

Mayor's Report to Council 19th July 2017

John Biggs, Mayor of Tower Hamlets

This appears to be the first routine Mayor's report since January 2017. Normal business was interrupted by both the budget and the Council AGM. I am disappointed that we do not meet more often, to hold me and the Council, to account at formal Council meetings. However, there has been plenty happening, as my diary list will tell you, and I have remained accountable both through Council structures and to the wider public through public meetings and events.

Because of the passage of time there is almost too much to report. Selected highlights are below.

Key Events/Announcements

General Election: Our 2 sitting MPs, Rushanara Ali and Jim Fitzpatrick were returned with significantly increased majorities. Sadly, this means that Cllr Oliur Rahman's dream was cruelly thwarted. But there is of course a silver lining as the excellent continuing service of our two experienced MPs, a forceful presence for the borough, will continue.

Relations with Government: It is too early to say what if any changes there will be in Council funding or Government policy affecting the Council. However, with a hung parliament controversial legislation should be less likely. It may also be that education cuts will be reduced or withdrawn.

Education Cuts: I recently joined with parents, teachers and pupils the presentation of a petition to the Secretary of State at the Department for Education. The breadth of concern about education cuts and their disproportionate impact on Tower Hamlets schools is evidence of the severe threat we face from these changes. I am grateful for the work, and teamwork, of concerned people across our borough

Grenfell: Words cannot express my horror and disbelief. Sirajul Islam, my Deputy Mayor, and I have been very engaged since the fire happened. Aside from the natural human reactions we offered support and staff – 6 officers were deployed, and can I express gratitude – and our officers, and those at partner RPs, have carried out massive further checks of the fire safety of our social housing. The safety of our residents is not an area for compromise, and there has been a further review of fire safety, particularly of tall blocks and blocks with cladding. Interim and longer term solutions to any problems found will be carried out. Fire safety guidance may need to be reviewed. A note has gone to members more comprehensively setting out our actions to date. I am concerned about a whole range of matters. This includes the impact of deregulation – who holds the records and carries out the impartial and thorough inspections, and who can access this information? And I have to report that we currently know very little about the private sector housing in our borough. Who should know (I think we would be obvious holders of information) and who should be responsible for holding those building standards accountable?

Manchester & London Attacks: These have obviously shaken many of us up. I attended a number of vigils. Myself and the Deputy Mayor and Asma Begum and the Speaker have been involved in community reassurance

events, including following the attack at Finsbury Park Mosque. I have, on a related matter, been talking with the Deputy Mayor for policing about further police reorganisation and its impact on our borough.

ASB/crime: We recently launched our new ASB policy, and we have welcomed our new Divisional Director for Community Safety, Ann Corbett, previously of Lambeth. I am frustrated that we may not be doing enough. We are buying – through Tower Hamlets Homes – extra police and I am looking at funding more, properly accountable and tasked for local policing priorities. We are refreshing our enforcement functions, and I am determined that we will improve our ‘toolkit’ to assist with ASB. However, I am equally sure that the Council alone cannot solve this, and it will need many agencies and, ultimately, for those who misbehave to learn greater respect and, perhaps, a sense of shared responsibility towards the rest of us

Acid Attacks: There has been particular anxiety lately, with national media interest, at the rise in ‘acid attacks’, in which a noxious or corrosive liquid is thrown or sprayed in the face of a victim, either in pure malice or to enable another offence such as robbery. I have written to the Home Secretary, spoken with the local police, attended a large public meeting, issued media statements and worked with officers and others to devise solutions and raise, without alarming people, awareness and avoidance of risk. This remains a problem, and solutions are varied. Exemplary punishment is one element. As is the accurate flow of information, so that we remain informed and better prepared, and not misinformed. I will continue to press for a series of measures, and welcome cross-party engagement and support.

Best Value Improvement Board: The BVIP has met twice, and is developing a work programme of concluding the outstanding work from the Improvement Plan with the Commissioners and developing further targets and scrutiny to help with our journey to excellence. It is disappointing that Independent members have, so far, failed to turn up.

LGA: I attended the LGA conference, in Birmingham and was a speaker with others on our journey of improvement and the experience of intervention.

OFSTED Children’s Social Care: Our Childrens Services Improvement Board has met three times, and is overseeing, under its independent Chair, the transformation of our children’s social care service. The changes required reach into the wider council and I look forward to debating them further with members, and others, as we make progress from a difficult situation. May I thank officers and others who are part of this process.

