

## London Manifestos 2016 – Public Sector Round Up

It is the Green Party who wish to make the most changes to governance structures across London. The party have set out plans to procure GLA services from smaller firms and, along with the Lib Dems will extend Living Wage Requirement's to outsourced contracts. Labour meanwhile will make all major contracts subject to Freedom of Information and will require City Hall to sign up to the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice. UKIP, meanwhile, intend to crack down on excessive pay within the GLA and wish to scrap unelected Deputy Mayors.

Perhaps most notably, the Greens will campaign for the abolition of the City of London Corporation and want to bring more Londoner's into discussions in City Hall. The party will also seek to change the voting mechanisms within the Assembly with only a simple majority to be required to veto or amend mayoral strategies/budgets. The Greens will also introduce a participatory budget for up to 20 per cent of the GLA budget.

It is perhaps not surprising that as incumbents to the mayoralty, the Tories have little to say on reforming GLA governance— a brief mention on cutting waste in GLA procurement practices and the London plan is all they have focused on. The Lib Dems meanwhile want to ensure that the GLA's commissioning practices do not discriminate against social enterprises and the voluntary sector. However, Tories and Labour both commit to the appointment of a chief digital officer (CDO) to take charge of ensuring administrative data is open-access and easily-accessible. The Conservatives have also committed the new CDO to create a new Smart City Strategy. Labour's CDO meanwhile will seek to oversee growth in the sector as well as taking responsibility for increasing digital inclusion across London and leading on cyber-security. The Lib Dems and the Greens also commit to open data and innovation across the capital, with the former committing the GLA to broaden its digital inclusion strategy.



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The Labour Party will undertake a full review of the resources required by the **London fire brigade** to ensure it is fully prepared for challenges and major civil contingencies. (p.41)

The party will make all major contracts subjected to **Freedom of Information**, and they will require City Hall to sign up to the **UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice** for Official Statistics. (p59)

Labour will sign up to the **United Nations Global Compact Cities Programme**. (p59)



The party will facilitate and encourage a common commitment to **open data and innovation**, involving London boroughs. (p57)

It will **pioneer new citizen-led services** to put London in the lead internationally. (p57)

It will ensure all future GLA strategies actively consider **how social enterprises** and the voluntary sector can help in the delivery of outcomes. (p58)

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It will ensure the GLA's **commissioning practices** do not discriminate against social enterprises and the voluntary sector and facilitate their active participation. (p58)

It will broaden the GLA's **digital inclusion strategy** to ensure the voluntary sector and social enterprises are better connected. (p58)

It will make it a part of all GLA employment and contracting that all staff and suppliers are paid at least the **London Living Wage**. It will encourage all boroughs to move rapidly to pay staff and suppliers the London Living Wage when contracts are re-let. (p60).



The party would help local authorities create **town centre rejuvenation funds** financed by the business rates paid by large retail developers and contributions they will be required to make as a part of gaining planning permission. (p17)

They would maintain and improve the **CompeteFor system** helping micro and small enterprises bid for public sector contracts. (p17)

The party would procure a larger portion of **GLA services from smaller firms**, using duties to consider social value when spending public funds. (p17)

Extend City Hall's London Living Wage requirements to include all the **purchasing contracts** within the GLA group, not just direct contractors. (p18)

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The party intend to **freeze salaries for all GLA departmental heads** and limit the number of highly-paid employees. (p20)

UKIP wish to **cut 'excessive' salaries** and allowances when positions become vacant. (p20)

The party intend to save money by **scrapping unelected Deputy Mayors** and end the practice of appointing GLA members to paid posts. (p20)

The party wish to **end any non-essential foreign trips** by GLA staff. (p20)

The party want to **cut GLA departmental costs** as well as advertising and self-promotion budgets. They also want to reduce the cost of paid advisors and press officers. (p20)

UKIP wish to **abolish non-essential jobs** and unnecessary committees within the GLA. (p20)

The party want to **scrap the use of multi-lingual formatting** on official documents. (p20)

The party wish to **end funding for any public body that promotes divisiveness**. (p20)

UKIP intend to **publish directives for the chief executive** and other GLA group heads and wish to erase 'policy creep'. (p20)