular account of the needs of older people (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

Promise delivered.

My London Plan sets out a new policy to provide and support affordable shop units (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

I vocally supported the Evening Standard 'Save our Shops' campaign, a new £4 million High Street Fund to offer supports to small business (London Evening Standard 'Big business boosts £3m fund to get London's high street working again'. 24 August 2011; Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 September 2011).

My Outer London Fund is a £50million three-year initiative launched in 2011, which will strengthen the vibrancy and growth of London's high streets and local areas. (London Assembly, *Mayor's Question Time*, 9 February 2012).

Promise delivered.

Under the Help a London Park scheme, 11 parks have been awarded £6 million (GLA Website, Help a London Park).

The 'Love Clean London' application was launched in March 2011 to engage citizens and reduce litter and associated costs. (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Mayor launches assault on 'grime-crime' ahead of Olympic year*, March 2011).

I have been a vocal supporter of the Capital Clean-Up campaign, to make London cleaner and greener for the Olympics 2012 by co-ordinating events from litter-picks to litter enforcement and education activities across the capital. Around 1,700 volunteers took part in nearly 150 events across 22 boroughs during the summer 2011 campaign (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 September 2011).

Safeguard domestic gardens by preventing developments on them (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 11).

Improve respect for older people by encouraging organisations to recruit older people as volunteers, including for the Olympics (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 11).

Promise delivered.

In 2010 the Government changed the definition of brownfield sites so that domestic gardens are not included and no local authority is obliged to build on gardens if it does not want to (DCLG, Press Release, *Clark - new powers to prevent unwanted 'garden grabbing'*, 9 June 2010).

These changes were reflected in my new 2011 London Plan, under which private residential gardens are no longer classed as previously developed land and boroughs are allowed to introduce a presumption against development on back gardens or other private residential gardens in their Local Development Frameworks (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

As part of the Capital Growth project to encourage volunteering in London, 1032 food gardens have been unveiled with a target of 2000 spaces by the end of 2012. Grants from City Hall for the gardens range from £200 to £1000 (GLA, *Mayor announces 1000 + community food gardens tended by 35,000 Londoners*, June 2011).

Promise delivered.

My team and I are working across all policy areas to improve respect for older Londoners. The GLA now encourages older people to volunteer (GLA Website, *Helping yourself and helping the community by volunteering*).

As part of a drive to improve respect for older people, through Team London, my £4m volunteering programme, young people will teach older people IT. Additionally to help vulnerable and elderly Londoners, eighty 'Contact the Elderly' groups have established across capital supported by 1,200 volunteers. (GLA Press Release, *Mayor of London supports London's isolated and older residents through Team London*, 15 December 2011).

Fighting for essential services

Pledge

Support local health services by campaigning against closures and fighting to save local GP services (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 17).

Campaign to protect Post Offices (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 17).

Encourage awareness and take-up of entitlements by older people, especially Council Tax, through a 'Your Rights' information campaign (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 17).

What has been achieved so far

Making progress.

I have persistently and vocally stood up to Government of London's local health services, including meeting with Andrew Lansley, Secretary of State for Health, to discuss health service in London and the Health and Inequality Strategy.

Two important facilities I have joined you in campaigning to save include the children's heart surgery unit at the Royal Brompton Hospital and the Urgent Care Centre at Queen Mary's Hospital in Bexley. (Evening Standard, *Boris joins fight to save children's heart centre*, 15 September 2011, Bexley Times, *Campaigners furious that the A&E and maternity closure at Sidcup are going ahead before review*, September 2010)

Promise delivered.

As soon as I took office I began lobbying the Government to protect London's post offices from closure (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Boris Johnson calls on Government to save London's Post Offices*, 28 June 2008).

However the then Labour Government failed to take action to reform the Post Office network. Currently there are no plans for a closure programme for the network of 11,500 branches and the Government has announced that the Post Office will receive 1.3 billion over the next four years to reform the network (BBC Online, *Post office to offer new services*, 9 November 2010).

Promise delivered.

I launched the 'Know your rights campaign' in partnership with Age UK, Citizens Advice Bureau and benefit and debt advice agencies in October 2011. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the support available to vulnerable Londoners to help them heat their homes and pay their energy bills this winter (London older people strategies group, *Mayor know your rights campaign*, 2011, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

Introduce an automatic one-off Council Tax rebate to encourage home insulation, making homes warmer and more environmentally friendly (Boris Johnson, *Appreciating our Seniors*, 2008, p. 17).

Not met - a revised approach

Instead of introducing a council tax rebate scheme, more effective initiatives have been introduced to increase the energy efficiency of London's homes:

I have committed £7.8 million to RE:NEW – an area-based homes energy efficiency programme which is installing free 'easy' energy efficiency and water efficiency measures such as showerheads and radiator panels in 55,000 London homes by March 2012, as well as referring homes for further insulation and heating measures. This means that every household in a RE:NEW area can receive free energy efficiency measures, no matter what type of home they live in or their income. This is particularly helpful for the nearly 60 per cent of homes in London with solid walls. (LDA website, *RE:NEW – Homes Energy Efficiency for Tomorrow*, accessed on 8 March 2012)

I have also frozen my council tax precept for the last three years to ensure that Londoners are protected from tax rises while maintaining London's public services and investing for the future (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 15 June 2011).

Backing London Business

Manifesto
2008

Mayor Boris Johnson

Working with London's businesses

Pledge

Hold biannual summits with representatives from across London's business communities (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.5).

Listen to the results of consultations (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.5).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

I have held quarterly meetings of the London Business Advisory Council, alongside annual meetings of the International Business Advisory Council (GLA Website).

