

Progress against priority workstreams
Mid-Year 2025/26: 1 April – 30 September 2025

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a) Power a growing, vibrant and competitive economy, with over 1.2m sqm of additional office floorspace delivered by 2040.	
<p>1. Adopt the City Plan 2040.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>City Plan Inspectors' Report: Q1/Q2 2025/26</i> • <i>Adoption: Q2 2025/26</i> <p>2. Put in place the environment to deliver a high-quality strategic office floorspace for the Square Mile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review the Office Use Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Q4 2025/26</i> • <i>Review the Planning Obligations SPD. Q4 2025/26</i> • <i>Publish regularly updated digital monitoring of development statistics and contextual data. Q4 2025/26</i> <p>3. Engagement and coordination with the newly established City Business Investment Unit.</p>	<p>1. Adopt the City Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to delays by the Planning Inspectorate, the City Plan Inspectors' Report is now not due until Q4 2025/26, with adoption expected in Q2 2026/27. <p>2. Office floorspace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews of the Office Use and Planning Obligations SPDs have commenced. • Digital monitoring is being matured and will be ready to be published in line with the targets.
b) Transform the Square Mile into a 7-day-a-week cultural and leisure destination for everyone.	
<p>1. Adopt the City Plan 2040 with its policies on cultural and leisure space, heritage preservation and celebration, public realm enhancement and fast track change of use of non-strategic office stock for supportive uses which meet the needs of residents, workers and visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>City Plan Inspectors' Report: Q1/Q2 2025/26</i> • <i>Adoption: Q2 2025/26</i> <p>2. Adopt the Cultural SPD and implement its guidance</p>	<p>1. Adopt the City Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to delays by the Planning Inspectorate, the City Plan Inspectors' Report is now not due until Q4 2025/26, with adoption expected in Q2 2026/27. <p>2. Cultural SPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on the CoL Cultural Strategy is underway and the Planning Service is feeding into this. • Work on the Culture SPD has commenced.

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<p>and requirements through development decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Emergence of Corporate Cultural Strategy. Q4 2025/26</i> • <i>Complete and adopt Cultural Matchmaking programme. Q4 2025/26</i> <p>3. Continue to work with the Destination City Team to develop, and deliver against, implementation plans for each of the Destination City objectives. Ongoing</p>	<p>3. Destination City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finsbury Circus Gardens has undergone major improvement works to transform the City of London's largest public open space into a tranquil nature-rich haven. The design celebrates the history of the garden and complements the buildings that surround it. • The enhancements include new planting, expanded lawn areas, and the introduction of pathways and seating to create a more welcoming and accessible environment. A key focus of the project has also been to improve biodiversity, with the introduction of a wide variety of plant and tree species, as well as habitats for birds, bees, and bats.
c) Celebrate our heritage while re-shaping those parts of the City that have the most potential for growth and regeneration.	
<p>1. Adopt the City Plan 2040 with its policies on celebrating heritage and archaeology and delivering growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>City Plan Inspectors' Report: Q1/Q2 2025/26</i> • <i>Adoption: Q2 2025/26</i> <p>2. Publish (and consult on) a new 'Views' SPD to provide updated guidance on strategic and local view protection policies to facilitate the operation of the City's tall building strategy. Q4 2025/26</p> <p>3. Draft 'Celebrating our Heritage' (final title TBC) SPD to set out the City's heritage strategy. Q4 2025/26</p>	<p>1. Adopt the City Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to delays by the Planning Inspectorate, the City Plan Inspectors' Report is now not due until Q4 2025/26, with adoption expected in Q2 2026/27. <p>2. 'Views SPD'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scope of this SPD has been reviewed and it has become clear that a high level of technical visualisation work, procured from third parties, will be required to produce a fully credible and working document. Therefore, the timeframe has been revised - work is expected to commence in Q4 2025/26 and the target for completion is now Q2 2026/27. <p>3. 'Celebrating our Heritage' SPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft SPD has been finalised and a consultation programme is being mapped. Work is on track to achieve the target.

