

**Progress against key workstreams**  
**Period Three 2023/24: 1 December 2023 – 31 March 2024**

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1.	Produce a revised <b>City Plan 2040</b> and undertake formal public consultation on the draft submission, subject to Committee approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City Plan was approved for public engagement (regulation 19/20) by the Planning and Transportation Committee, the Policy and Resources Committees, and the Court of Common Council.</li> <li>• Public consultation on the Plan commenced in April and closed on 17 June 2024.</li> </ul>
2.	Align <b>BID strategic priorities</b> with existing and emerging CoL plans and strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City has been going through various reviews including Destination City, Corporate Communications and Stakeholder Review and the launch of the new Corporate Plan.</li> <li>• To deliver on the new strategic direction resulting from the reviews, we need to align our efforts and resources and therefore the steering group's work has not progressed as intended.</li> <li>• We will formulate new priorities in liaison with other corporate departments and feedback the priorities to the BIDs accordingly in the next six months.</li> <li>• Notwithstanding, the BIDs are joining forces to deliver in this space with e.g. a programme of Summer of Sport and commissioning installations to celebrate the London Festival of Architecture, which hope to drive footfall and keep workers in the City beyond working hours.</li> <li>• The FSQ BID is holding a series of talks as part of a Climate Festival, and Eastern Cluster and Culture Mile are considering where they can incorporate climate resilience and Biodiversity in their public realm visions.</li> </ul>
3.	Adopt the City of London <b>Lighting Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the relevant documents have been approved and adopted. No further update.</li> </ul>
4.	Complete <b>Climate Action Strategy</b> 'Square Mile' projects.	<p>The Environment Department is responsible for delivering several workstreams within the Climate Action Strategy. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cool Streets and Greening</b> - This period saw the completion of the schemes at Withington Gardens, Queen Street Place, Noble Street, Angel Lane, and St Dunstan's Hill. 11 trees were planted and the search for new locations continues. Works began on site at Greening Cheapside, Jubilee Gardens, and Finsbury Circus Garden.</li> <li>• <b>Mainstreaming Climate Resilience</b> - This period saw further work on the Environment Department Climate Adaption Action Plans, the establishment of a new Climate Champions Network, and a survey of staff understanding on climate change. Development of the working relationship with public health colleagues also progressed, including a joint paper to the Health and Wellbeing Board.</li> </ul>

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5.	Carry out a review of <b>operational property requirements</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The review of the Environment Department’s operational property portfolio is ongoing, but the additional Cyclical Works Programme (CWP) funding agreed for the next five years has created the opportunity for the Environment to work with City Surveyor’s Department to invest in maintaining those key properties we require into the long term.</li> </ul>
6.	Carry out a review of the <b>Transport Strategy</b> and deliver the actions therein.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation on draft revisions to Transport Strategy has concluded. Progress with delivering Transport Strategy projects and initiatives includes final design and approvals for King William Street.</li> <li>Construction of King William Street pavement widening will begin once works at Bank junction complete in Spring 2024.</li> <li>All Change at Bank - delivery is ongoing and on schedule to complete in Spring 2024. A Bank restrictions review is also ongoing following the decision of Court of Common Council in June to pursue the safe reintroduction of taxis.</li> <li>Healthy Streets Plan Liverpool Street area and Barbican and Golden Lane area are in development.</li> <li>Ongoing engagement with industry, BIDs, TFL and neighbouring boroughs on last mile and consolidation.</li> </ul>
7.	Review on and off-street <b>parking tariffs and controls</b> , in the context of the Transport Strategy’s kerbside review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Off-street Emissions based charging report has been agreed by Planning and Transportation Committee. Target implementation in 2024.</li> </ul>
8.	Develop, consult on and implement an <b>Infrastructure Strategy</b> for the City’s long term utility requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This strategy was approved by the Planning and Transportation Committee and subsequently adopted by the Court of Common Council in June 2024.</li> </ul>
9.	Establish a <b>sustainable funding strategy</b> for front-line services within the remit of the Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional funding has been drawn into the Highways and Cleansing services from the On-Street Parking Reserve to offset the impact of contractual cost increases, as well as, more specifically, the desire from Port Health and Environmental Services Committee to increase street cleansing resources on the ground.</li> <li>This remains under review and will form the basis of the upcoming financial deep dive process looking at funding for the next 18 months.</li> </ul>
10.	Prepare for the introduction of the <b>Building Safety Act 2022</b> which includes the registration of all Building Control Surveyors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All relevant surveyors have now registered with the Building Safety Regulator as minimum Class 1 Registered Building Inspectors. A register of all surveyors is now active, and as at end March 2024, three surveyors were registered as Class 3 and one as Class 2.</li> <li>All relevant surveyors have applied with a certified body to have their validation checked and will complete the process in due course.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition, the Quality Management System is in the process of being amended to ensure compliance with the new legislation.</li> </ul>
11.	Provide a London HUB to act as a single point of contact for the <b>Building Safety Regulator</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HUB is working well, and we have received compliments on our processes. This is now becoming business as usual.</li> </ul>
12.	Provide <b>Building Regulation approval services</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are continuing to market the Building Control Service wherever possible.</li> <li>• Applications for the fit to works to 22 Bishopsgate and 8 Bishopsgate continue to be received.</li> <li>• Overall, for the year to end March 2023, the value of applications was the highest for over 8 years.</li> </ul>