

Progress against key workstreams
Mid-Year 2024/25: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

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1.	<p>City Plan Adopt the City Plan (By Autumn 2025).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the City Plan is implemented, new development in the Square Mile will reflect the priorities of the City Corporation, informed by the views of stakeholders. The City Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in August. • This workstream is currently on track although it seems likely that the next milestone (examination hearings) will be held in early spring 2025 rather than autumn/winter 2024. This is due to delays by the Planning Inspectorate.
2.	<p>Development Management Secure, review and revise PPA income annually to meet the needs of the planning service. (2024-29). Delivery, post-decision, of floor space projections to meet the business City, 'Destination City' and economic development objectives as developments come online. Negotiation of cultural, visitor and heritage uses within major developments to meet Destination City objectives (2024-29).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) income has remained strong for the first half of the year, for both pre-application and application stage PPAs. This has allowed for the provision of additional staff resource across the service, maintaining strong performance which significantly contributes to the internal and external reputation of the City as a place to work, develop and invest. • At the Building London Planning Awards, the Planning Team won the awards for Best Heritage or Culture Project (Vine Street Roman Wall exhibition) and the Best Project for Sustainable Planning (8 Bishopsgate development). The Lighting SPD was also highly commended.
3.	<p>Building Control Adapt the Building Control service to meet the requirements of the Building Safety Act 2022. Embed the new London District Surveyors' Association (LDSA) HUB. Adopt the new performance targets set by the Building Safety Regulator (BSR) and adapt the Quality Management System accordingly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process of fully converting to the new legislation is underway. • Registration of Building Control Surveyors with their necessary validation continues. • The Quality Management System (QMS) has passed its external audit and has been certified for a further three years. A move to the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) QMS is being considered. • The LDSA HUB is working well; positive feedback has been received from the BSR and other London Building Control Teams. • Data for most of the BSR's new Key Performance Indicators are being recorded in advance of their implementation in January 2025. In order to

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		<p>extract all necessary data, some adaptations need to be made within the building control case management software (Ilox). This is a problem faced by building control services across the UK, and officers are working with other London Boroughs and the LDSA to resolve the issue.</p>
4.	<p>Climate Action Strategy Cool Streets and Greening Programme (CS&GP) (completion March 2026). Mainstreaming Climate Resilience Programme (MCRP) (Completion March 2027). Square Mile Programme (SqMP).</p>	<p>Cool Streets and Greening Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The programme has progressed with three projects going through to the next stage of the Gateway Process. • The Greening Cheapside launch took place in July, providing an opportunity to acknowledge the partnerships involved. The project has opened up a busy corner of the City and is an exemplar project for sustainability, including carbon conscious procurement, biodiversity enhancement and circular economy reuse of fallen wood and Thames Embankment granite. • Construction as the Finsbury Circus Western Arm began in August, and preparations for the next construction programme and Gateway reports commenced. • The Programme was highlighted in an Evening Standard article about the London Open Gardens Weekend. • Interviews with Alderman Alison Gowman about climate resilience and the Cool Streets and Greening Programme featured in the Financial Times and on BBC Radio 4. <p>Mainstreaming Climate Resilience Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews were held with internal experts from across the organisation on pests and disease. The information obtained has been mapped, highlighting how the excellent services we run (such as at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre and London Port Health Authority) are already responding to this climate risk, and enabling identification of ways to make these functions even more resilient. • Quarter two saw the final stages of development of the Environment Department's Climate Adaptation Action Plan.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon scanning work continued with the systems map SWOT analysis; the project is progressing toward an adaptive pathways report. • Work continues to coordinate a staff-led forum of 'Climate Champions' with new lead nominations and a series of events to engage staff, including the International Day for World's Indigenous Peoples webinar and a volunteer day at Burnham Beeches. <p>Square Mile Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers commenced development of an Outline Business Case on heat zoning in the Square Mile through Phase Two of the Government's Advanced Zoning Programme. • Two heat network feasibility studies, for the North East of the City and cross-border with Hackney, were completed • A final draft of an Embodied Carbon Action Plan for the Square Mile was produced.
6.	<p>Transport Strategy 25 year strategy adopted in May 2019. Sets out how the City Proposes to design and manage its streets to ensure the Square Mile remains a great place to live, work, study and visit. Forms part of a Local Implementation Plan for our delivery of the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy. Updated annually, the strategy includes a rolling 5-year delivery plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the public consultation on the proposed changes to the Transport Strategy was reviewed and incorporated as appropriate. The updated Strategy was approved by the Planning and Transportation Committee in July and will be published on the City's website in early 2025. • Projects currently in development and delivery include All Change at Bank; St Paul's Gyrotory Transformation; the Pedestrian Priority Programme; the City Cluster Programme; New Change Gardens; and Healthy Streets Minor Schemes. These projects, alongside changes delivered through s278 agreements for new developments, are delivering accessibility, walking, wheeling and cycling improvements across the City. • The 4th 'London Walking and Cycling Conference', held jointly with the London Borough of Hackney, was hosted at Guildhall in September. Attendee numbers were the highest recorded to date, and included the Deputy Mayor of Paris, Thomas Chevandier, as the keynote speaker.

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7.	<p>Parking Service Deliver an effective, compliant and accessible Parking Service in accordance with Statutory guidelines and regulations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parking Ticket Office has exceeded its target for responding to challenges within 15 days, with an average response time of 10 working days. • The Team reviewed signage and other parking-related issues for Chancery Lane and Cheapside which have both been subject to short notice closure to facilitate events and works. These locations have also been under regular review for signage in response to discussions with motorists. • Officers continued to work with colleagues in the Transport Strategy Team to support their work around traffic order reviews and other important policies and initiatives.
8.	<p>Highways Management Deliver an effective, high quality, Highways Management Service. Ensure Highways, footways and carriageways are well maintained. Reduce carbon emissions by improving lighting efficiency and use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Highways Service continued to undertake all mandatory duties to a suitable and sufficient level. All reactive and planned maintenance is meeting required standards. • The corporate contract is achieving all KPI targets. • All projects are designed, supervised and built which helps to meet their objectives in line with the Transport Strategy and Climate Action Plan. • Event management is operating to the required levels to support Destination City and the Sport Strategy.