



ACTION FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY CITY

Greens take a public health approach to so much of our work. We know the importance of a good start in life and the impact that experiences in childhood can have on the risk of mental health issues, getting into trouble with finances and crime in future.

We know that supporting strong communities, tackling root causes and addressing inequality are the best ways to prevent harm, and that we can't only enforce our way out of our problems.

We always seek to prevent crime at the earliest possible stage.

We will shift policing priorities into local communities and away from tactics that we know are counterproductive, such as cannabis enforcement and widespread non-intelligence based stop and search.

We know that some crimes are currently treated unequally, and would put more resources into domestic and sexual violence, and tackling road crime.

A Green Mayor will work to ensure that London is safe and accessible for all our citizens.

HEALTH AND HEALTH INEQUALITIES

The coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact. Many Londoners' lives have been truly shattered, and communities have faced previously unimaginable changes.

The crisis has infiltrated every aspect of our city, our healthcare system, food security, jobs and livelihoods, and the futures our young people can look forward to.

We have all struggled this year, but we know that some people have suffered much more than others, and that the pandemic has exposed serious health inequalities.

Greens recognise that a healthy city is one in which individuals and communities achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential. Health for individuals is only possible in the context of a healthy environment and society.

As a result, things that improve safety and health for citizens are found throughout this manifesto. In every chapter, you will find more ways Greens will improve the wellbeing of Londoners. For example, a Green Mayor will recognise the importance of agency and the ability to choose as essential for good mental health, and our transport policies address the crisis of physical inactivity that threatens the health of many people.

Taking a public health approach is also proven to save money, meaning we will be able to do more with the Mayor's budget in the long term.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

▶ A Green Mayor will prioritise the mental health and wellbeing of all Londoners through policies that recognise the wide range of factors contributing to mental health and wellbeing including economic, social, environmental, psychological and physical factors.

▶ A Green Mayor will work for parity of esteem for mental health with physical health. Creating the conditions for wellbeing and resilience to help to prevent distress in the short and long term, both reducing suffering and saving resources.

▶ We reject the stigma attached to mental health issues. There needs to be a more open dialogue on this within society and a Green Mayor will put resources behind efforts to reduce stigma and raise more awareness of mental health and wellbeing issues. This will include comprehensive mental health awareness and education within the GLA group of organisations and linking up campaigns across the public sector.

▶ This manifesto recognises the importance of primary prevention in supporting the health and wellbeing of Londoners. A Green Mayor will implement policies which protect everyone's right to:

- green, public space
- healthy, affordable food
- safety

- clean air
- be included.

▶ Our policies recognise the importance of social interactions, reducing loneliness and increasing inclusion for all Londoners

- A Green Mayor will increase access to privately owned public space to open up London to the public and create more space for Londoners to meet and enjoy the city.
- Volunteer, civic, community and faith groups play a big part in London's life and community. A Green Mayor will set a standard for grants to the voluntary sector to be at least three years in duration, and will make sure full costs including overheads are covered by grants.

▶ Greens advocate for a trauma-informed approach. A Green Mayor will work with experts in trauma and community support to review and change all aspects of how police and public services act with respect to victims, witnesses and the wider community.

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Greens will never accept the health inequality exposed across groups of Londoners by the pandemic. It is a disgrace that some communities experience more adversity and poorer health outcomes than others when we can do much more to lift

healthy life expectancy for everyone.

A Green Mayor will target resources and support to where people are most in need. And we will close the gaps in services for groups such as care leavers and young people in the care system, and people who are homeless.

▶ A Green Mayor will change the way we measure progress in our city to help focus our work and our new targets not on endless economic growth but on new measures, including reducing inequality. Our economy chapter details our proposal for a Universal Basic Income pilot in London and job support for disadvantaged groups; these initiatives will support good health and reduce health inequalities.

▶ Greens strongly opposed cuts to local government public health budgets; we will campaign to reverse these cuts and we will closely monitor effects on London's public health resilience, for example vaccination rates, take-up of health services by marginalised groups, and any loss of activities and outreach programmes.

▶ We will lobby the Government to establish a publicly-controlled alcohol control foundation, paid for by alcohol taxation, which will fund public health interventions to reduce harms caused by alcohol.

▶ We will help reduce the health inequalities faced by people, predominantly from Black communities, with sickle cell and thalassaemia

conditions, where cold, damp homes are an additional health risk. We will target fuel poverty programmes to the homes of people who have sickle cell and thalassaemia conditions as a priority, and make sure outreach programmes in all boroughs are able to find and refer relevant people to Mayoral programmes

▶ Greens will work with GLA group organisations and local authorities to ensure they are sensitive to the needs of trans and non-binary people, have training on trans awareness and inclusion.