CTRS: The Council Tax Reduction Scheme changes for self-employed people have caused some anxiety. Anybody whose income falls below the assumed level should appeal, and be assessed, we have put in place support to ensure that anybody who faces hardship as a result of this change is protected and I would urge members to encourage constituents in this position to do this. Additionally, we are keeping in touch with affected residents.

Civic Centre: A report is about to be received by the Cabinet, and for scrutiny, to move to the next stage

Staff: There are interviews in early August for Growth & Economic Development. Aman Dalvi has left and his post has been temporarily filled by Ann Sutcliffe. Ann Corbett has now started as our Divisional Director for Community Safety. Heater Daley has started as our Divisional Director of Human Resources and Governance. And I welcome the appointment of Janet Fasan as our new Head of Law. Asmat Hussain has started as our Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer. Filling this post after a gap is an overdue and good thing. Graham White has now left, and I am grateful for his work.

Mela & Altab Ali Day: The Mela this year was a major success. Our second Altab Ali day commemoration also took place. This was somewhat overshadowed by the General election but was well attended.

Ask the Mayor: There was an 'Ask the Mayor' event on 21st June at Hub67, at Fish Island. I have attended numerous other events and meetings, as listed.

Cabinet and Mayoral Decisions: Cabinet has met multiple times since my last report and considered a number of matters, with decisions published on the Council's website. In addition, Mayoral Decisions have been signed on:

- 14 Jul 2017 - 164 - 229 Bethnal Green Road, E2 6AB, PDC - Property Transaction
- 5 Jul 2017 - 161 - Implementation of Traffic Management Orders on Watts Grove
- 29 Jun 2017 - 160 - Independent Living Community Support – Contract Value Amendment
- 22 Jun 2017 - 155 - Appointments to External Bodies
- 21 Jun 2017 - 157 - Private Renters Charter
- 12 Jun 2017 - 159 - Smoke Ventilation Replacement Project for Swanlea School
- 12 Jun 2017 - 158 - Establishment of the Tower Hamlets Best Value Improvement Board and Children's Services Improvement Board
- 7 Jun 2017 - 156 - Business Continuity for Services Currently Provided by Lifeline
- 11 May 2017 - 154 - 10 Turin Street - temporary use of building
- 9 May 2017 - 153 - Appointment of Legal Advisors
- 13 Apr 2017 - 152 - Seahorse Homes
- 13 Apr 2017 - 151 - East End Homes
- 19 Mar 2017 - 149 - Renewal of SAP Business Objects (BO)
- 19 Mar 2017 - 150 - Purchase of 99 St Paul's Way
- 7 Mar 2017 - 148 - Nominations to East End Homes, Tower Hamlets Community Housing and Davenant Centre
- 6 Feb 2017 - 147 - Determination of Roman Road Neighbourhood Planning Area
- 1 Feb 2017 - 146 - Security Services Framework
- 31 Jan 2017 - 143 - Approval of Leases
- 20 Jan 2017 - 144 - Tower Hamlets Homes Board Governance

- 18 Jan 2017 - 145 - Award of Concession contract for Chartered Management Institute Programme

Engagements and Meetings: 19 January to 22 March

(the following is extracted from my diary. A small number of meetings may have been rearranged. Other, less formal, meetings will have been added)

- 19 January 2017
 - Pre-infrastructure Delivery Board
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum
 - Mayor's Housing Meeting
 - London Assembly Regeneration Committee
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Stonewall Top 100 Employers launch
- 20 January 2017
 - Photo Opportunity with Rainbow Flag
- 21 January 2017
 - Meeting re. Osmani School
- 23 January 2017
 - Meeting with St Paul's Way School Trust
 - Central London Forward Board
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Place
 - Floor Walk with Mayor and Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 24 January 2017
 - LLDC Board Meeting
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with Cllr Joshua Peck
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Public Realm
 - Grants Determination Sub Committee Pre-agenda Meeting
 - Best Value Programme Review Board Quarterly Meeting
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachael Saunders
- 25 January 2017
 - Interview with MJ
 - Meeting with Poplar Bangladesh Community Project
 - Meeting with City Gateway
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnership
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Interview with LGC
 - Tower Hamlets Strategic Partnership Board
- 26 January 2017
 - Visit to Phoenix School
 - George Green School Visit to the Tower Hall
 - Floor Walk with Mayor and Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Unions
 - Meeting with Acting Divisional Director for Sports, Leisure and Culture
 - Interview with BBC Asian Network
 - Home Visit

