

Progress against key workstreams
Period Two 2023/24: 1 August – 30 November 2023

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1.	Produce a revised City Plan 2040 and undertake formal public consultation on the draft submission, subject to Committee approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This period saw the closing of public engagement on key issues and places to inform a revised City Plan 2040, as well as continued work on a comprehensive evidence base to support the City Plan. • A decision was taken to postpone consideration of the City Plan by the Planning and Transportation Committee until after the publication of updated National Planning Policy Framework in December 2023; the updated version of the Plan was presented to Committee on 31 January 2024.
2.	Align BID strategic priorities with existing and emerging CoL plans and strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The October City BIDs Partnership Board was postponed and is being rearranged to take place in early 2024. • A series of stakeholder meetings have been arranged with the Deputy Chair of Policy and Resources Committee and Primera MD as well as the BID Chairs to reset relationships with BIDs and align strategic priorities. • Work planning is being undertaken to look at governance and contracts with BIDs to manage expectations from both sides.
3.	Adopt the City of London Lighting Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lighting SPD has been adopted and was published in October 2023. It is now being used to inform decision-making on planning applications.
4.	Complete Climate Action Strategy 'Square Mile' projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Cool Streets and Greening' - The schemes at All Hallows by the Wall and St Mary Aldermanbury were completed; further location refinement was completed for tree planting during 2023/24; and there was progression on the further project phases including the Phase 4 SuDS project moving on to Project Gateway 4. • 'Mainstreaming Climate Resilience' – Evidence was submitted to the London Climate Resilience Review; further work was carried out on the Environment Department's Climate Adaption Action Plans; and installation of the Climate Sensors Network began.
5.	Carry out a review of operational property requirements .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of the review remains on many small properties within the Natural Environment Portfolio, but these are largely subject to the ongoing charity and Natural Environment deficit finance review. • Larger properties within the Corporate Top 20 (car parks, Walbrook Wharf) have separate specific reviews ongoing.

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6.	Carry out a review of the Transport Strategy and deliver the actions therein.	<p>Progress made against delivery of the Transport Strategy projects and initiatives included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of pavement widening on King Street and finalisation of the detailed design for King William Street. Construction of King William Street pavement widening will begin once works at Bank junction complete in Spring 2024. • 'All Change at Bank' delivery is ongoing and is on schedule to complete in Spring 2024. The Bank restrictions review is also ongoing, with the next report to Court of Common Council due in June 2024. • The Healthy Neighbourhood Plan for the Fleet Street area has been adopted and plans for Liverpool Street area and Barbican and Golden Lane area are in development. • Officers continue to engage with the industry, BIDs, Transport for London and neighbouring boroughs on last mile logistics and freight consolidation.
7.	Review on and off-street parking tariffs and controls , in the context of the Transport Strategy's kerbside review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to the separate 'Car Park Tariffs' report which is also presented to this Committee.
8.	Develop, consult on and implement an Infrastructure Strategy for the City's long term utility requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation has closed, and the responses are being compiled for reporting back to Members in Spring 2024.
9.	Establish a sustainable funding strategy for front-line services within the remit of the Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding allocations are now being embedded in local risk budgets and services adjusted accordingly.
10.	Prepare for the introduction of the Building Safety Act 2022 which includes the registration of all Building Control Surveyors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional training sessions have taken place. Currently, 13 surveyors require to validate their competence. Two have passed, one is awaiting results, and the rest are in progress of submission or awaiting their validation test and/or interview.
11.	Provide a London HUB to act as a single point of contact for the Building Safety Regulator .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The London District Surveyors' Association HUB commenced operations on 1 October 2023 and is working well. As at the end of November 2023, only six applications had been received, but a significant increase is expected. • A weekly meeting with the Building Safety Regulator is taking place to ensure appropriate working arrangements are in place. A Memorandum of Understanding between parties has been approved by the Comptroller.

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12.	Provide Building Regulation approval services .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An application for Clothworker's Hall (50 Fenchurch Street) has been submitted, as well as large fit out applications for 8 Bishopsgate and 40 Leadenhall.• Officers are continuing discussions with developers and two major developments have requested pre-application advice from early 2024.