▶ We will be champions for a better care service, standing up for increased funding, better conditions for care workers, and the development of more sensitive and specialised care facilities and services for older LGBTIQ+ Londoners, and different faith and cultural groups.

▶ We will listen to people with experience of homelessness about the support they need and require homelessness services we fund to monitor demographics (with consent from people who use services) so we can provide targeted, appropriate and tailored support for groups who might need it.

▶ To improve sexual health, we will support key services such as sexual health clinics as vital London-wide services. Instead of clinics being dependent on one local council's overstretched budget, we will ensure that these services are adequately funded at a London level.

▶ Greens will continue to lead the fight on sexually transmitted disease prevention and sex education, working to ensure the rollout of good Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) following the successful work, supported by our MP Caroline Lucas, in Parliament. We will work to make sure sexual health service providers in London have the funding to run preventative services in schools and awareness campaigns to support this.

▶ Greens will ensure the London Health Inequalities Strategy addresses the health inequalities experienced by deaf and disabled people and that the London Health Board includes representatives of deaf and disabled people.

▶ Child dental health is unequal across London. Poor dental health negatively impacts children's development and mental health. Improving child dental health requires a partnership approach between dentists, parents, GPs, teachers, early years staff and health workers. A Green Mayor will work in partnership to implement supervised brushing schemes and to ensure access to specialist dentist services for people with disabilities. A Green Mayor will appoint a specialist in children's dental health to the Child Obesity Taskforce.

ACCESS

A Green Mayor will work for equal access to services for all Londoners..

▶ We will improve public spaces for people with neurodiversity, dementia and other

The Green Party defines 'drugs' as synthetic or plant-based substances that have a substantial psychoactive and /or physiological effect, direct or indirect, on the human body.

Whilst people of every social background use drugs, deaths are highly linked to social deprivation: working-age men living in the most deprived areas of England have died at more than four times the average rate.

Today's problems have been created by our drugs laws. Rising deaths and increasing availability of drugs have come despite billions of government spending on drug enforcement. To avoid capture by police, drug dealers are employing increasingly brutal methods to distribute drugs, often exploiting children in the process.

It wasn't always this way. Until the 1960s, doctors regulated the distribution of heroin through prescription to a small number of people. The medical treatment of people who use drugs was separated from the punishment of unregulated use and supply.

In October 2019, the Green Party of England and Wales adopted the most forward-thinking drugs policy of any party, informed by evidence and based firmly on the principles of harm reduction, community safety and an opposition to profiteering.

▶ A Green Mayor will implement and support harm-reduction schemes in the capital, taking lessons from pioneering work in other parts of the country and around the world which

reduce drug-related harm and save taxpayers' money.

▶ We will use advice from experts, examples of success in others areas and where there is greatest need to work with the health sector and charities to provide:

- heroin prescribing
- safe consumption rooms
- Naloxone Rescue Treatment
- free drug safety testing
- education.

▶ We will work with the police to:

- Deprioritise the policing of cannabis including stop and search, and allow for more police time to be spent preventing violent crimes.
- Implement diversion from the criminal justice system to support services.

▶ Taking heroin supply out of criminal hands and back under the control of doctors will radically reduce overdose deaths and will cut the bottom out of the illegal, violent drug trade in our city.

▶ A Green Mayor will lobby the Government to reduce drug harms through legalisation and implement a safer, regulated supply. The Greens' new national approach would mean that drug supply will be regulated by the Government, instead of organised criminals and alcohol and tobacco corporations, who all have a financial interest in people using drugs harmfully.

AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO DRUGS



disabilities. We will ensure that the principles of lifetime neighbourhoods and a dementia-friendly city are included in new planning rules for streets and homes, and introduce specific design guidance, working with relevant groups. This includes improving signage, reducing clutter and designing spaces to improve navigation.

- ▶ We will support a dementia-friendly city by continuous training and information for front-line staff in all GLA group organisations and do more to promote this training to borough councils and private companies that deal with the public.
- ▶ Currently, some communities and groups experience more adversity and services are less accessible to them. A Green Mayor will work with boroughs and health authorities to improve access to appropriate services (for children and adults). This includes through pan-London provision commissioned through the GLA and those directly within the Mayor's control:
 - Services designed to meet need.
 - Information provided in accessible formats and different languages.
 - Providing pathways to employment for people with learning disabilities.
- ▶ A Green Mayor will connect the mental health and wellbeing small business sector with public sector opportunities via NHS social prescribing services.
- ▶ The transport chapter outlines ways in which a Green Mayor will improve

transport in the city through healthy, accessible streets, fair fares, investment in step-free access and toilets across the travel network and prioritise disabled and older passengers on non-emergency taxi journeys.

- ▶ Greens recognise the crucial, unpaid and difficult work done by those who are carers (including young carers). A Green Mayor will lobby Government to improve the carers allowance and ensure carers are provided with adequate respite from their caring responsibilities, and would review and improve carer-friendly employment policies across the GLA group. Policies throughout our manifesto recognise and support unpaid carers.