- Mayor's Surgery
 - Youth Mayor Election
- 27 January 2017
 - Photo Opportunity with Salt Gritting Team
 - Meeting with British Empire Medal Winner
 - Meeting with Cllr Denise Jones
 - Planning Meeting
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Resources
- 30 January 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. MOPAC
 - Meeting Cllr Shiria Khatun
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Place
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with officers re. Tower Hamlets Youth Sports Foundation
- 31 January 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Corporate Induction
 - Meeting with officers re. Isle of Dogs and South Poplar OAPF
 - Meeting with Cllr Ayas Miah
 - Meeting with Baitul Mamur Academy
 - Meeting with Cllr David Edgar
 - Meeting with Commissioners
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Property & Major Programmes
 - Visit to A Arts Team
 - Meeting with residents re. Mansard roof
- 1 February 2017
 - Visit to Ebrahim Academy
 - Visit to It's Your Life Charity
 - Meeting with Londonewscastle
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Somali Task Force Launch
- 2 February 2017
 - Visit to Newham Enforcement
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnership
 - Meeting with officers re. Roman Road Neighbourhood Area
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Sports Personality of the Year Awards
- 5 February 2017
 - Visit to 'Visit My Mosque' Open Day
- 6 February 2017
 - Meeting with Jim Fitzpatrick MP
 - Pre Infrastructure Delivery Board Meeting
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Place
 - Floor Walk with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Mayor's Cup Successful Grant Allocations

- 7 February 2017
 - London Councils Labour Group Meeting
 - Leaders Committee
 - Best Value Board Pre-meet
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachael Saunders
 - Meeting with officers re. ASB on Tower Hamlets Homes Estate
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - The Queen Mary University of London Engagement and Enterprise Awards
- 8 February 2017
 - Meeting with ASB Review Programme Manager
 - Meeting with the Loneliness Project
 - Meeting with BluePoint London
 - Meeting with Nicholson McBride
 - Interview with Architects' Journal
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Thank you event for Staff & Volunteers
 - Mayor's Assembly
- 9 February 2017
 - Visit to East India Dock Basin
 - Police and Crime Committee
 - Meeting with Chief Executive and Corporate Director, Place
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake
 - Meeting with Uprising
 - Mayor's Surgery
- 10 February 2017
 - Visit to Salford City Council
- 13 February 2017
 - Visit by Rt Hon David Gauke MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Place
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Cllr Ayas Miah
 - Meeting with Cllr Oliur Rahman
- 14 February 2017
 - Best Value Programme Review Board
 - Meeting with Bow West Organisation
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with officers re. Governance of Property Disposals
 - Grants Determination Sub-Committee
 - Visit to Arnold Road residents
- 15 February 2017
 - Visit to Tom Thumbs Arch
 - Interview with ITV London
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Interview with ATN
 - Interview with Channel S
 - Governance Review Working Group

- 16 February 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr John Pierce
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum
 - Meeting with Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets, Step Forward, Tower Project and Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre
 - Meeting with officers re. Ofsted pre-meet
 - Final Feedback meeting with Ofsted
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - British Bangladeshi Power & Inspiration 2017
- 17 February 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - London Council Leaders' Summit
 - Association of Labour Councillors and the LGA Labour Group Local Government Conference
- 20 February 2017
 - Meeting with London and Partners
 - Meeting with Chief Executive and Borough Commander
 - Floor Walk with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Place
 - Meeting with officers re. Personalised Disabled Bays
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with officers re. Tower Hamlets Children's Services
 - Cavendish Developers' Supper in Tower Hamlets
- 21 February 2017
 - Planning Meeting
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with Cllr Ayas Miah
 - Meeting with officers and Deputy Mayor of London, Sophie Linden
 - Scrutiny Challenge Session
- 22 February 2017
 - Meeting with Westferry Printworks
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with officers re. Strategic Forward Planning
 - Budget Council Meeting
- 23 February 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. SAB Report discussion
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Adult Services
 - Interview with NYT
 - Meeting with Acting Divisional Director for Sports, Leisure and Culture
 - Meeting with Bikeworks
 - Mayor's Surgery
- 25 February 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Danny Hassell
- 27 February 2017
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Children's Services
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Place

