

Dods Monitoring: London Labour manifesto – a sector summary



The Labour Party candidate Sadiq Khan has published his election manifesto – please read it in full here:

http://www.sadiq.london/a_manifesto_for_all_londoners

Our political consultant team have pulled out all the commitments made and collated a handy summary below.

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Employment and business

Labour will create a **Business Advisory Board** – made up of experts – to provide them with guidance and insight to find the solutions to London's growth challenges and to provide feedback on policy. (p12)

The party will **involve business in decision making** on key issues of policy and planning, from skills and housing costs, to transport infrastructure and business space. (p13)

Labour will establish **Skills for Londoners**. (p13)

Labour will explore **incentives for businesses to provide investment** in new homes which could benefit their workforce. (p13)

The party will make **childcare** more affordable and accessible with a strategy that delivers for business and workers – including key-worker status for childcare workers and campaigning for business rate relief for childcare providers. (p13)

Labour will **champion London industry at home and abroad**, and work to attract ever more global business. (p14)

Labour will campaign to **stay in a reformed EU**. They will establish City Hall as a strong voice for business at both UK and EU level, working to ensure a level playing field for London and to protect it from unnecessary red tape and laws which could put competitiveness at risk. (p14)

The party will establish a **tech talent pipeline**, through the Skills for Londoners taskforce. (p15)

The party will improve **connectivity**, ensuring better access to public-sector property for digital infrastructure, and treating digital infrastructure with the same status as other key public utilities. Labour will **broker a deal between providers and local authorities to provide better access to public property and land** for the installation of broadband infrastructure (p15 and p16)

Labour will **appoint a Chief Digital Officer** to oversee growth in the sector as well as taking responsibility for increasing digital inclusion across our city and leading on cyber-security. (p16)

Labour will appoint a **'Night Czar'** to champion London's night-time economy. (p79)

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The party also wish to **pay all employees of the GLA and its agencies the London Living Wage** and require that all contractors and suppliers do the same. (p59)

On pay more generally, Labour intend to publish an annual City Hall **gender pay audit**, requiring that large contractors do the same. The party wants to establish a unified, **fair pay structure** across London for bus drivers and will **never use zero-hours contractors**. (p59)

In office, Labour would establish a **new team dedicated to economic fairness**. This team would lead on the London Living Wage, apprenticeships, blacklisting, employment rights and more. (p 58)

The party want to '**smash the glass ceiling**' and challenge the under-representation of women in senior roles. (p58)

The party wish to promote the uplift of **London weighting**. (p58)

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)

Transport

Labour will secure **Crossrail 2, Bakerloo line and London Overground extensions**, as well as new river crossings, and move on to discussions about Crossrail 3 and new orbital links. (p15)

Labour will back a **second runway at Gatwick** and review Boris Johnson's decision on London City. (p15)

Labour will seek additional fundraising powers from the Government for **major infrastructure projects**. (p15)

A Labour mayor will consult on bringing forward the **Ultra-Low Emission Zone** and expanding it along major arterial routes or a wider section of central London. (p63)

The party will introduce **clean bus corridors** and set a target of only buying **clean electric or hydrogen buses** from 2020 (p64)

The party will deliver **electric charging** infrastructure (p64)

A Labour mayor will **oppose the construction of a third runway** at Heathrow (p64)

A Labour mayor would call upon the Government to introduce a **diesel vehicle scrappage scheme** to support those who wish to change to a greener car (p64)

The party will intend to **consult on all future transport and planning matters**, especially with people with disabilities. (p57)

The party wish to **improve accessibility** at rail and tube stations and make sure transport workers understand the needs of disabled passengers. Labour also want to ensure **Dial-a-Ride and Taxicard** continue to provide support for those less able to get around. (p57)

Labour will **freeze all TfL fares for four years**, and introduce a **one hour bus ticket** (p30)

Continue to **guarantee the Freedom Pass and over-60s Oyster card** (p30)

Transport for London

Labour plan to **merge engineering functions within TfL** (p31)

By **reducing consultants and agency staff**, Labour will aim to cut the costs on this in half (p31)

Labour will look to **establish a trading arm** to run bus and other local transport services, and sell TfL expertise at home and abroad. (p31)

Increase the cycling budget and prioritise **Quietways** (p32)

The party will promote cleaner lorries, using City Hall procurement to set new safety standards, moving towards contracts specifying 'direct-vision' lorries. (p32)

Labour will establish **safe walking routes** including **reducing street and pavement clutter** and encourage the **roll out of 20mph zones** across the city (p33)

Labour **support Crossrail 2 with potential plans for a Crossrail 3 and Bakerloo line extension** (p34)

Khan will encourage more **competition in the bus sector** (p34)

Labour will push for **TfL to take over more commuter rail routes** (p34)