THE RIGHT TO AFFORDABLE, HEALTHY FOOD

We know that the challenges people face in accessing healthy, affordable food are getting harder, with more than 400,000 children in London facing food insecurity.

Rising inequality and poverty, small shops under threat from development into housing, and markets under threat from squeezed local authority budgets all add to the pressures that reduce our ability to grow our own food and afford what is in the shops.

- ▶ Greens in City Hall follow in the footsteps of former Green Assembly Member Jenny Jones, whose advocacy led to the formation of London Food, of which she became the first Commissioner. A Green Mayor will strengthen the role

of the current London Food Board, and integrate it more closely with the public health work of the Mayor and boroughs.

- ▶ A Green Mayor will confirm London's commitment to the C40 Good Food Cities declaration and Milan Urban Food Pact, Greens will take every chance to improve food resilience and the contribution a better food system can make to address the climate and ecological crisis.
- ▶ A Green Mayor will commit to the London Right2Food charter, which includes supporting London councils to provide universal free school meals to school-aged children.
- ▶ We will work with key partners, such as schools, community organisations and food experts, to make sure all Londoners have access to good value, healthy food within their neighbourhoods
 - We will introduce new standards in planning so that every new home has space to grow food, whether on a large balcony or roof garden or in a garden or allotment plot.
 - We will assist councils to deliver projects to make the best use of all available space, such as temporarily vacant space, traffic planters, walls to grow food. The projects will include access to equipment and engagement with residents.
 - A Green Mayor will develop and implement a London-wide good food strategy to stimulate small and medium enterprises to support access to good food for all.

- We will support and significantly expand London's street markets, provide for them in major regeneration projects, and address gaps in local council support.
- We will deliver a widespread awareness-raising campaign to help people find good value, healthy food.
- ▶ Charities and voluntary groups are filling the gap created by increasing levels of poverty. We will develop a co-ordinated and strategic response to food poverty in London, working with boroughs to help protect, extend and ensure the nutritional quality of meals on wheels (ensuring older people have at least one good meal every day), and free school meals.
- ▶ With better financial health, through welfare reform and strong policies to promote and strengthen the London Living Wage, we intend to reduce the need for food banks.
- ▶ We will campaign for an urgent change to national policy that excludes children from families with no recourse to public funds from free school meals, and fund community-based groups providing lunches for these excluded children.
- ▶ We will fund school food improvement officers covering every borough to advise schools on procurement of nutritious school meals and to promote food education opportunities.
- ▶ We will double the number of London Boroughs signed up to the Veg Cities campaign to 12 and champion water-only schools.



CAMPAIGNING FOR CLEAN AIR

Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah knows the hidden costs of busy, congested roads all too well.

Her daughter Ella Roberta died in 2013 from one of the worst cases of asthma recorded in the UK, linked to unlawful spikes of air pollution from the main road near her Lewisham home.

Since then Rosamund has campaigned tirelessly to demand action to clean up London's air. She set up the Ella Roberta Family Foundation and her petition of over 175,000 signatures forced the Government to open a new inquest.

This resulted in a historic first in 2020, when pollution from the south circular road was named as a contributing factor to Ella's death.

Rosamund is a powerful grassroots campaigner for real change on this issue, and her work and commitment has resulted in her becoming a health and air quality advocate for the World Health Organisation.

Rosamund is the Green Party candidate for Greenwich & Lewisham in the London Assembly.

▶ We will work with boroughs to map food poverty and identify opportunities to improve access to affordable healthy food by introducing new street markets and allotments in areas where it is hard to buy or grow food, and helping each borough to produce a Good Food Retail Plan and improve its own procurement policies.

▶ A Green Mayor will support and promote the take-up of Healthy Start across London, working with health visitors and hospitals to help people buy essential, healthy food for children under 4 years old.

▶ We will fund a strategic project to help schools in London to improve policies for school meals and support childrens' right to good food, and assist councils in making sure that holiday provision is available for pupils who receive free school meals to combat 'holiday hunger'.

▶ In the London Plan, we will bring evidence to bear on reinstating effective new policies, which were removed by the Government, to create exclusion zones around schools where fast food shops aren't allowed, and allow councils to resist a saturation of fast food shops in any part of their borough.

▶ A Green Mayor will encourage vegetarian and vegan diets, through the use of advertising and communication channels and through procurement policies.

▶ We will support schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, prisons, residential care homes and daycare centres to grow

their own food, offer more healthy food including organic vegetarian and vegan options, and remove all high fat and sugar products from vending machines.

▶ A Green Mayor's new Transport for London advertising policies will do more to help stop unhealthy products being advertised on the transport system.