As part of my 24 public meetings with Londoners I have held 5 Business Question Times. (GLA Website)

I have also therefore been able to negotiate good deals for Londoners, such as securing private sponsorship for the cycle hire scheme and cycle superhighways saving taxpayers money whilst delivering services (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Barclays saddle up to sponsor London Cycle Hire Scheme*, 28 May 2010).

Promise delivered.

I pledged that I would listen to Londoners and I have done just that.

A key example is the re-opening of the Western Extension Zone consultation on 4 January 2011 (TfL, *Consultation Results*).

Listening to Londoners, Boris subsequently scrapped the scheme at 62 per cent of those who responded to the consultation wanted (TfL, Press Release, *Mayor confirms removal of Congestion Charge Western Extension Zone by Christmas and introduction of CC Auto Pay in New Year*, 20 October 2010).

Transport for London undertook a consultation on a traffic signal site in Croydon. Based on the feedback by Londoners, the decision has been made on 24th February to remove these signals. (TfL, *Traffic Signal Removal Programme*, 24th February).

In contrast, Ken Livingstone imposed the WEZ.

Review the LDA's enterprise activity to ensure that London's businesses and communities are getting the support they need (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.5).

Make it easier for businesses to do business with the GLA group, the London 2012 Organising Committee and Olympic Delivery Authority (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.5).

Promise delivered.

As Mayor I have delivered targeted investment through regular dialogue with business. At the very beginning of the recession we formed an Economic Recovery Action Plan. This has helped London's businesses in dealing with the impact of long term economic problems and short term events such as the riots. I have focused on the long term economic well being of local borough centres and high streets.

In my first week as Mayor I formed a Forensic Audit Panel to examine the activities of the LDA and suggest reform of the body (GLA, *Report of the Mayor's Forensic Audit Panel*, 15 July 2008, p.9). This led to changes at the top and efficiencies being made to tune of £445,000 a year (Communities and Local Government Department, '*Localism Bill Impact Assessment*', Jan 2011, *All Business Website*).

As a result of this scrutiny, I decided to abolish the wasteful LDA in order to cut bureaucracy and its functions will be brought into the Mayor's office, leading to greater accountability (BBC News Website, *Mayor Boris Johnson proposes more powers for office*, 15 June 2010).

I also took a personal lead towards the 2011 riots and helped London businesses who were affected get back on their feet through the High Street Fund (BBC News Online, London businesses hit by riots can apply for £3m funds, 26 August 2011, The Mayor's proposals for devolution, June 2010).

Additionally we have provided £50m for regeneration projects in town centres affected by the disturbances, with the Government providing £20m especially for the areas of Tottenham and Croydon. Proposals for a further £40m from the Outer London Fund are underway. (The Mayor of London, '*Riot regeneration funding*', 9 December 2011).

Promise delivered.

We have made it easier for businesses to work with the GLA group by championing initiatives such as the *CompeteFor* website started in 2007 (GLA, '*CompeteFor Website*') which allows businesses to bid for City Hall contracts and makes the procurement process more accessible for firms of all sizes. 155,000 businesses are registered and there are 10,500 contract opportunities, 8574 of which have been awarded as of the 8th March. Over 74 per cent of contracts have been awarded to SMEs and 37 per cent of the contracts have been awarded to London businesses as of the 8th March (City Hall; *CompeteFor Website*).

To date over £270 million worth of Games-related contracts have already been won by suppliers through London through *Compete For*. (Mayor of London, *CompeteFor*).

The GLA group has also helped improve the cash flow of small and medium-sized enterprises through the prompt payment of their invoices, with an average of 86.8 per cent of all valid invoices from SMEs paid within 10 working days. (GLA, *Delivering Responsible Procurement*, February 2012).

In the future we will make sure the LDA adopts business-like financial transparency and reporting principles (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.6).

We will also investigate introducing a target for the GLA and its functional bodies to procure a given proportion of goods and services from local and small businesses (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.8).

Promise delivered.

In the first week after I was elected as Mayor of London I announced the formation of the Forensic Audit Panel which reported in July 2008 (Legacy London Website, '*Report of the Mayor's Forensic Audit Panel*').

The report concluded that Ken Livingstone's LDA 'misspent' money 'on a massive scale, say tens of millions' (GLA, *Report of the Mayor's Forensic Audit Panel*, 15 July 2008).

The review of the LDA was conducted by the Forensic Audit Panel which reported in July 2008.

The report concluded that Ken Livingstone's LDA 'misspent' money 'on a massive scale, say tens of millions.'

It also found that there were failings in the LDA's leadership, governance and basic controls which led to the conclusion that the former LDA board was ineffective (GLA, *Report of the Mayor's Forensic Audit Panel*, 15 July 2008).

Promise delivered.

After I investigated, we changed the responsible procurement policy. Although a specific target was not set, we decided on a new policy to ensure that a diverse range of suppliers are encouraged across the GLA group. It is also now incumbent on businesses to communicate when there is an employment benefit with local communities (Mayor of London, *GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy*).

Prompt payment is also a key plank of this policy to support small businesses. (Responsible Procurement Website).

Making London an attractive place to do business

Pledge

Make business crime a police priority (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.9).

Encourage planners to use section 106 to secure affordable premises for small businesses (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.9).

Scrap the £25 charge which would cost London's businesses thousands of pounds a year (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.9).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

I was determined to help London's businesses to thrive in as safe an environment as possible.

The MPS now run a number of initiatives including Shop Watch, 646 Safer Neighbourhood Teams in stores and Business and Pub Watch among others (GLA Website, *Focusing on business crime*).

The MPS Policing Plan is also committed to working with businesses to combat crime (MPA/MPS, *Policing Plan 2010-13*).