- Meeting with Deputy Mayor of Transport, Val Shawcross
 - Meeting with Secretary of State & Commissioners
- 28 February 2017
 - Meeting with Commissioners
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with officers re. Car Free Developments and Parking
 - LLDC Board Meeting
 - Grants Determination Sub Committee Pre-agenda meeting
 - Public meeting: Solving our anti-social behaviour problem
- 1 March 2017
 - CMT Meeting
 - Meeting with First Love Foundation
 - Meeting with officers re. Allocation of CIL and S106 funding
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Executive Appraisal
 - Growth & Economic Development Partnership
 - Young People's Question Time
- 2 March 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum
 - Meeting with officers and Primera
 - Meeting with Tower Hamlets Carers Association
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnership
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake
 - Meeting with Children Education Group
 - Visit to Chisenhale Art Place
- 5 March 2017
 - Sunamgonj Welfare Awards Ceremony
 - Stairway to Heaven Memorial Service
 - International Women's Day 2017
- 6 March 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. City of London
 - Meeting with officers and Oval Spaces
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Place
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
- 7 March 2017
 - Quarterly Strategic Partnership Meeting
 - Grants Determination Sub Committee Pre-agenda meeting
 - Ask the Mayor Event
- 8 March 2017
 - Meeting with ASB Review Programme Manager
 - Photo Opportunity for No Smoking Day Campaign Launch
 - Official Opening of Ocean Children's Centre
 - Visit to Toynbee Hall
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with officers re. Civiv Centre
 - LGC Awards Evening
- 9 March 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs

- Meeting with officers re. Air Quality Action Plan
 - Meeting with East London Mosque
 - Meeting with officers re. Mela
 - Meeting with Chief Executive, THH
 - Meeting with officers re. Somali Task Force
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Meeting with Ocean Estate residents
- 13 March 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. Civic Centre
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Place
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with officers re. Investment in Parks and Open Spaces
- 14 March 2017
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Children Services
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with Grant Thornton
 - Meeting with Southern Housing
 - Meeting with officers re. Bow Primary School
 - Best Value Programme Review Board
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachael Saunders
 - Official opening of the new St Paul's Way Medical Practice
- 15 March 2017
 - Pre Infrastructure Delivery Board
 - Briefing meeting on IMD report
 - Renewal of SAP Business Objects
 - Roundtable discussion re. Leamouth and East India Basin Dock
 - Executive Appraisal
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with officers re. Youth Service
 - Appointment Sub-committee
- 16 March 2017
 - Home Visit
 - Mayor's media training
 - Meet with shortlisted candidates - Corporate Director Governance
 - Meeting with East End Homes
 - Presentation of prize to students
 - Mayor's surgery
- 17 March 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. Draft Local Plan
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Children Services
 - Meeting with Cllr Ayas Miah
 - Walkabout of Ropemakers Fields
 - Meeting with Betar Bangla
- 19 March 2017
 - Betar Bangla 1503AM 6th Anniversary
- 20 March 2017
 - Meeting with Unions re. Education Cuts
 - Meeting with officers re. TH Clear Up Project

- Interviews – Corporate Director Governance
- 21 March 2017
 - London Councils Labour Group Meeting
 - Congress Meeting
 - Leaders Committee
 - Appointment Sub-committee
- 22 March 2017
 - Annual Parents Conference
 - Full Council
- 23 March 2017
 - Meeting with shortlisted candidate – Place Directorate
 - Meeting with officers re. Montefiore Centre
 - Meeting with East End Trades Guild
 - Meeting with Fides Workers
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Tower Hamlets Labour Party General Committee
- 25 March 2017
 - Visit to Damien Street/Cavell Street Mosque
 - Hereford Estate final consultation Meeting
- 27 March 2017
 - Tower Hamlets Strategic Partnership Meeting
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Cllr Ayas Miah
 - Mayor's cup football draw
- 28 March 2017
 - Staff Conference
 - Shortlisting - Divisional Director Community Safety
- 29 March 2017
 - Interviews - Corporate Director Place
 - Isle of Dogs Highways Meeting
- 30 March 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum
 - Meeting with Old Willow Close Residents Group
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with officers re. Cleansing
 - Isle of Dogs: Working Group
 - Mayor's Surgery
- 31 March 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Planning Meeting
 - Meeting with officers re. Hereford Estate
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake
 - Meeting with officers re. GLL Savings
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Children Service
- 1 April 2017
 - Mayor's Cup Opening