○ SEE MORE ABOUT OUR ETHICAL ADVERTISING POLICIES IN THE CHAPTER A MISSION TO TRANSFORM OUR ECONOMY

THE RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR

Air pollution is deadly, and deepens inequalities across London. We need every possible action taken to save lives, and you'll only get that with a Green Mayor.

With Boris Johnson as Mayor, we were going backwards. He was glueing pollution to the road, making the congestion zone smaller, and he cancelled the gas-guzzler charge Sian Berry helped win as a campaigner.

But under Sadiq Khan we are still seeing just half measures. This year, the wider ultra low emission zone is vital to go ahead with, but it needed to reach London-wide not half way, which leaves outer Londoners out of many of the benefits. And we must see the Silvertown Road Tunnel cancelled and action taken to cut traffic on main roads not just residential streets.

A Green Mayor will take all the action needed to respect everyone's right to clean air. We will set the right targets, switch to green buses much more quickly,



TUBE DUST RISKS BRUSHED UNDER THE CARPET

Caroline Russell investigated the problem of particle pollution on the tube as chair of the London Assembly Environment committee. Now as a candidate for the Assembly again, she says:

“When Sadiq Khan became Mayor in 2016 he pledged to tackle pollution and poor air on the London Underground. However, it is clear that little progress has been made, even in understanding the possible health risks.

“There are very high concentrations of small particles in the underground and, worryingly, we just don’t know if they are harmful or not, and studies are being kept under wraps.

“We are particularly concerned about contract cleaners working on the tube. No one is monitoring the health of these workers simply because they are not directly employed by Transport for London. This is unacceptable.”

A Green Mayor will prioritise tackling tube dust. We will take action to identify any health harm and to reduce the exposure of workers and passengers to tube dust on all underground lines.

We will prioritise the health of underground tube workers and cleaners with a comprehensive tube dust testing regime, regular health checks and appropriate protective equipment and mitigation measures, following academic research on long-term health impacts.

invest in healthy streets, and bring in a comprehensive, fair system of road charging based on emissions.

Greens are the only ones you can trust to take pollution as seriously as Londoners need.

LEGAL AIR FOR LONDONERS BY NEXT YEAR AND HEALTHY AIR BY 2025

- ▶ The vast majority of pollution sources are within London and within the reach of policies and powers the Mayor of London already has. There is no excuse for any further delay and a Green Mayor will do everything necessary to achieve clean, healthy air in London in as short a time as possible.
- ▶ Despite progress over the last four years, London still has breaches of current legal limits for both particles and nitrogen dioxide pollution. We will address the remaining NO₂ hotspots by the end of 2022, and put in place policies to achieve stricter World Health Organisation (WHO) limits by 2028 to protect Londoners’ health.
- ▶ Through lobbying Parliament, we will also push for the human right to clean air to be enshrined in a new Clean Air Act that will shift national policies. London cannot put up a wall to keep out all the pollution from other areas but we can use our influence to change national laws to help.
- ▶ We will not accept any road controlled by Transport for London (the red routes) having illegal levels of air pollution. You will find many policies for fewer cars

and cleaner vehicles in this manifesto, including an ultra low emission zone (ULEZ) for the whole of London, smarter, fairer road charging and investment in accessible healthy streets.

SEE MORE ABOUT OUR TRANSPORT POLICIES IN OUR CHAPTER A CLEAR PLAN TO KEEP LONDON MOVING

TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT HEALTH RISKS

- ▶ A Green Mayor will monitor air pollution properly and publicise the data widely so that people can better protect their health. We will ask people to cut car use particularly on high pollution days. We’ll bring in community car-free days and increase charges within our new smart road charging scheme to cut pollution when forecasts show danger.
- ▶ We will boost funds for equipment and support local communities to carry out their own monitoring exercises, helping improve public understanding and identify local hotspots that need urgent action from Transport for London and local councils.
- ▶ We will develop and install continuous monitoring equipment together with new ways of providing public displays of real-time air pollution data on the streets for example at bus stops, so people are constantly made aware of air pollution and are prompted to change the way they travel to avoid worsening the risks.
- ▶ Greens will make sure all schools, colleges, universities, prisons, residential care homes, daycare centres and

hospitals are provided with air quality audits and given funding to develop air pollution and clean travel action plans to protect the people who use and work in these settings.

- ▶ Planning policies and new funding streams will make sure all buildings have the right air filtration systems and protection for people inside them from the air pollution outside with priority given to settings located on main roads.