As a result, business crime has fallen by 3.4 per cent across London. Greenwich, Bexley, Enfield, Kingston-upon-Thames, Lewisham and Waltham Forest have all seen decreases of over 10 per cent (GLA, Press Release, *Mayor welcomes drop in London business crime*, 29 January 2011).

Promise delivered.

The London Plan sets out a new policy to provide and support affordable shop units (GLA, *London Plan*, July 2011).

Promise delivered.

I have not introduced the £25 Congestion Charge. We also now have a flexible Congestion Charge pricing, paying has been made easier through the introduction of an online account system (TfL Press Release, *Mayor confirms removal of Congestion Charge Western Extension Zone by Christmas and introduction of CC Auto Pay in New Year*, 24 November 2010).

The Western Extension of the WEZ Congestion Charge zone was removed following a consultation in December 2010 (TfL, Press Release, *Mayor confirms removal of Congestion Charge Western Extension Zone by Christmas and introduction of CC Auto Pay in New Year*, 20 October 2010).

Following the removal of the WEZ, a lower than expected increase in traffic driving into and within the former zone and no discernible impact on air quality were reported (TfL, Press Release, *TfL announces initial results following removal of the Western Extension of the Congestion Charging Zone*, 03 June 2011).

Help all businesses avoid Congestion Charge fines by allowing them to pay by account (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.9).

Improve London's transport infrastructure (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.9).

Promise delivered.

In October 2009 I made it easier for Londoners to pay the Congestion Charge by introducing a number of measures, including the introduction of an automated account system (TfL, Press Release, *Mayor outlines Congestion Charge overhaul*, 15 October 2009).

An Organisation Account allows businesses with six or more vehicles to pay the daily Congestion Charge by direct debit if they are registered for Fleet Auto Pay (TfL Website, *Congestion Charging*).

Ken Livingstone made a similar pledge in 2004 but failed to deliver (Ken Livingstone, *Manifesto*, 2004).

Making progress.

I made investment modernisation and improvement of London Transport infrastructure a key priority of my Mayoralty.

In order to do this I have secured a record £22 billion in the past four years – this includes £6 billion in the Tube and £15.9 billion in Crossrail (HMT, *Comprehensive Spending Review*, 20 October 2010).

In addition, highways across the city have benefited from over £47 million of investment since 2008 (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011, 4038/2011).

I have secured £4.6 billion in the next four years alone for Tube upgrades (TfL, *Business Plan – GLA Budget Update 2011/12- 2014/15*, p.10).

We also now have an East London Line extension, creating London's first ever orbital railway (HMT, *Spending Review*, 22 October 2010, p.23; Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 25 February 2009; TfL Website, *London Overground*).

Champion London at home and abroad (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.9).

Promise delivered.

I have tirelessly been a champion of London throughout my Mayoralty. Examples of where this positive lobbying brought tangible benefits for the city include the record infrastructure investment that I have secured from the government for projects in London including Crossrail, broadband, smart ticketing, the Northern Line extension to Battersea and the Thames Tideway Tunnel (HMT, *Autumn Statement 2010*; Crossrail Website, 'Funding').

I have also been vocal in my support for a new airport in the Thames Estuary to help grow London's businesses which has seen the Government announce a consultation into related proposals (GLA Press Release, *Mayor of London urges government to act on aviation*, 21 November 2011).

The reason I have championed London's causes so persistently abroad is to stand up for the business that make our city a great economic powerhouse. I have been to Brussels to emphasise to them policies which would damage the City of London such as the Financial Transactions Tax and employment directives. (The Telegraph, *Mayor of London Boris Johnson takes hedge funds fight to Brussels*, 29 Aug 2009)

I am proud that we recently secured investment offers of £10 billion at the World Economic Forum in Davos (The Telegraph, *London Mayor Boris Johnson reveals investors' £10bn investment offer*, 28 January 2012).

We have also invested £2 million in the 'Only in London' tourism campaign which generated £100 million of income to London.

This work has helped to ensure that London remains the most competitive city in Europe in which to do business (Economist Intelligence Unit, *The Times* 13 March 2012).

Unlike Ken Livingstone who stated that worldwide capitalism kills more people every day than Hitler ever did' and jeopardises our financial services by offering to: 'Hang a banker a week until the others improve' (NME Magazine, April 2000; The Guardian, *Ken Livingstone sparks anger with 'hang bankers' speech*, 17 February 2012).

We plan to institute greater independent oversight over Tube and Crossrail investments – to ensure that the mistakes of Metronet aren't repeated and that Londoners get better value for money from their investments (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.12).

We will trial orbital bus routes in the outer suburbs to connect key transport hubs such as town centres and railway station (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.12).

We will lobby the Government to invest in additional rail capacity in South London (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.11).

Promise delivered.

I scrapped the Labour Government's expensive Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and brought the project in-house under TfL (BBC News Website, *PPP deal for London Tube upgrades a colossal waste*, 10 May 2010).

This allows for better scrutiny and control over costs (*The Guardian*, *Boris Johnson's TfL pushing London Underground PPP down the tubes*, 4 January 2010).

The cost of the Jubilee Line upgrade illustrates how much money can now be saved following the end of the PPP. The original projected cost for the Jubilee line upgrade when the contract was signed at the end of 2002 was £285.3 million. However, the final cost was £721 million, more than double (TfL, Press Release, *Final Jubilee line upgrade cost vindicates decision to end PPP says TfL*, 12 October 2011).

Crossrail will provide an increase of 10 per cent in the capacity of London's rail network with larger increases along the outer London corridors on which Crossrail will operate. For example, the current Heathrow Connect service runs two trains per hour. This will be replaced with four, longer Crossrail trains per hour which will more than triple the passenger capacity of these services on the Great Western Main Line (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 November 2011).

Promise delivered.

A thorough trial I conducted showed that although the buses were used, they were not very cost effective (TfL, *Surface Transport Panel Report*, November 2009).