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<p>4. Further develop the Heritage Significance workstream to produce Statements of Significance to facilitate the positive management of the City's listed buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure a minimum of two new Heritage Significance commissions by Q4 2025/26. 	<p>4. Statements of Significance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This activity has been paused due to resource pressures.
<p>d) Ensure an environmentally enhanced City which is a highly sustainable place to do business, achieving a net zero Square Mile by 2040.</p>	
<p>1. Adopt the City Plan 2040 with its policies on retrofit first, whole lifecycle carbon, environmental resilience, sustainable transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Plan Inspectors' Report: Q1/Q2 2025/26 Adoption: Q2 2025/26 <p>2. Review Carbon Options Guidance. Q3 2025/26</p> <p>3. Deliver high quality, resilient projects in public realm and continue to embed Climate Action Strategy goals in projects and services. Ongoing</p> <p>4. Progress Climate Action Strategy workstreams, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the Cool Streets and Greening Programme 'Lessons Learned'. Q4 2026 Identify opportunities and develop proposals for implementing the Square Mile Local Area Energy Plan. Q4 2026 Participate in the UK Government's Advanced Zoning Programme and potentially procure a heat zone 	<p>1. Adopt the City Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to delays by the Planning Inspectorate, the City Plan Inspectors' Report is now not due until Q4 2025/26, with adoption expected in Q2 2026/27. <p>2. Carbon Options Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review work is complete. Work is now underway to edit the content for the final publication. <p>3. Public realm projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q1 saw the completion and opening of a number of Cool Streets and Greening projects including London Wall Moorgate, Finsbury Circus Garden (part CAS funded), Little Trinity Lane, and St Olave Silver Street. During Q2, works began at St Andrew Undershaft Churchyard, and significant progress was made on designs which will enable other sites to begin delivery in Q3. Work has begun on taking the Phase 5 projects through the Gateway process. <p>4. Climate Action Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cool Streets and Greening implementation continues. The six-monthly survey of finished sites is almost complete. This helps to identify areas of success and improvement; lessons learned are

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<p><i>developer for the Square Mile (subject to Member approval).</i> Q4 2026</p>	<p>immediately implemented where relevant and possible. Works have started to review actual costs and benefits of the projects with the aim of using this in future business cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decision has been taken by P&R to continue work towards procurement of a heat zone developer.
e) Create an inclusive, accessible and healthy Square Mile where everyone feels welcome.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the City Plan 2040 with its policies on inclusivity, accessibility and wellbeing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>City Plan Inspectors' Report: Q1/Q2 2025/26</i> • <i>Adoption: Q2 2025/26</i> 2. Publish new and updated Planning advice and guidance to improve inclusivity and accessibility, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inclusive City SPD. Q4 2025/26</i> • <i>Safety of Women Planning Advice Note. Q4 2025/26</i> • <i>Updated version of the City's Wind Guidelines to address accessibility considerations. Q2 2025/26.</i> 3. Provide well maintained and accessible streets and sufficient, accessible parking facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Retain accessibility during construction and street works and increase accessibility through streets and spaces projects. Ongoing</i> • <i>Review building site and utility contractor guidance including Considerate Contractor scoring and Accessibility Award. Q3 2025/26</i> • <i>Project development and design, project processes, design checks and guidance. Q4 2025/26</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the City Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to delays by the Planning Inspectorate, the City Plan Inspectors' Report is now not due until Q4 2025/26, with adoption expected in Q2 2026/27. • Planning advice and guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on the Inclusive City SPD is underway – this will incorporate guidance around safety of women and girls. • An update of the Wind Guidelines is underway. • Accessible streets and parking facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of London Street Accessibility Tool (CoLSAT) continues to be applied on projects along with other design checks and guidance. • Officers continue to monitor construction activity within the City to ensure compliance with agreed Construction Management Plans and that any traffic management deployed is in compliance with the Code of Practice, Safety at Street Works and Road Works. 4. Increase engagement with disabled people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The timeframe for this project has been delayed to enable more cross-Corporation discussion. Nevertheless, proposals to expand the Access Team will be presented to the Senior Leadership Team before December 2025.