OTHER SOURCES OF POLLUTION

- ▶ We know that homes and buildings are also responsible for a large proportion of local air pollution. All buildings and indoor spaces, where health and safety or other duties apply, will comply fully with World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.
- ▶ A Green Mayor will refuse permission for new combined heat and power installations, incinerators, solid fuel burners, diesel farms or fracking, and require plans to close any existing units by 2030.
- ▶ Evidence shows that incinerators, even modern plants, create huge air pollution risks for people living around them, as well as creating unwanted markets for fossil fuel based waste and depressing recycling levels. Greens in London have helped lead campaigns against new incinerators and are opposing those proposed in Edmonton and Belvedere. Alongside policies to cut waste and increase recycling, we will continue

to oppose and protest against all new incineration capacity within London.

- ▶ Greens will raise awareness of the environmental and health harms of wood and coal burning with the goal of phasing out open fires and woodburners.
- ▶ Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM) is a term describing mobile machines, and transportable industrial equipment or vehicles, which are fitted with an internal combustion engine and not intended for transporting goods or passengers, for example cranes and generators on construction sites. The current NRMM standards need to improve. A Green Mayor will bring forward world leading emission standards for NRMM throughout London from 2040 to 2030 with interim steps stage IV in 2023 and stage V in 2026.
- ▶ Drone and laser light displays are far cleaner than conventional fireworks. For New Years Eve, a Green Mayor will only use non-polluting displays and will encourage all public display organisers to do the same.

SAFETY AND JUSTICE

The best measure of success of a police service is the absence of crime and disorder. The first job of the Mayor and the Metropolitan Police Service is therefore to keep Londoners safe by preventing as well as solving crime.

Our vision for London is one of zero murders. It is so concerning to see the murder rate rising in London. Street

homicides and domestic murders both increased in 2019, and the least well off areas of London were affected most. This is a crisis, but pulling together as a city there is much we can do.

When we find ourselves with rising crime we must look to the causes, and find ways for the police to help prevent these crimes not just try to enforce our way out of problems.

This means more police in local teams, based on our high streets. It means more investment in real prevention and a public health approach. And it means new training and skills to deal with violence against women, help young people facing problems, and to protect groups affected by hate crime.

PREVENTING VIOLENT CRIME WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

- ▶ A Green Mayor will set a city-wide goal to aim for zero murders within ten years in our city, along with dramatically reduced violent crime, and will work through a comprehensive public health approach to achieve this.
- ▶ At the beginning of Mayor's Question Time, a Green Mayor will publicly acknowledge all of the known murder victims in London since the last meeting, alongside acknowledging those killed on our roads.
- ▶ Greens have been pushing for a public health approach to preventing crime from

the start, and we are pleased the current Mayor has set up and funded a new Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to work on reducing the deep causes and adverse childhood experiences that underlie increases in violence, learning from examples in other cities. However, the VRU is not independent of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, so a Green Mayor will correct this and make sure the VRU has complete independence and more funding to carry out its work, hold the Mayor to account, and recommend changes to policing.

- ▶ Eliminating murders and violence to meet our ambitions also must mean focusing on education and community-level work to reach potential perpetrators and encourage them to seek help, creating more opportunities for community and personal conversations about difficult issues such as domestic violence, poverty, prejudice, relationships, masculinity, and morality and ethics. And being honest about the limitations of measures that primarily focus on deterrence and fear.
- ▶ Sian Berry's campaign since 2016 to expose cuts to youth services and win new funding through the Young Londoners Fund (YLF) has been successful, but the funding so far does not replace all the cuts that have been made under austerity. A Green Mayor will expand the YLF further, and do much more to lobby Government to reverse council cuts to budgets. Youth work in London needs to be provided at gold standard levels, accessible to

every young person not just those facing difficulties – our young people deserve nothing less.

- ▶ Within police budgets, a Green Mayor will find new funding to expand diversion and early interventions. This will include making support from the current Divert programme available to every young person aged 18-25 who comes into police custody, (and similarly for programmes for under-18s) and expanding the number of youth workers available in hospital A&E and their ability to support young people for longer and refer them to appropriate services and support.
- ▶ A Green Mayor will never give up on pushing the Government to make youth services a statutory service and to fund councils to provide a comprehensive programme of youth centres and youth workers.
- ▶ We will identify every possible way to support youth services and support for young Londoners to thrive through GLA budgets.

RESTORE COMMUNITY POLICING

- ▶ The Metropolitan Police Service currently has 12 Basic Command Units (BCUs), which each look after several boroughs. These should be given more power, finances and responsibility to allow policing in London to be more locally focussed and accountable, including re-establishing local police bases.