However, the East London Transit bus is now running services from Ilford to Dagenham Dock via Barking town centre. The second phase will run from Barking town centre to the Barking Riverside development (TfL Website, *East London Transit*).

Promise delivered.

As Mayor, I have consistently and successfully lobbied for funds for key rail projects in South London, such as work to increase the capacity on the Richmond to Clapham Junction service to Stratford and the completion of the first ever orbital rail from Clapham Junction to Surrey Quays (TfL Website, *Projects and Schemes*).

Providing training that businesses need and Londoners want

Pledge

Cut through bureaucracy and consolidate the Adult Skills agendas and funding organisations in London (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.4).

Listen to employers and Londoners (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.4).

Promote skills to Londoners through a single branded service for advice and guidance (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.4).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

We have centralised the training and skills provision at City Hall via reforms to the London Skills and Employment Board. This allows a more flexible approach to the commissioning of training, and is set out in a report in 2008 (LSEB, *London's Future The Skills and Employment Strategy for London 2008-2013*).

The skills agenda has been taken up by the new London Local Enterprise Partnership from June 2011. (Future of London, *New details emerge on London's LEP*, June 2011).

Promise delivered.

As Mayor of London, I have ensured that I am accessible to Londoners and employers. Between November 2008 and November 2011 he held seven People's Question Times (GLA Website, *People's Question Time*).

Other platforms have also been embraced to work alongside People's Question Times such as the 3 Talk London events held so far and the 9 Mayor's Consultation meetings held so far on specific issues, including 2 on business and the economy (Talk London Website, GLA Website, *People's Question Time*).

Another example of how my team and I listen to London's businesses is by acting on the results of consultations such as the decision to scrap the Western Extension Zone for the Congestion Charge (Mayor of London, Press Release, *48 hours until the end of the Western Extension Zone*, 22 December 2010).

Quarterly meetings of his London Business Advisory Council alongside annual meetings of his International Business Advisory Council give businesses a further opportunity to raise issues with the Mayor (GLA Website).

This is more than the statutory minimum of 16 PQTs Ken Livingstone held over his two terms in office (GLA Website).

Promise delivered.

The new London Local Economic Partnership will be the single branded service for advice on skills and guidance (Future of London Website, 10 June 2011).

This has allowed us to take a more employer led approach to training as has been highlighted by the creation of 40,000 new apprenticeships with 100,000 being aimed for by the end of 2012 (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Mayor of London aims for 100,000 apprenticeships by 2012*, 27 October 2011).

Champion and support the London's 2011 WorldSkills Competition (Boris Johnson, *Backing London Business*, p.4).

Promise delivered.

WorldSkills was held in 2011 at the Excel Centre in London and saw 150,000 delegates watch 1,000 young people from 57 countries take part in the skills competition.

I attended and thoroughly enjoyed taking part of the 'Have a Go Launch' (My Venue Website, 7 October 2011; The Guardian, *Lessons in Life*, 1 March 2011).

Protecting Our Local Environment

**Manifesto
2008**

Mayor Boris Johnson

Protecting and preserving open spaces

Pledge

I will protect green belt land and open space from development (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 3).

I will amend the London Plan to protect against development on gardens (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 3).

I will invest £6 million in making our open spaces safer and cleaner (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 3).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

The new London Plan, published in 2011, commits to protecting the green belt and other open spaces: 'Growth will be supported and managed across all parts of London to ensure it takes place within the current boundaries of Greater London without: a. encroaching on the Green Belt; b. having unacceptable impacts on the environment (GLA, *London Plan*, p.34 July 2011).

Promise delivered.

In 2010 the Government changed the definition of brownfield sites so that domestic gardens are not included and no local authority is obliged to build on gardens if it does not want to (DCLG, Press Release, *Clark - new powers to prevent unwanted 'garden grabbing'*, 9 June 2010).

These changes were reflected in my new 2011 London Plan, under which private residential gardens are no longer classed as previously developed land and boroughs are allowed to introduce a presumption against development on back gardens or other private residential gardens in their Local Development Frameworks (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

I have also supported domestic gardens through the Capital Growth Project. 1032 food gardens have been unveiled with a target of 2000 spaces by the end of 2012. Grants from City Hall for the gardens range from £200 to £1000 (GLA, *Mayor announces 1000 + community food gardens tended by 35,000 Londoners*, June 2011).

Promise delivered.

I have dedicated a significant amount of my time as Mayor visiting schemes to improve our open spaces. Under the Help a London Park scheme, 11 parks including Crane Valley Park in Richmond and Wandle Park in Croydon have been awarded £6 million (GLA Website, *Help a London Park*).

I am also investing £390 million in 80 outdoor spaces projects over the next two years (GLA, *Great Outdoor*).

I have been a vocal supporter of the Capital Clean-Up campaign, to make London cleaner and greener for the Olympics 2012 by co-ordinating events from litter-picks to litter enforcement and education activities across the capital. Around 1,700 volunteers took part in nearly 150 events across 22 boroughs during the summer 2011 campaign (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 September 2011).

I will invest in 10,000 street trees to improve the local neighbourhoods that need them most (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 3).

I will work with the boroughs to make London cleaner (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 3).

I will encourage every member of staff in the GLA, TfL, MPA, and LFEPA, to do one day a year volunteering for a green charity (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 3).

If trials of a new 101 non-emergency number prove successful, we will look at the options for rolling it out across the capital (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 8).

Promise delivered.

I was delighted to plant the 10,000th tree on the 14th of February 2012. 10,000 trees have been planted in areas in 29 boroughs considered to be of greatest need since 2008 (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 23 March 2011, GLA Press Release, *Boris marks delivery of his trees and parks promises by planting 10,000th street tree*, 14 February 2012).