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<p>4. Increase engagement with disabled people based on lived experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reform and expand the City of London's Access</i> • <i>Team to more adequately integrate accessibility into divisional and departmental responsibilities. Q3 2025/26</i> • <i>Review strategy and project consultation processes to address the need for wider engagement. Q2 2025/26</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have aligned the demographic questions of our consultations with those used corporately to enable consistent data collection and monitoring. • We have made progress with engaging directly with disabled groups in the consultation on our cycle way connections under design; elected Members were also invited to the workshops. • We are collecting data from all our consultations to monitor who we reach in engagement, with the aim of improving this.
f) Maintain a safe built environment.	
<p>1. Continue to discharge statutory building control functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maintain an appropriate number of Registered Building Control Surveyors with the Building Safety Regulator. Ongoing</i> • <i>Provide 24/7 dangerous structure call out service. Ongoing</i> <p>2. Work with City Bridge Foundation Board to develop a new model for the provision of engineering services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Complete review of engineering service provision for City Bridge Foundation. Q3 2025/26</i> • <i>Complete procurement of consultant for City Bridge Foundation structures (Q3 2025/26) for commencement in Q1 2026/27.</i> <p>3. Inspect and maintain the highway structures and the Corporation's reservoirs in accordance with approved schedules.</p>	<p>1. Continue to discharge statutory building control functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current level of Registered Building Inspectors (RBI) remains acceptable. Two new graduates have now joined the team. We have also recruited a Chartered Structural Engineer. • In addition, one of our apprentices graduated with a First Class honours degree plus Chartered Membership of CABE, and has now been moved into a permanent position with the Team. <p>2. Work with City Bridge Foundation (CBF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions are ongoing with CBF with CBF appointing a consultant to review the provision of engineering services. The consultant's report and proposals are expected during Q3. <p>3. Inspect and maintain highway structures.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete procurement of consultant for highway structures (Q3 2025/26) for commencement in Q1 2026/27. Complete review of Reservoir Panel Engineer performance. Q1 2026/27. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspections are on track. We are working with City Procurement on tendering for a consultant for highway inspections and the contract is due to commence in April 2026.
g) Provide safer streets and spaces.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver safer car parks through OSPR-funded investment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> London Wall car park fire safety project. Q3 2025/26 Minorities structural surveys (operational property review). Q3 2025/26 Deliver safer streets and behaviour change activities through the Vision Zero programme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision Zero Programme (incl. Aldgate High Street, Ludgate Hill/Old Bailey and Aldersgate Street/Long Lane). Q3 2027/28 Deliver safer streets during temporary construction, highway and utility works. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Considerate Contractor Scheme Code of Practice. Q4 2025/26 Improved compliance with traffic restrictions for safety improvement and congestion reduction. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Safer car parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The London Wall safety project begun in September 2025 and is being led by the City Surveyor's team. Minorities car park structural survey was completed. This resulted in Committee approval of works to deal with immediate and short term maintenance issues. Work will begin in early 2026. Vision Zero programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheme development is ongoing and design works are in progress. Safer streets during temporary works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A programme is being developed to review the Considerate Contractor Scheme Code of Practice for completion by Q4 2025/26. Compliance with traffic restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers continued to ensure safer authorised activities with reduced risk to the public, staff and contractors. During the first six months of the year, there were 153 planned closures; 23 emergency closures; 111 carriageway lane restrictions; and 894 scaffolding/hoarding licences issued.

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<p>5. Implement additional dockless cycle hire measures and pursue the development of a pan-London contract. Q4 2025/26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,512 permits were granted under New Roads and Street Works for Utility and City Highway works with over 1,800 inspections conducted to ensure compliance with any conditions, specification and traffic management arrangements. 146 working days have been saved through efficient working practices. <p>5. Dockless cycles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of a pan-London contract is paused while the English Devolution Bill progresses through Parliament. The Bill includes new licensing powers to allow strategic transport authorities (e.g. TfL) to regulate dockless cycle hire operators, meaning that a pan-London contract may not be appropriate. Officers have commented on the first stage consultation on powers to manage operators. An MoU between the City Corporation and Lime and Forest has been signed following Committee approval.