- ▶ Local commanders will be empowered to take more of a lead on policing strategies for London. In addition, this provides the opportunity to diversify police leadership and build trust, in particular with London's Black community.
- ▶ Greens will give police teams the time and resources to develop new local work plans and areas of focus (for example to include burglary, robbery, vehicle crime and fraud) in conjunction with revived Safer Neighbourhood Panels at ward and borough level.
- ▶ A Green Mayor will use every possible resource to bring more officers back into local ward teams and make them more effective, including recruiting new police officers with new Government funding, and making the case for more.
- ▶ Greens opposed the closure of local police stations and neighbourhood hubs, like the one on Streatham High Street, in 2017. We understand that staffing these contact points when officer numbers were low was difficult, but with our plans to increase strength in local teams we will also plan to reopen and create more local shop fronts and bases for community police on our high streets.
- ▶ We will improve the diversity of the Met to finally achieve a service that represents Londoners, reintroducing residency requirements (along with housing policies to allow more officers to return to living in the city) and setting ambitious targets for the number of officers who are women and from African, Caribbean, Asian, Latino and



Thanks to campaigning work by Sian Berry throughout her term as a London Assembly Member since 2016, youth work in London has been supported with an extra £70 million, in the teeth of biting government cuts to councils.

In the Assembly, Greens have researched and laid bare the cost of austerity to council youth services in a series of annual reports. These show nearly half of all youth service budgets have been cut by councils since 2011, and over 100 youth centres closed.

Sian Berry's latest report in March 2021, shows the additional impacts of the pandemic making youth work in London even harder.

- ▶ Greens will never give up on pushing the Government to reverse austerity measures and fund councils to provide a comprehensive programme of youth centres and youth workers, and make youth services a statutory service.
- ▶ A Green Mayor will continuously add to GLA funding for youth work and youth centres across London. We will identify every possible way to support youth services and support for young Londoners to thrive through GLA budgets.
- ▶ Our Assembly Members will continue to listen to young people and gather data on the impact of cuts on their lives and the services they need.

DRAMATIC CUTS TO LOCAL POLICE TEAMS BITE

Assembly candidates Andrée Frieze (South West London) and Tim Kiely (City and East) have researched the number of officers working in local ward teams in their areas of London.

They found a consistent drop, since the current Mayor took over in 2016, in the number of police staff in each Safer Neighbourhood Team and a big drop in available police front counters in the Central East area under both the previous and current Mayors.

These cuts have taken place against a background of a reduction in Government funding to London since 2010. Officers have also been reorganised into larger Basic Command Units that consist of multiple boroughs. Local policing has clearly suffered from these changes.

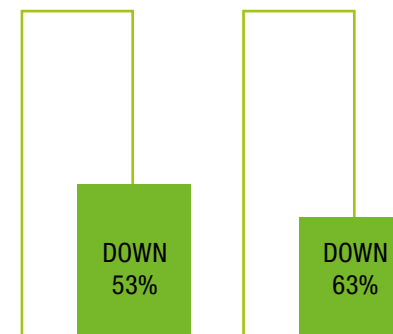
Green councillors and Assembly candidates across London are listening to local communities and hearing huge concerns about the impact on street crimes like muggings, and a reduction in investigations and convictions for crimes like burglaries.

Andrée, who is a Councillor in Richmond, says: "Richmond town, the busiest centre in the borough for residents and tourists has no police station, and we can see the impact in longer response times and more crimes in the area, which has meant local businesses have stepped in with more security.

"This isn't a sustainable way to build safer local communities, and these cuts must be reversed. Only a Green Mayor will recognise the importance of local policing, and make local police team strength a real priority."

LOCAL POLICE TEAMS: OFFICERS AND PCSOS

SINCE 2016



SW London

Central East

POLICE FRONT COUNTERS:

SINCE 2012: DOWN FROM 9 TO 2



Central East London

In 2018, borough commands in Richmond, Wandsworth, Merton and Kingston were merged into a single South West London unit, and Hackney and Tower Hamlets became a Central East unit.

other minority ethnic groups to reflect the local community, including a target for 50:50 gender balanced recruitment.

- ▶ A Green Mayor will lobby for a temporary relaxation in rules that prevent positive action in recruitment to accelerate this process within the upcoming new recruitment drives that will set the scene for a decade of policing.
 - ▶ We will introduce a clear strategy for identifying areas of underrepresented talent, increasing mentoring programmes and targeted training in order to actively promote women and African, Caribbean, Asian, Latino and other minority ethnic group officers. Strategies similar to the successful NHS Race Equality Standard will be adopted.
 - ▶ A Green Mayor will ensure that all Basic Command Units in London sign up to and follow the Home Office Best Use of Stop and Search (BUSS) scheme
 - ▶ We will review the role, relevance, activities and staffing of all central police teams and taskforces, with the aim to divert resources to increase local team strength further.
 - ▶ A Green Mayor will recruit, train and assign more detectives to support local teams and improve the overall ability to investigate local crimes, alongside more capacity for local teams to obtain evidence.
 - ▶ We will work with local officers to review how their time is spent, look at whether pressure of time is keeping them in cars rather than on foot or bike, and improve
- training and job satisfaction and the ability to plan local work in a bottom-up way. This will help reduce turnover in local teams and build up community understanding and trust.
 - ▶ We will expand the number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) back to at least their 2016 strength across London.
 - ▶ We will replace arbitrary officer targets with more sophisticated frontline capacity targets, with a particular focus on the capacity for neighbourhood and community policing. This will take into account ‘abstractions’ of officers to police major events, and help to lobby for a fairer settlement from Government to cover our duties as a capital city, which falls far below London’s needs currently.
 - ▶ Safer Neighbourhood Boards and panels that represent local communities at borough and ward level are run by volunteers but need more funding and support to increase their activity and involve a wider range of Londoners in their work. We will work through an enlarged engagement team within the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime and provide new funding to double the membership and activity levels of these bodies within two years, and find new ways to measure their impact and influence.
 - ▶ Alongside British Transport Police and Transport for London, a Green Mayor will work to make the retention times for CCTV on public transport more consistent (Sian Berry’s work has exposed this