Promise delivered.

I have worked constructively with boroughs of all political colours to make London cleaner. The 'Love Clean London' mobile phone application was launched in March 2011 to engage citizens and reduce litter and associated costs. (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Mayor launches assault on 'grime-crime' ahead of Olympic year*, March 2011).

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In addition, the new non-emergency phone number 101 encourages reporting of fly-tipping for boroughs to take action on these reports (Direct Gov Website, *Reporting non-emergency crimes using 101*).

Promise delivered.

I have encouraged volunteering throughout my time as Mayor. I have given all Greater London Authority staff three days a year leave for volunteering activities. The 2011 annual staff survey showed that 53 per cent of GLA staff undertake volunteering activities either inside or outside work-time (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

My advisers and directors were also involved in a variety of activities during volunteering week (1–7 June 2010) and on an on-going basis (Mayor of London Press Release, *Mayor goes back to school to urge businesses to get volunteering*, 26 May 2010).

Promise delivered.

My pledge has not only met been in London, there is also now a new 101 non-emergency service available across England and Wales, providing members of the public with an easy way to report less urgent crime, such as fly tipping, and speak to local officers (Direct Gov Website, *Reporting non-emergency crimes using 101*).

Making it easier to recycle and reduce waste

Pledge

I will make recycling easier and more convenient through innovative approaches, such as paying Londoners to recycle (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 9).

I will work with the boroughs to improve recycling rates and reduce the amount of London's waste that is sent to landfill (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 9).

I will support a ban on plastic bags in London (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 9).

What has been achieved so far

Making progress.

In 2010 a trial of a scheme called Recycle Bank was launched in London. The scheme gives householders shopping vouchers or donations to charity to the value of how much they recycle (The Guardian, 'Boris Johnson acts to boost London's recycle rates', 18 January 2010, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 December 2009).

Lambeth is the first London council to trial Recycle Bank using a newly-developed model of the initiative that specifically caters for flats (Let's Recycle Website, *First London RecycleBank scheme launches in Lambeth*, 16 May 2011).

I am keen for this scheme to be rolled out across other London boroughs.

Promise delivered.

Since I became Mayor, recycling rates have increased from 25 per cent in 2007/8 to 32 per cent in 2010/11 (GLA, *Household Waste Recycling Rates*).

This improvement has been helped by initiatives such as Recycle Bank and the ramping up of Recycle for London's programme, which is now being used by most of London's boroughs to help their communications with residents and businesses.

In addition, I have set targets for waste reduction, reuse and recycling that are tougher than the EU Waste Directive targets (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 5 May 2011).

Promise delivered.

I have been a vocal supporter of a ban on plastic bags in London. I have held talks with council leaders and the London Waste and Recycling Board on the best way to reduce bag numbers, and have carefully studied the new powers used in Wales. (Daily Mail, *Boris calls for plastic bag ban across London in fight against 'poisonous' waste and litter*, 5 August 2011).

I have written to the Government asking it to consider whether it is using its powers effectively to reduce the number of single use plastic bags in circulation (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011). The capital's waste strategy sets out my support for locally-driven campaigns, like Greener Upon Thames voluntary reduction schemes, and for the national programme delivered by the Association of Convenience Stores. Options to deliver a voluntary reduction scheme tailored to London's small and independent retail environment are being investigated and I have also written to major supermarkets to encourage them to re-double their efforts (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 November 2011).

Making transport more sustainable

Pledge

Get London's traffic flowing better, so reducing traffic emissions (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 13).

Lobby the Government to stop the expansion of Heathrow (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 13).

Increase the number of hybrid buses when feasible (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 13).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

We have taken concrete steps to improve congestion in London. 2,000 traffic light signals have been reviewed since 2009 and a further 1,000 signals are being reviewed in 2011/12 (TfL Website, *Smoothing traffic flow*).

Changes made to over 1,000 traffic light signals in 2010 delivered a six per cent reduction in unnecessary delays at traffic signals (TfL, Press Release, *Londoners to face fewer delays at traffic signals*, July 2010).

A list of 145 signals which could be removed was also published in June 2010 and a further 26 were added to the list in November 2011.

Out of the 204 suggested removals, 22 have already been removed with removal agreed for another 15 and 80 are under discussion with boroughs. It has been agreed between TfL and the boroughs that the remaining 87 signals will be maintained (TfL Website, *Suggested signal removal list*, Feb 2012; TfL Website, *Smoothing traffic flow*).

Promise delivered.

Throughout my term as Mayor, I have argued that expanding Heathrow is not in London's best interests due to its geographic location, stating in 2011 that "noise problems and poor air quality at Heathrow have reached such levels that further increases in the number of air traffic movements there are untenable". (Public Sector Travel, *London Plan: Boris rules out Heathrow expansion*, 26 July 2011).

The national Government has now also made clear that it does not support the construction of additional runways at Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted (*Hansard*, 6 April 2011).

I am however a strong supporter of greater aviation capacity for London, and have produced two detailed reports on the business case and necessity of London remaining a leading European hub (GLA Press Release, *Mayor urges Government to act on aviation*, 21 November 2011).

Promise delivered.

The hybrid bus programme will see 300 new hybrid buses introduced by 2012 (TfL, *Hybrid buses*).

Make London a genuinely cycle-friendly city by introducing a central London cycle hire scheme and increasing the number of cycle parks (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 13).

Use my influence as Chair of the MPA to ensure the police take cycle theft more seriously (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 13).

Promise delivered.

As a dedicated cyclist, I notice everyday just how genuinely cycle-friendly London now is. I am proud of the fresh thinking, innovative approach that we have taken towards cycling.