- 3 April 2017
 - Meeting with Jim Fitzpatrick MP
 - Meeting with officers re. Clean Up Project
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Resources
 - Meeting with Cllr Julia Dockerill
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with officers re. Capital Strategy
 - Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening
- 4 April 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. Isle of Dogs Road Closures and Restrictions
 - Meeting with officers re. Keen Students School
 - Visit by Bangladeshi MP
 - Meeting with Bengali Boishakhi Organisation
 - Meeting with Lansbury Estate Muslim Association
 - Meeting with officers re. Whitechapel Bell Foundry
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachael Saunders
- 6 April 2017
 - Workpath Launch
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Management of the Night Time Economy in Tower Hamlets Scrutiny Review: Public Meeting
- 7 April 2017
 - Ofsted feedback meeting
- 9 April 2017
 - Rainbow film
 - Youth and Senior Final Day
- 10 April 2017
 - Appointment Sub-committee
 - Meeting with Cllr Ayas Miah
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Best Value Programme Review Board- Quarterly Meeting
- 11 April 2017
 - Meeting with GMB Branch Secretary
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with officers re. Bow Vision Consultation
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Boundary Estate Public Meeting
- 12 April 2017
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with Thames Tideway Tunnel Project
 - Pre Infrastructure Delivery Board
 - Meeting with Chair of the Children's Improvement Board
 - Appointments Sub-Committee: Shortlisting - Divisional Director Growth and Economic Development
 - Meeting with The Davenant Centre
 - Budget Meeting
 - Appointments Sub-Committee: Shortlisting - Divisional Director HR & Transformation

- 13 April 2017
 - Appointment Sub-Committee- Interviews: Divisional Director Sports Leisure Culture and Youth
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Children Services
 - Meeting with Bangladesh Football Association (UK)
 - Site Visit – Manchester Road
 - Site Visit – Poplar Mosque
- 14 April 2017
 - One to One with Cllr Rachel Blake
- 15 April 2017
 - 16th Anniversary of the Sandwip Samity UK
 - Phita Mela and Bengali new year 2017 (Pohela Boishakh)
- 17 April 2017
 - Bengali Boishakhi Utsob
 - Binibazar Education Trust
- 18 April 2017
 - Divisional Director HR and Transformation
 - Induction Meeting with Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Community Housing
 - Grants Determination Sub-Committee Pre Agenda Meeting
 - 50th Reunion Celebration of Bhatera College and University
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachael Saunders
- 19 April 2017
 - Site Visit to Kings Arm's Court
 - Meeting with officers re. Car Development and Parking
 - Executive Appraisal
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Pre-briefing on Anti-social Behaviour Strategy
 - Appointment Sub Committee: Shortlisting, Divisional Director Legal
- 20 April 2017
 - Mayor's Housing Meeting
 - Civic Centre Project Board meeting
 - Meeting with officers re. Community Safety ASB Strategy
 - Meeting with Bangladesh High Commissioner
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Site Visit to Altab Ali Park
- 21 April 2017
 - London Council Labour Group Meeting
 - Site Visit to Sidney Square, Laying of Victoria Cross
 - Site Visit to Majid Lane, Opening of Burdett Mosque
- 24 April 2017
 - Meeting with Far East Consortium
 - Executive Appraisal
 - Children Social Care Improvement Board Meeting
 - Meeting with officers re. Enforcement review
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Cllr Ayas Miah
 - Meeting with Ropemakers Field

- 25 April 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. School Funding Cuts
 - Central London Forward Board Meeting
 - LLDC Board Meeting
 - Members Appraisal Panel
- 26 April 2017
 - Visit to Launch of New Deal for Leaseholders
 - Visit to St George's Day over 50'S Tea Dance
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with officers re. Wapping Senior Luncheon/Activities Centre, Raine House
 - Meeting with Chief Executive and Tower Hamlets CVS
 - Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Speaker's Charity Dinner
- 27 April 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr John Pierce
 - Meeting with Cllr Khales Uddin
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum
 - Site Visit to Ballymore London City Island
 - Signing of Local Government declaration on sugar reduction and healthier food
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Strategic Forward Planning Meeting
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Children's Services
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Wapping Public Meeting, Tower Hamlets Police
- 28 April 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amina Ali
 - Telephone Interview with dissertation student
- 1 May 2017
 - May Day Rally, Altab Ali Park
- 2 May 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. Canary Wharf College
 - Meeting with officers and Canary Wharf Group
 - Meeting with officers re. review of Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers restructure
 - Budget Meeting
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with officers re. KEMP
 - Photo Opportunity - Ageing well Strategy – Older people's Reference Group
- 3 May 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. Sir John Cass Foundation & Redcoat CE Secondary School
 - Meeting with Fides Carers
 - Meeting with Deputy Mayor of London, Policing and Crime
 - Meeting with Sir John Cass's Foundation and Redcoat CE Secondary School
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Pre-meeting re. Civic Centre Project Board