Support a **second runway at Gatwick** and oppose a third runway at Heathrow (p35)

Labour will ensure that markets for **licensed taxi drivers and for private hire drivers are fair** - with special privileges built in, for those who become a licensed London taxi driver (p35)

Labour will prioritise the delivery of **new river crossings, maintain current congestion charge prices, and reduce the number of large lorries** on the roads. (p36)

Migration

Labour will challenge **unfair visa rules** which make it harder for London businesses to bring in the world's best talent. (p13)

Sport

Labour will use the 'London Plan' to protect playing fields. (p79)

Khan will work with the capital's sports clubs to support and expand their capacity for making a positive impact in their communities, especially among young people. (p79)

Labour will work to bring an NFL franchise to London. (p79)

Labour will campaign to bring the Tour de France back to London as well as other major sporting, cultural and artistic events. (p79)

Labour commit to rebuilding the Olympic Legacy and promote sport for more people of all ages. (p79)

Financial services and tax

On **financial inclusion**, Labour will partner with the financial sector and other social enterprises to ensure that every adult can access financial services and ensure that **all young Londoners leave education with numeracy skills** and an understanding of finance. (p56)

Housing and planning

Labour will work with local authorities to stop the **excessive conversion** of commercial space under permitted development rights. (p14)

Labour will **promote the provision of small business** and start-up premises in housing and commercial developments through the London Plan. (p14)

Labour will also provide **live-work units** as part of the Mayor's affordable housing programme. (p14)

The Labour mayor would prioritise the improvement of High Streets, squares and public spaces across the city including aiming to **pedestrianise Oxford Street** and **part-pedestrianise Parliament Square** (p65)

Labour will **oppose building on the Green Belt** and strengthen protections for open spaces in the London Plan (p66)

The party will ensure all **new developments** meet low carbon, energy efficiency and sustainability standards (p67)

Labour will **strengthen planning protections** for small businesses and for **London's iconic pubs**. (p78)

Labour want to **review the protections provided by the London Plan**, and retain targets for new build homes to meet the **Lifetime Homes Standard** with at least 10 per cent of new-build homes that are wheelchair accessible. (p57)

Khan will target to have half of **all new homes** built in London to be affordable to either rent or buy. (p19)

As Mayor, he will set up **Homes for Londoners**, which will work with a range of stakeholders to construct a range of new homes, such as social housing, homes for London Living Rent and part-buy part-rent. (p20)

Set **aside homes built on land owned by the NHS** for health sector workers. (p21)

Support **housing associations** to build the homes they intend to build. (p21)

Support councils to enforce rules to **maximise affordable housing developments** and permit local affordable housing targets. (p22)

Set out in the London Plan for all new homes to meet the **Lifetime Homes standards**, and for 10 per cent of new properties to be accessible by wheelchair. (p26)

Ensure that any **regeneration of estates** is done with the support of residents and that they are able to return to their homes. (p24)

Establish a **London-wide not-for-profit letting agency** for good landlords. (p23)

Work with borough councils to promote **landlord licensing** to improve standards, whilst making the case for a London-wide landlord licensing to government. They will name and shame rogue landlords. (p23)

Ensure **leaseholders** have access to advice services. (p24)

Use the Mayor's powers to **build on brownfield land**, including public land owned by TfL. (p21)

Plan **new housing developments** with future infrastructure projects, such as Crossrail 2 and the Bakerloo Line extension. (p22)

Khan will set **clear guidelines for developments** that he will call in, including applications that have stalled or fail to deliver enough affordable homes. (p22)

Work to attract **institutional investors** to finance housing developments. (p22)

Explore incentives for businesses to provide **investment in new homes** which could benefit their workforce. (p22)

Support housing associations and councils to **maximise the use of their land and resources**, such as their right-to-buy receipts. (p22)

Exercise 'use it or lose it' powers on developers to **prevent land banking**. (p23)

Amend the London Plan to give **greater protection for residents affected by large-scale basement excavation works**, and include stronger policies to ensure tall buildings respect the character of existing neighbourhoods. (p25)

Support **'tenure-blind' developments** where affordable homes are indistinguishable from other properties. (p25)

Protect the **green belt**. (p26)

Support housing associations and councils to maximise the use of their land and resources, such as their **right-to-buy receipts**. (p22)

Give councils "**prudential borrowing powers**" to invest in housing. (p23)

Work with **housing associations to keep rents down**, and council to support tenants that cannot afford the new pay-to-stay rules. (p24)

Support councils in **bringing empty homes** back into use. (p26)

Khan will introduce a **'No Nights Sleeping Rough'** initiative. (p25)

Support young people facing **homeless** get the support they need whilst coordinating councils' efforts to find private rented sector properties when no social housing is available. (p25)

Invest in **older properties** to make them more energy efficient. (p24)