The Barclays Cycle Hire scheme was rolled out across central London in mid 2010. (The Guardian, *Cycle hire scheme launched in London*, 30 July 2010, Mayor of London, *Press Release, Mayor's flagship cycling scheme - Barclays Cycle Hire - opens for business*, 30 July 2010)

Four Cycle Superhighway routes have also been opened and four more routes will open in 2013 (TfL Website, *Cycle Superhighways*).

Between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2010, over 40,000 cycle parking spaces were delivered across London (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 26 January 2011).

We are also working hard to make cycling in London safer by improving junctions on Cycle Superhighways and have recently launched a major review of other junctions (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 November 2011; TfL, *Press Release, TfL confirms priority junctions for cycle safety review*, 7 February 2012).

Promise delivered.

I have ensured that cycle theft is treated more seriously. The Cycle Security Plan produced by TfL, British Transport Police, City of London Police and Metropolitan Police Service was launched in July 2010 sets out what we have done, and plan to do, to prevent and deter cycle theft and criminal damage (TfL, *Cycle Security Plan*).

One of the Plan's proposed initiatives was the dedicated MPS Cycle Task Force, which was launched in July 2010. In its first year of operation alone, the Task Force made 175 arrests for crimes related to cycle theft and security marked over 12,000 bicycles. In 2010 cycle theft fell by 3 per cent (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 September 2011).

Tackling climate change

Pledge

Work to help cut London's carbon emissions by 60 per cent from their 1990 levels by 2025, including collaborating with the C40 group of cities to develop strategies to tackle climate change (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 20).

Work with the boroughs to encourage Londoners to install insulation in return for Council Tax rebates (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 20).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

We have several active projects working towards this aim:

The RE:NEW programme, which aims to reduce CO2 emissions from existing homes. 11,000 homes have already been retrofitted, with a total of 55,000 due by end of March 2012.

The RE:FIT programme pilot, held in 42 GLA group buildings, guaranteeing energy savings worth of £1 million per year. 140 organisations have already shown interest in the model to date, with 200 buildings committed to be retrofitted, to the combined value of over £35 million.

The £3million RE:CONNECT programme has created 10 Low Carbon Zones across London, which are on track to deliver a 20.12 per cent CO2 reduction by 2012.

The London Heat Map, an interactive tool that allows Londoners to identify opportunities for decentralised energy projects in London.

The £100 million London Green Fund to invest in low carbon waste, decentralised energy and energy efficiency (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 5 May 2011; GLA, Press Release, *New figures show green economy in London is vibrant and bucking downturn*, 26 October 2011). The Mayor's Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Team have been working with the C40 Cities to share their expertise on monitoring carbon emissions and to lower carbon emission in London (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 15 June 2011).

Promise delivered.

I have worked with London's boroughs to increase the energy efficiency of London's homes. Instead of a introducing a council tax rebate scheme, more effective initiatives have been introduced.

I have committed £7.8 million to RE:NEW – an area-based homes energy efficiency programme which is installing free 'easy' energy efficiency and water efficiency measures such as showerheads and radiator panels in 55,000 London homes by March 2012, as well as referring homes for further insulation and heating measures. This means that every household in a RE:NEW area can receive free energy efficiency measures, no matter what type of home they live in or their income. This is particularly helpful for the nearly 60 per cent of homes in London with solid walls. (GLA, *Mayor Answers*, 14 December 2011).

I have also frozen my council tax precept for the last three years to ensure that Londoners are protected from tax rises while maintaining London's public services and investing for the future (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 15 June 2011).

I will set a positive example to the corporate sector by upgrading the energy efficiency of the GLA group buildings, and pressing the Government to meet its promises to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings in London (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 20).

I will promote the development of electricity micro-generation in London and the greater use of on-site renewable energy (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 20).

I will support the introduction of a Waste Heat Levy and the greater use of Combined Heat and Power in London to improve the efficiency of power generation (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 20).

Promise delivered.

I have set an example through the pilot of the RE:FIT programme in 42 GLA group buildings. This delivered guaranteed energy savings worth £1 million per year. An innovative commercial model to support the public sector to retrofit buildings with energy efficiency measures has also been developed and we have successfully applied for European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) funding to accelerate its rollout. (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 5 May 2011).

140 organisations have already shown interest in the model to date, with 200 buildings committed to be retrofitted, to the combined value of over £35 million (GLA, Press Release, *New figures show green economy in London is vibrant and bucking downturn*, 26 October 2011).

Promise delivered.

I have promoted this consistently.

I backed EDF Energy's bid for funding to provide a smart electricity network in London, including increased micro-generation and new renewable energy installations (Energy Efficiency News, *Micro-generation*, 24 June 2010).

The Mayor has undertaken the first ever decentralised energy master-planning exercise across London and is now supporting the commercialisation of large-scale decentralised projects which can heat and power London's existing and new buildings more carbon-efficiently (GLA, Press Release, *New figures show green economy in London is vibrant and bucking downturn*, 26 October 2011).

Promise delivered.

I have persistently supported the Waste Heat Levy, and GLA senior officers have regular meetings with officials in the Department of Energy and Climate Change about introducing one. Under the Municipal Management Waste Strategy, a carbon floor is suggested for waste to energy plants, encouraging boroughs and operators to ensure such plants are operated in CHP mode. Under the London Plan, developers are required to use CHP in new developments where appropriate. The Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy also supports CHP as part of the decentralised energy programme. £3 million of European Local Energy Assistance Funding from the European Commission has been secured to support the commercialisation of large scale decentralised energy projects, including CHP projects (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

I will use all the powers at my disposal to push the use of renewable energy sources in London (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 20).

I will offer a Mayor's prize for new research into low carbon technology, to promote innovation (Boris Johnson, *Protecting our Local Environment*, 2008, p. 20).