- Meeting with Corporate Director, Resources
- 4 May 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Visit to Phoenix Court
 - Meeting with officers re. Playgroups and Nurseries
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, HR and Transformation
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Children Services
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Visit to Altab Ali Park, Altab Ali Day
- 5 May 2017
 - Site Visit, East London Mosque
 - Visit to Book Launch re. Racist Murder of Altab Ali
- 6 May 2017
 - Newark Awards Ceremony
- 7 May 2017
 - 175th Anniversary of St James the Less, St James the Less Church
- 8 May 2017
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Cllr Shiria Khatun
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with Chief Executive, Tower Hamlets Homes
 - Meeting with officers re. Isle of Dogs
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake
- 9 May 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. New Council Chamber
 - Meeting with officers re. Alisa Street
 - Best Value Improvement Board Pre-meeting
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Civic Centre Project Board meeting
 - Meeting with officers re. MELA and KEMP
 - Grants Determination Sub-Committee
 - Site Visit to East London Mosque
- 10 May 2017
 - Meeting with officers re. Borough Police Mergers
 - Pre Infrastructure Delivery Board
 - Meeting with Chair of Tower Hamlets Education Partnership
 - Meeting with Poplar Mosque and Community Centre
 - Meeting with officers re. Late Night Levy
 - Meeting with the Chief Executive
 - Visit to Tower Hamlets Wheeler' AGM
- 11 May 2017
 - Appointment Sub Committee : Interviews for Divisional Director Legal
 - Meeting with Cllr Danny Hassell
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Children's Services
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, IT
 - Mayor's Surgery
- 12 May 2017

- Meeting with officers re. Ofsted Quad
 - Meeting with officers re. Civic Centre, Financial Model
 - Opening of Post Office
 - Meeting with Deputy Mayor for Transport
- 14 May 2017
 - Opening of Boishaki Mela Parade
 - Limehouse History Night
 -
- 15 May 2017
 - Meeting with Ability Bow
 - Tower Hamlets Strategic Partnership Board
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Friends of Island Garden
 - Meeting with Cllr Abdul C. Mukit
- 16 May 2017
 - Planning Meeting
 - Meeting with Mayor of Hackney
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Resources
 - Meeting with officers re. Save our Public Nurseries Campaign
 - Meeting with Weavers Community Forum
 - Re-opening of Dil Chaf Restaurant
- 17 May 2017
 - Visit to Central Foundation Girls School
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum and Cllr John Pierce
 - Council Meeting (AGM)
- 18 May 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Meeting with City of London Corporation
 - Visit to London Enterprise Academy
 - Isle of Dogs and South Poplar OAPF Strategic Board
 - Mayor's Surgery
- 22 May 2017
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Adult Services
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Corporate Property and Capital Delivery
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Resident
 - London Workers Union Meeting
 - Public Meeting re. Blackwall Housing and Planning Issues
- 23 May 2017
 - Meeting with Friends of Bow Primary
 - Meeting with officers re. Local Infrastructure Fund
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Community Safety
 - Meeting with Cllr Amina Ali
 - LLDC Board Meeting
 - Celebration of International Mother Language Day
 - Visit to Weekly Potrika

- 24 May 2017
 - Meeting with Deputy Mayor of London, Housing and Residential Development re. Bishopsgate Goodsynd
 - Meeting with Mayor of Lewisham
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Strategic Forward Planning
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake
 - The Big School Assembly
- 25 May 2017
 - Meeting with Tower Hamlets Youth Sports Foundation
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum
 - Meeting with officers re. Community Buildings Rent
 - Mayor's Surgery
- 26 May 2017
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Resources
 - Meeting with Mount Anvil
 - Rally for Manchester
- 30 May 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Joshua Peck
 - Interview with BBC One
 - Pre-agenda Grants Determination Sub-committee
 - Quarterly Portfolio Review with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Meeting with Limehouse Mosque
 - Meeting with officers re. Somali Task Force
- 31 May 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs and Chair of Children's Improvement Board
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Meeting with the Head of Engineering re. Stepney Transformation
 - Meeting with officers re. Mansard roofs
 - Filming for Corporate Induction
 - Meeting with Mellish Street Mosque
 - Visit to Cherryduck Studio
 - Visit to Second Home
 - Iftar Visit to Brick Lane Jamme Masjid Trust
- 1 June 2017
 - Meeting with Interim Divisional Director for Legal Services
 - Pre-briefing re. TELCO Assembly
 - Meeting with Cllr Asma Begum
 - Meeting with officers re. Brick Lane Mosque - Historic Building Grants
 - Quarterly Portfolio Meeting with Cllr Abdul C Mukit
 - Meeting with Chief Executive, East End Homes
- 2 June 2017
 - Iftar Visit to Bangladesh Cricket Team
- 5 June 2017
 - Vigil Following Terror Attack at London Bridge
- 6 June 2017