ranges from 2 to 28 days, meaning evidence is often lost) and publicise these retention times so that victims know they have only a limited time to report crimes.

NO MORE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- ▶ A Green Mayor will ensure that initiatives through the London Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Consortium are fully funded to meet the needs of survivors of violence and those facing domestic violence or harm. These include advice and counselling, work to end harmful practices including female genital mutilation and forced marriage, and integrated support for young women and girls.
- ▶ Specialist support services for different communities are vital in making sure women feel confident in receiving appropriate and understanding support when they need help, and we will defend and promote these services across London, particularly in the face of austerity and any future potential cuts by councils.
- ▶ We will also dedicate new resources to support Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs) within A&E and primary care, and find new housing funding to improve options for move-on accommodation for women leaving refuges.
- ▶ And we will redouble efforts, led by the Assembly since 2018, to introduce a

national register of domestic abusers to help women identify and avoid risks from violent partners.

- ▶ Sexual violence cases have more than doubled in recent years but rates of detection and sanctions against perpetrators have fallen. On the Assembly, Greens have explored problems within police teams facing huge workloads and inadequate resources, the lack of contact time with Independent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVAs), and challenges due to the volume and intrusiveness of digital evidence required from victims (‘digital strip searches’).
- ▶ It is clear that not only more resources, but new ways of working are needed across the board in sexual violence cases. A Green Mayor will institute an urgent victim-led review of sexual violence in London working from first principles and leading to new resources, improved police and support practices, calls for changes in the law and any other measures needed. London’s Victim’s Commissioner would take the lead on this work.

VICTIMS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- ▶ The interactions between victimhood, adverse experiences, community confidence and the risk of crime at a population level is a key part of the public health approach to prevention, and our new approaches to drugs and

violence in our policies in this manifesto are part of recognising this and building real prevention into our policies at every level.

- ▶ The creation of a Victim's Commissioner for London was an important step forward for London. A Green Mayor will increase the resources available to the commissioner and the influence of the role, and involve them fully in new initiatives on hate crime, race equality and road crime to make sure victims' voices are heard and involved in all new decisions.
- ▶ A Green Mayor will change the approach to witness and victim interviews, embedding psychologists and trauma experts to allow people to give their account in a trauma-informed setting. This extends the Forensic Interviewing Psychology (FIP) service currently offered to children who experience sexual violence. This approach is particularly important for anyone who has experienced violent crimes, has a mental health condition and/or uses drugs.
- ▶ Police training and support will be expanded to make sure officers and victim support services refer trauma victims to the right support services as a continuation of their duty of care to victims. This could include young people that witness violent attacks being referred to counselling services.
- ▶ Police need to adopt a trauma-informed approach throughout their work on violence. It is clear from activities exposed by Green Assembly Members,

such as showing pictures of large knives on social media and in presentations to primary age children, as well as tactics like bringing in a task force to do mass stop and search after violent incidents, that a focus on the trauma faced by communities and the need for community support are not embedded in police practices and training. We will put in place a new programme to support community-led and sensitive trauma-informed support in local areas affected by violence.

- ▶ Restorative justice has been piloted in London and a number of other areas in recent years. It is time to expand this work to mainstream it within a major city, and London is the ideal city to do this. A Green Mayor will seek devolved powers and funding to make London a centre of good practice in restorative justice.

SAFER ROADS

- ▶ A Green Mayor will act with far more urgency on London's Vision Zero strategy to eliminate road deaths with a comprehensive set of policies and priorities. Under successive Mayors, getting to zero road deaths in London has been held back by under-investment, poor standards, and low ambition.
- ▶ A Green Mayor will fully restore and increase the strength of the Roads and Transport Police Command, and fund a new team who will make cycle theft a priority. Theft of bikes is a hidden crime wave that puts many off cycling and

causes distress and hardship to those who can least afford to lose their bikes.