Making progress.

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I also backed EDF Energy's bid for funding to provide a smart electricity network in London, including increased micro-generation and new renewable energy installations (Energy Efficiency News, *Micro-generation*, 24 June 2010).

Promise delivered.

The Mayor's Low Carbon Prize was launched in 2011 (GLA, *Press Release*, 24 November 2011).

I announced the winner of the inaugural Mayor's Low Carbon Prize, at a ceremony at City Hall on 7 March 2012. The £20,000 award, sponsored by the Berkeley Group, was a student from Kingston University for his "green key" to supply 'new residents with an electronic key containing up to date information on local services and ideas to help them live more sustainably.' (Mayor of London, *Mayor's low carbon source-Recognising student innovation*).

Building a Better London

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Helping more Londoners to afford their own home

Pledge

Help people who do not qualify for Government intermediate housing schemes to benefit from a new 'First Steps Housing Scheme', offering quality homes 20 per cent below the local market rate, built on non-essential Brownfield land released by the GLA estate (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Create a network of Community Land Trusts (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

In September 2010 I initiated the First Steps programme (Mayor of London, Press Release, *Mayor and HCA to help 1,000 families get a foot on property ladder*, 21 September 2010).

I have amended the London Plan to raise the income level required for 'First Steps' eligibility above that set by Government schemes, enabling anyone earning less than £60,000 a year to get on the programme and families earning up to £74,000 seeking a three-bed or larger (GLA, *London Plan*, July 2011).

My First Steps programme includes the First Steps Shared Ownership programme which enables first time buyers buy a home with monthly housing costs at approximately 20 per cent lower than if you were to buy the home outright on the open market or rent it privately (FirstSteps Website, *FirstSteps Buy*).

Around 13,360 people had been helped by the First Steps programme by February 2011. (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 18 May 2011).

I am on track to meet the target of delivering 20,000 First Steps homes by 2012 (Mayor of London, *The revised London Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

Promise delivered.

I have promoted community-led development in my London Housing Strategy, and ensured through the HCA London Board, which I chair, that a Community Land Trust is delivered on the former St Clements hospital site in Tower Hamlets. The land will be held in trust by the community and some of the housing held within a CLT.

We firmly believe therefore that creating a network of CLTs across London is the most creative and transparent use of public assets owned by the GLA (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 13).

I am also promoting a CLT on the Olympic Park with proposals invited for a CLT as part of the Chobham Manor development (OPLC, Press Release, *Legacy Company calls on developers to build Olympic Park's first family neighborhood*).

These mark the prospect of the first urban CLTs in the UK.

Work closely with borough councils to deliver 50,000 new affordable homes by 2011, replacing the 50:50 split with a unit target agreed with each borough council (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Amend the London Plan to increase the building of affordable family sized homes (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Increase the number of intermediate homes by a third in London, helping more low-income and key sector workers into home ownership (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 20).

Facilitate a comprehensive audit of all London's empty and 'hidden homes' to increase the social housing stock (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Making progress.

The target of 50,000 homes was not met by 2011 because of the toughest market conditions in years. However I am on course to beat my target of 50,000 affordable completions by 2012 – a record for any mayoral term (Mayor of London, *A Revised London Housing Strategy – Initial Proposals*, August 2011, p.16).

I also scrapped the counter-productive 50 per cent target for affordable homes that I inherited from the old London Plan (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 24 February 2010).

Ken Livingstone's 50 per cent target delivered an average of just 32 per cent and frequently presented a barrier to growth and development. (GLA, *London Plan Annual Monitoring Report 5*, February 2009, p. 33, Table 16).

Promise delivered.

My revised London Plan places greater emphasis on family-sized housing, and 42 per cent of new social rented housing funded in the spending round (2008-11) was for family-sized homes, compared to 35 per cent in the previous spending round (2006 - 08) (Mayor of London, *London Housing Strategy*, February 2010; London Councils, *Leader's Committee: Mayor's Housing Strategy – London Council's Response*, February 2007, Recommendation 5).

London is producing more family-sized affordable homes than it has for a decade (GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

The 2011 revised housing strategy includes a significant proportion of family-sized housing, with new homes designed to the Mayor's larger space standards. (GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

Promise delivered.

Both the London Plan and the London Housing Strategy now have a 60:40 social:intermediate split.

This replaces Ken Livingstone's 70:30 split (GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011, p. 34; GLA, *London Plan*, July 2011).

Promise delivered.

The Empty Homes Audit was carried out by the GLA and the London boroughs in 2010 and provisionally identified 11,068 private sector homes empty for more than one year (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 13 July 2011).

As part of the Targeted Funding Stream investment of £60 million, between 2008-2011 4,145 empty homes were brought back into use and are now occupied (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 November 2011).

Provide a further £60 million for the regeneration of empty homes (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Promise delivered.

As part of the Targeted Funding Stream investment of £60 million, between 2008-2011 4,145 empty homes were brought back into use and are now occupied (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 November 2011).

This is three times more than the amount of funding Ken Livingstone provided for empty homes (GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011, p. 38).

Return the Mayor's Council Tax precept to borough councils transferring their dormant stock to short life housing providers, to help relieve homelessness (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Promise delivered.

In 2011, with my support, the Government launched the New Homes Bonus, which gives bonus payments to councils for homes brought back into use and additional homes (DCLG, *Press Release*, 1 December 2011).

Publish an online 'Fair Rents Guide' for London (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Promise delivered.

The new, innovative London Rents Map now shows average private sector rents for different types of homes across London, ensuring greater transparency for renters and attracting around 73,600 hits since it went live in December 2009 (London Rents Map Website, GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

Amend the London Plan to encourage boroughs to work together towards the delivery of the Thames Gateway (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Promise delivered.