- Meeting with Nafas
 - Meeting with officers re. Ofsted Quad
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Iftar Visit to Sunamganj Jela Welfare Association UK
- 7 June 2017
 - LLDC Additional Board Meeting (by telephone)
- 8 June 2017
 - General Election Count
- 9 June 2017
 - We Stand Together Event
 - Meeting with officers re. Civic Centre
 - Meeting with Cllr Dave Chesterton
 - Iftar Visit to Baital Aman Mosque
- 10 June 2017
 - Iftar Visit to Dorest Community Association
- 11 June 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr David Edgar
 - Iftar Visit to Linc Mosque
 - Iftar Visit to Golapgonj Upozila Education Trust UK
- 12 June 2017
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Children's Services Improvement Board
 - Meeting with Major Crimes Commander and Borough Commander
 - Meeting with the Fire Brigade Union
 - Pre-meeting for Capital Strategy
 - Meeting with officers re. Community Languages Service
 - TELCO Assembly
 - Iftar Visit to Bow West Organisation
 - Iftar Visit to Jagonnathpur Union
 - Iftar Visit to Mirpur Union Welfare Trust UK
- 13 June 2017
 - Cabinet/CLT Away Day
 - Tenants meeting re. Chapman House
 - Iftar Visit to Limehouse Mosque
 - Iftar Visit to St Dunstan's Branch Labour Party
 - Iftar Visit to Sonali Othith UK
- 14 June 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Site Visit to Esha' Atul Islam Mosque & Madrassah and Cultural Centre
 - Joint Consultative and Advisory Group
 - Meeting with officers re. Local Presence
 - Pre-meeting with officers re. Civic Centre Project Board
 - Best Value Improvement Board
- 15 June 2017
 - Interfaith Service - 100th Ceremony Upper North Street School
 - Meeting with officers re. Grenfell Tower
 - Mayor's Surgery

- Meeting with Cllr Clare Harrison and Cllr John Pierce
 - Iftar Visit to THH
- 16 June 2017
 - MOPAC Consultation
 - Jo Cox Remembrance
 - Iftar Visit to Bangladesh Youth Movement
- 17 June 2017
 - Visit to Hereford Estate
 - Annual Dinner: Docklands Sailing & Watersports Centre
 - Peace Rally - London Muslim Alliance
 - Iftar Visit to Italian Bangladeshi Welfare Association
- 18 June 2017
 - The Great Get Together
 - Community Picnic In The Park
 - Iftar Visit to East London Mosque
 - Iftar Visit to Beta Bangla
 - Iftar Visit to Zokigonj Welfare Association UK
- 19 June 2017
 - Pre Infrastructure Delivery Board Meeting
 - Meeting with East End Community Foundation
 - Meeting with Chief Executive and Borough Commander
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - LLDC Meeting
 - Community Solidarity Vigil
 - Iftar Visit to Bow Community Project
- 20 June 2017
 - Meeting with East London Teachers Association
 - Planning Meeting
 - Capital Strategy Meeting
 - Civic Centre Project Board meeting
 - Iftar Visit to BeaniBazar Upozila Progati Education Trust (UK)
 - Iftar Visit to Moulvibuzaz Aid
- 21 June 2017
 - Visit to Montefiore Centre
 - Poplar Riverside Housing Zone Delivery Board
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Strategic Forward Planning
 - Public Meeting: Ask the Mayor – Fish Island
- 22 June 2017
 - Fire Safety site visit to Brodick House
 - Meeting with officers re. Allotments Proposal
 - Site Visit re Shadwell Fire
 - Meeting with Corporate Director. Children's Services
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Constitutional Review Working Party
- 23 June 2017
 - School's food growing market place
 - East London Health & Care Partnership Political Leaders Group
 - Meeting with Planning Officer Plan Making Team