- ▶ Motorcycle-enabled crime is linked with motorcycle theft and the increase in theft has increased insurance and costs. We will continue to support efforts to prevent and target motorcycle theft, and work with boroughs to increase security for parking bays.
- ▶ Victims of road crime need more support, including where there is no prosecution. We will make sure victim services are available and promoted to all those who are victims of road crime and crashes. Dedicated support organisations for road victims and families will be better signposted by these services.
- ▶ Road crime will be better recorded and reported by police. Driving offences that kill and injure will be recorded alongside the number of victims.
- ▶ We will lobby the Government to include road crime in the Crime Survey of England and Wales and fund London's Victim's Commissioner to survey road crash victims for levels of satisfaction with their treatment and results of their cases (including where no action is taken) and publish the results. There will be an annual Listening Day for crash victims and families within City Hall.
- ▶ We will invest in increasing standards of investigation for road crimes, and publish best practice standards for police attendance and action for fatalities and serious injuries. Each fatal crash will be reviewed with an annual report of the

outcome of investigations and systematic learning.

- ▶ Online reporting for less serious roads offences will be improved, working in a victim-led way to make sure the process is simple, that it links seamlessly to the retrieval of CCTV and other footage, and that the outcomes of case investigations are reported back promptly.
- ▶ Greens will lobby for traffic justice reform at a national level, aiming to secure changes so that driving offences are included in reported crimes, and those that lead to death or serious injury are treated like other violent crimes. Judicial outcomes and effective sanctions should be focused on offences that carry the greatest risks, including speeding, extreme speeding, red light running, close passing of people cycling, mobile phone use, careless and dangerous driving, drink and drug driving as well as uninsured and disqualified drivers. We will support campaigns to improve action against drivers who park on pavements, and for dangerous driving charges to be pursued when speeding offences take place through pedestrian crossings.
- ▶ Greens have been working to make sure hit and run offences are reported, including judicial outcomes, and the lack of good data is disturbing. We will publish full data on road crime in a new dashboard and make sure all statistics are reported accurately and promptly.
- ▶ We will review judicial outcomes for all reported driving offences and seek to reduce the variation between boroughs

and police command units. With more local police team capacity, police priorities can be better focused on high-risk locations and cuts to the support for Community Road Watch sessions will be reversed.

- ▶ A Green Mayor will commemorate road victims appropriately with a minute's silence on the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Alongside murder victims, she will mark and acknowledge all the known people killed on our roads since the last meeting, at the beginning of each Mayor's Question Time.

FIRE AND HOME SAFETY

LEARNING FROM THE GRENFELL DISASTER

- ▶ There must be justice for the people lost in the Grenfell Tower disaster, and we will support the Justice for Grenfell campaign to push for no more delays in prosecuting those responsible and learning the lessons. Greens will always keep those lost in our hearts, commemorate fully their deaths every year, and will make sure disaster responses are coordinated better so that no community ever again feels abandoned, marginalised or ignored if disaster strikes.
- ▶ The Grenfell disaster was not only caused by cladding: internal defects are

also causing huge risks in new buildings and those refurbished under the lax regulations of recent years. We will carry out a major review of the transparency, governance and quality of major works of all kinds on social housing buildings. Resident voices were ignored and marginalised at Grenfell, and resident empowerment and scrutiny must be at the heart of reforms in how these contracts and works are planned and monitored.

- ▶ Far too many Londoners still live in dangerous blocks, paying for waking watches and unable to sell or move, while facing enormous bills for works. This is a true scandal, and a Green Mayor will be a clear and loud voice for residents in making sure Government and building owners cover all the costs of making homes safe. The Building Safety Fund must cover all buildings, regardless of height, and internal defects not just cladding.
- ▶ In the Assembly, Greens asked the Information Commissioner to issue advice on transparency so that residents can know the fire risks in their council and housing association homes. A Green Mayor will make sure every resident in London can monitor risks and take action, by collecting all published fire safety and risk assessments, as well as health and safety reports in a searchable database. We will campaign for every landlord and freeholder to provide residents with fully accessible data on their homes, including major works.

- ▶ A Green Mayor's online fire and home safety hub will include clear advice on rights for tenants and leaseholders and access to find legal advice and support for mental health.
- ▶ Greens proposed the first small business resilience support fund in the wake of the Grenfell disaster, to support small firms whose business has been hit by emergencies. The Mayor set up a small fund, but we would make this permanent to make sure there are no delays whenever emergencies strike, and that small businesses can always get help straight away.
- ▶ London Fire Brigade's budget is overstretched and relies on reserves. A new long-term settlement from Government is needed so that our firefighters can fulfil all the demands of dealing with fires, floods, terror attacks and other emergencies, while also carrying out important risk prevention and education work to stop future disasters. A Green Mayor will push the Government to make sure our fire service is funded properly through the Comprehensive Spending Review to protect Londoners' lives.



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