Our Pledges to Londoners

listed below are 46 specific pledges across seven key policy areas that London’s local leaders have jointly agreed to work together to deliver

Housing
London is still growing fast and we need more homes. Yet it is not enough to build either penthouses, or little boxes. Londoners need homes and communities. We must not only build more, we must build for the different needs of different Londoners, whether family homes, council homes or market rents. All homes must meet good standards. All communities need social infrastructure including GP surgeries and schools to be in place as homes are built. London boroughs are already delivering large-scale housing projects across the capital. We therefore commit to:

- Seek new powers to further raise our delivery potential and so better meet the needs of London’s population through developing an agreement with government on extending the powers and Financial flexibilities of London boroughs.
- Create a suite of shared home building services that can be used by all London boroughs. This will include for example:
  - Expanding the London boroughs’ collaborative precision manufacturing company PLACE to deliver homes across the capital by 2022.
  - Co-designing with the building industry a standard platform for planning major developments.
  - Enabling that construction apprentices funded through section 106 deals have access to work and training across all London boroughs.
- Agreeing a common standard across all boroughs to ensure safety and decency for all homes; especially taking action on rogue landlords.
  - We will lobby government to provide new powers so that the financial burden of enforcing standards is paid by rogue landlords themselves and that landlord licensing decisions can be enforced at the borough level.
  - Engage with government to ensure a full response to the Hackitt Review that delivers clear guidance, enforces swift remediation of buildings of all tenures with dangerous cladding and other Fire safety issues; and is effectively funded.
- Supporting each other to reduce homelessness through collaboration across London including:
  - Committing to use the boroughs’ joint company Capital Letters as a procurement vehicle for temporary accommodation.
  - Providing a homelessness prevention service in every London borough based on boroughs sharing their best in class services and gaining adequate funding from central government.
  - Developing a borough led pan-London strategy to end rough sleeping.
  - Engage government to create more effective and fully funded solutions for homelessness and temporary accommodation in London.

Health
Most health and care services are provided locally and a healthy life depends on an environment that is shaped locally. The London boroughs are an essential partner to jointly develop faster improvements in our health and care services, while also making London a healthier city. The democratic accountability of London local government is the best foundation on which we can engage citizens and build public support for the changing face of 21st century health care. We will:

- Seek agreement on funding and developed powers in order to offer a new deal to transform London’s ageing GP and primary care premises as part of a wider improvement in the quality of primary care services offered to all Londoners.
- Develop proposals for a step change in integrated health and care through an offer of borough level commissioning across London, as part of a refreshed devolution agreement.
- Take forward the world class borough collaboration on HPV prevention to collaborate on provision of local sexual health services throughout London.
- Argue for further devolution of public health funding, autonomy and powers to London boroughs.
- Lobby for adequate funding of social care and public health services.

Supporting Business & Inclusive Growth
London is the business capital of Europe and the most outward looking global city on the planet. All London boroughs are committed to nurturing that success and ensuring that all Londoners can share in it. We aspire to be the first choice of every London business when it wants a connection with London government. London boroughs will work together towards the achievement of these goals by:

- Co-designing a Charter for Business with London businesses, improving London as a place to do business, promoting inclusive growth and positive dialogue.
- Lobbying to ensure that post-Brexit development funding provides at least as much support to London as the current EU ESIF programmes.
- Working alongside the Mayor to transform adult skills training through the developed powers starting in 2020; supporting in work progression and ensuring that we meet the Job aspirations of learners and the skills needs of Business in each part of London.
- Working towards a better start for young people through improved careers advice, work experience for every young Londoner and building the case to extend skills devolution to include 14-19 provision.
- Working in partnership with London businesses to help government reform the apprenticeship levy; including using London levy underspends to support training within London.
- Creating a comprehensive local welfare support offer for those transferring to Universal Credit or at risk of homelessness, supported by work with government to develop more effective funding models based on invest to save principles.
- Supporting 55,000 disadvantaged Londoners a job through the developed employment programme agreed with the DWP.
- Lobbying government for co-location and joint working of council and Job Centre Plus services.

Crime & Public Protection
A safe city is the first duty of London government. London boroughs will do their part to help ensure that every Londoner can feel safe. Acting together, city government can reverse the upward trend in violent crime and the continued rise in London’s recorded recorded levels. We commit to:

- Protect young people from knife crime through collaboration to deliver violence reduction action plans in each borough based on the contributions of all relevant local agencies.
- Create a platform for sharing by all boroughs, including data sharing, a review of inter-borough protocols and best practise transfer.
- Call for increases in front line police officers to protect Neighbourhood and Community Policing.
- Hold HMPC and the MPS to account for gaps in policing service that follow from the changes to the configuration of Borough Command units.
- Better safeguard women and girls through delivery of our WAMS strategy including the establishment of a pan-London approach to commissioning refuges for women suffering domestic abuse.
- Investigate extending the refuge model to young people threatened by gangs; as part of building a wider strategy to protect young people from gangs and county lines criminal enterprises.
- Reach agreement with government on devolving offender rehabilitation to London.
- Work with government to ensure that post-Brexit development funding provides at better fit local needs.
- Commit to providing and accepting mutual support following major emergencies and to embody a culture of London wide resilience co-ordination and support within our own authorities reinforced by appropriate support, training and guidance.

Transport & Environment
London boroughs will work together to ensure that each London borough is better resourced across the full range of public services; to ensure that London receives it fair share of funding; to win more freedom for Londoners to decide how they raise funds for services and to guarantee continuous efficiency improvements in how Londoners’ money is spent. We will:

- Lobby to deliver and extend to austerity in local government and try and ensure that no London borough loses from the Spending Review 2020.
- Highlight the vital role of cities in funding UK public services by driving economic growth, where London contributes £32.5 billion in taxes after funding its own public services.
- Press for government recognition of the unique cost demands on Britain’s cities which in London include 34% of all unaccompanied asylum seeking children, two thirds of all people in temporary accommodation and £45 million on those with no resource to public funds.
- Press for London’s fair share of the Fair Funding Review and recognition that dramatic increases in the costs of supporting SEND are creating unsustainable deficits across local authorities.
- Lobby for the extension of business rates retention and its conversion into a genuinely devolved tax.
- Argue for greater fiscal devolution to London, in line with the London Finance Commission, so that the city can fund the foundations for future growth.

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New Ways of Working
All London boroughs are committed to improving our working practices wherever that can benefit Londoners. We will:

- Explore new opportunities to use commissioning and procurement to create social value, strengthen community institutions and embed resilience in our communities.
- Challenge and support each other to drive improvement and value in our activities.
- Engage with innovations designed to improve outcomes and experiences for Londoners via partners on digital delivery and wider technology and data collaborations.
- Explore how London’s governance now compares to other parts of urban England and whether any lessons can be learned in terms of delivering better results for Londoners.

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