- Joint Consultative and Advisory Group
- 24 June 2017
 - Chinese Independent School of Tower Hamlets Graduation Ceremony
 - Consultation Event - Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge
- 25 June 2017
 - Visit: EID Prayer
 - Meeting with Cllr David Edgar
- 26 June 2017
 - Meeting with Surelock
 - Meeting with Neighbours In Poplar
 - Meeting with Cllr Abdul C Mukit
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Property & Major Programmes
 - Meeting with THHF Executive
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
- 27 June 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Joshua Peck
 - Meeting with officers re. TFL Site Discussion
 - Meeting with Cllr Sirajul Islam
 - Quad Meeting
 - Meeting with ATN Bangla
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachael Saunders
- 28 June 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Meeting with Cllr Rachel Blake
 - Meeting with officers re. Youth Service Commissioning
 - Meeting with The Yard
 - Meeting with officers re. Fire Safety
 - Meeting with Interim Divisional Director for Adult Social Care
 - Visit to KSS Closing Down Ceremony
- 29 June 2017
 - East End Community Foundation event
 - Tower Hamlets Private Renters' Charter launch
 - Hackney Wick Creative Sector Tour
 - Meeting with residents and officers re. ASB at Arbour and Albert Square
 - Visit to Manorfield Primary School
 - Mayor's Surgery
- 2 July 2017
 - LimeFest
 - Visit to Reunion of Khadimpur N U High ex-students event
- 3 July 2017
 - Meeting with Jim Fitzpatrick MP
 - Site visit to Factory East Charity
 - Spacehive Crowdfunding Launch
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with officers re. Tackling Poverty

- Meeting with Regional Schools Commissioner for East of England and North-East London
 - Children's Social Care Improvement Board
 - Sunamgonj Zila Shamity UK Eid Reunion event
 - NTV 14th Anniversary event
- 4 July 2017
 - LGA Conference (Birmingham)
- 5 July 2017
 - LGA Conference
 - Meeting with Channel S
 - Meeting with officers re. Community Safety
 - Council of Mosques Annual Eid Dinner 2017
- 6 July 2017
 - Meeting with Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnership
 - Meeting with Poplar Harca - Quarterly Strategic Partnership Meeting
 - Creative Communities Summer Event
 - Resident's 100th Birthday event
 - Jobs & Careers Fair
 - Mayor's Surgery
- 7 July 2017
 - Meeting with Cllr Joshua Peck
 - Executive Appraisal
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Governance
 - Meeting with Corporate Director, Health Adults & Community
 - Opening an "Edible Playground" at Manorfield Primary School
 - Star Feast Grand Opening
 - Resident's 100th Birthday Celebration event
 - Tower Hamlets Carers' Association UK's Eid Party
- 8 July 2017
 - Fabian Society Summer Conference
 - ELOP - Pride in London
- 9 July 2017
 - Lansbury Estate Muslim Association event
 - Eid Reunion - Kulaura Samity U.K
- 10 July 2017
 - Healthy Schools Celebration Event
 - Community Engagement Strategy Consultation Launch
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Pre Capital Strategy Meeting
 - Grants Determination Sub Committee
- 11 July 2017
 - London Councils Labour Group Meeting
 - Leaders Committee
 - Briefing with Chair of Local Authority Panel

- Draft Isle of Dogs Strategic Planning OAPF meeting
 - Tower Hamlets Strategic Partnership Executive Group Meeting
 - Bangladesh Caterers Association UK Ltd meeting
- 12 July 2017
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Meeting with Communication officers
 - Isle of Dogs working group
 - Meeting with Cllr Shafiqul Haque
 - Education Campaign Petition
 - Meeting with Poplar Harca
- 13 July 2017
 - Pre Infrastructure Delivery Board
 - Meeting with officers re. Grants Policy Review
 - Meeting with officers re. Youth Services
 - Meeting with officers re. THH fire safety measures
 - Air Quality Consultation Event
 - Mayor's Surgery
 - Mayoral Walkabout – Brick Lane
- 14 July 2017
 - Visit to Harry Gosling Primary School
 - East End Trades Guild Event
- 17 July 2017
 - Meeting with Chief Executive and Chair of Children's Improvement Board
 - Corporate Induction
 - Remembering Alexia event
 - Meeting with officers re. Matlock Street
 - Meeting with Place directorate
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Forum pre-meeting
 - Matlock Street resident meeting
 - Cranbrook Est TRA meeting
- 18 July 2017
 - Planning Meeting
 - Joint Lead Members 121
 - Trading Standards Illicit Tobacco Roadshow
 - Capital Strategy
 - Visit to Brodick House
 - Lister & Treves Meeting
- 19 July 2017
 - Meeting with the Headteacher of Thomas Buxton School and Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Meeting with Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs
 - Meeting with The Economist
 - Civic Centre Project Board Pre-meeting
 - Meeting with Chief Executive
 - Full Council