My London Plan 2011 replaced the former London Plan. It consolidated alterations since 2004 and outlines our support of the development of the Thames Gateway and my intention to work with relevant agencies in London and neighbouring regions to support their development. The Plan also encourages relevant London boroughs and sub-regions to engage with relevant agencies beyond London to develop the area (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

I have also lobbied for an airport in the Thames Estuary which would drive development in this area (GLA Press Release, *Mayor urges government to act of aviation*, 21 November 2011).

I have secured funding for Crossrail which joins the Thames Gateway with central London (House of Commons Library, THAMES GATEWAY SN/ SC/3894, 8 March 2011, p.3).

In addition, I have worked with No. 10 to make the Royal Docks an Enterprise Zone, creating thousands of jobs. (GLA, Press Release, *London's Royal Docks to become one of country's largest Enterprise Zones*, 23 March 2011).

I have also established a Mayoral Development Corporation which will take some of the responsibilities from the Thames Gateway Development Corporation (DCLG, Press Release, 6 February 2012).

Make design quality central
to the Housing Strategy

(Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 6).

Promise delivered.

My London Housing Design Guide, published in August 2010 aims to end the era of poorly designed, cramped homes, and renew the capital's traditions of design excellence.

This is already being delivered for affordable housing, and new standards are being applied to private sector housing through the new London Plan and Supplementary Planning Guidance. The SPG outlines two levels of standards:

- 'Baseline' standards set the baseline for quality and design that new homes should meet. These are mandatory for all new homes
- 'Good practice' standards are those that go further and will lead to the kind of exemplary housing quality and design the Mayor is committed to achieving.

The standards will apply to all new housing in London. All homes must at a minimum meet all the baseline standards and are encouraged to meet the good practice standards. I expect new homes that are in receipt of public funding to meet the new standards in full (GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

Designing developments to combat crime

Pledge

I will make designing out crime a key priority in the London Plan and the Mayor's Housing Strategy to prevent creating poor quality housing where crime flourishes. (Boris Johnson, Building a Better London, 2008, p. 29).

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

The London Plan sets out the designing out crime policy, which calls on boroughs and others to create safe, secure and appropriately accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

The Housing Strategy also sets out that new homes and developments should be built to principles that design out crime and fire risks (GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

Protecting green spaces and historic views

Pledge

Protect ten historic views of St Paul's Cathedral and the Palace of Westminster by reinstating the original viewing corridor under Regional Planning Guidance 3A (RPG3A).

Amend the London Plan to protect three additional sites in London, rejecting future planning applications that obstruct views from St James's Park towards Horse Guards Road; the bridge over the Serpentine in Hyde Park to Westminster; and Island Gardens on the Isle of Dogs to the Royal Naval College.

Call on the Government to adopt the 'Merton Rule' to promote the use of on-site renewable energy.

Amend the London Plan to urge developers to adopt the Sustainable Code to build low carbon homes for the private sector market.

What has been achieved so far

Promise delivered.

Protection of these and other views have been confirmed in the London Plan (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

Promise delivered.

These are included in the London Plan's protected views (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

Promise delivered.

I did encourage Governments to adopt the Merton Rule (Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 16 July 2008).

The Planning and Energy Act 2008 allows local councils to set targets in their areas for on-site renewable energy, on-site low carbon electricity and energy efficiency standards in addition to national requirements (*Planning and Energy Act 2008*).

Promise delivered.

The London Plan has been amended to encourage builders to build more environmentally-friendly homes, it also sets out the expectation that developers will abide by the Government's new Code for Sustainable Homes and achieve the highest Code standards possible (GLA, *London Plan*, July 2011).

Investments in new and existing homes should now contribute to reducing London's carbon emission by at least 60 per cent by 2025 (GLA, *Revised Housing Strategy*, December 2011).

Publish a specific outer London development strategy.

Promise delivered.

I have ensured that London receives its fair share of funding and focus. The Outer London Commission was established to advise how outer London can play its role in London's economic success (*OLC Website*). Its report set out a development plan. (Boris Johnson, *Building a Better London*, 2008, p. 31)

I also appointed Cllr Theresa O'Neill as a dedicated Advisor on Outer Borough Relations on 11 February 2011. She monitors borough activity and regularly meets with outer borough Leaders (GLA Website, *Teresa O'Neill*, Mayor of London, *Mayor's Questions*, 14 December 2011).

I have ring-fenced money specifically for these areas in my Outer London Fund. Following the submission of over 150 bids in the first and second round of applications, I announced the award of nearly £42 million of funding from my Outer London Fund to 23 boroughs across the capital. (GLA Website, *Outer London Fund*, January 2012, GLA Website, *Successful bids*)

Amend the London Plan to protect domestic gardens from new development.

Promise delivered.

In 2010 the Government changed the definition of brownfield sites so that domestic gardens are not included and no local authority is obliged to build on gardens if it does not want to (DCLG, Press Release, *Clark - new powers to prevent unwanted 'garden grabbing'*, 9 June 2010).

These changes were reflected in my new 2011 London Plan, under which private residential gardens are no longer classed as previously developed land and boroughs are allowed to introduce a presumption against development on back gardens or other private residential gardens in their Local Development Frameworks (GLA, *The London Plan*, July 2011).

I have also supported domestic gardens through the Capital Growth Project. 1032 food gardens have been unveiled with a target of 2000 spaces by the end of 2012. Grants from City Hall for the gardens range from £200 to £1000 (GLA, *Mayor announces 1000 + community food gardens tended by 35,000 Londoners*, June 2011).

Encourage planners to use section 106 to secure affordable units for small, independent shops.

Promise delivered.

The London Plan sets out a new policy to provide and support affordable shop units (GLA, *London Plan*, July 2011).

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