Make it easier for the elderly to **adapt their homes** when necessary. (p26)

Improve **planning and design policies** to offer older Londoners more choice in where they live. (p26)

Crime and justice

The party will appoint a **Chief Digital Officer** to oversee growth in the sector as well as taking responsibility for increasing digital inclusion across our city and leading on cyber-security. (p16)

The Labour Party will prioritise **neighbourhood policing**; maintaining the role of officers as a visible local presence. (p.40)

The party will commit to tackling **violence against women and girls**. They will prioritise a greater police presence on public transport, hold zero tolerance of domestic and sexual violence and develop better support for victims of sexual and domestic violence. (p.40)

The party will invest in **new technology** enable police officers to do their job efficiently and effectively. (p.41)

It will implement a tough **knife crime strategy** which focuses on tackling the city's gangs, shops illegally selling knives and tougher community payback. (p.42)

The party will develop **anti-gang strategies** by working closely with local authorities, schools and youth services. (p.42)

It will ensure that **school liaison officers** continue to work closely with schools. It will also continue to back the City Safe Haven initiative. (p.42)

The Labour Party will sell Boris Johnson's **water cannon** and spend the money on youth projects aimed at decreasing gang crime. (p.42)

It will fight for **further powers over youth justice, probation and courts**. (p.42)

Through the **integration of communities and empowering mainstream Muslims**, the Labour Party will push to tackle extremism and radicalisation in London. (p.42)

It will ensure **frontline neighbourhood police** have the facilities and resources to capture vital information that security services rely on. (p.43)

The party will carry out an **urgent review of the Met's armed response capability** to ensure the city is able to cope with the threat of terrorism. (p.43)

The party intends to have a **diverse Met police force** which represents the communities it is charged with keeping safe. (p.43)

It will ensure that **stop and search** is used in an evidence-based and targeted manner. (p.43)

The Labour Party will roll out the use of **body cameras** worn by the police. (p.43)

It will direct the Met to adopt a strict **zero tolerance approach to hate crime** and will ensure officers have the resources and training they need to combat this. (p.43)

The party will establish an online portal – **Track My Crime** – to improve the experiences of victims. (p.43)

Health and social care

The Mayor's Office will be used to **champion the NHS**, additional funding for social care, prevention and early intervention. (p72)

Extra powers will be sought to coordinate health services across the city. (p72)

The NHS and London Ambulance Service will be supported to help improve **staff recruitment and retention**. (p72)

The provision of **bus services to London's hospitals** will be reviewed. (p72)

A focus will be placed on **reducing health inequality**, addressing the spread of infectious diseases and promoting healthier lifestyles. (p73)

A comprehensive **public health strategy** will be developed. (p73)

Measures will be taken to **reduce air pollution**. (p74)

There will be a renewed focus on **HIV prevention and screening**. (p74)

The Mayor will campaign against the stigma of **mental illness** and improve the availability of information and support, including by via support of Mental Health Awareness Week. (p74)

Efforts to **reduce the number of suicides** and expand best practice in crisis care will be made. (p74)

Energy and the environment

The party will establish **Energy for Londoners**, a not-for-profit company providing a comprehensive range of energy services to help Londoners generate more low-carbon energy and increase their energy efficiency, support local and community energy enterprises, and buy clean energy generated across the city, using it to power GLA and TfL facilities (p67)

The party will promote the roll out of **smart meters** and explore the case for **bulk buying energy** (p67)

The Labour mayor will make the most of the city's roofs, public buildings and land owned by TfL for energy generation by producing a **solar energy strategy** (p67)

The party will back **district heating schemes** that make the most of waste heat from the Tube (p67)

The party will promote initiatives that **reduce water consumption** in London, including the roll out of, and more public information about water metering (p67)

The party will take all possible steps to divest the London Pension Fund Authority of its remaining **investments in fossil fuel industries** (p68)

The Labour mayor will lead on reducing the city's waste footprint, working to **increase recycling** and cut the amount London sends to landfill (p68)

The party will introduce **Cleaner Walking Routes to School** and embark on a major **tree planting** programme. (p64)

The Labour mayor will make London the first **'National Park City'** with a target of more than 50 per cent of the city being green. (p66)

The party will complete the Thames Path and open up **more walking routes** around London (p66)

Planning powers will be used to **prevent fracking** within Greater London (p66)

The party will ensure the **Met's Wildlife Crime Unit** continues to receive the resources it needs to be effective (p66)

The Labour mayor will press ahead with planning for the **replacement of the Thames Barrier** when it reaches the end of its life (p66)

Children and schools

The party will break down the boundaries between boroughs and coordinate **school-place planning**, working with local authorities to prepare properly for long-term population growth. (p49)

A city-wide STEM strategy will be developed and a **London STEM Commission** established to link school with science jobs and careers. (p49)

Labour will work with councils to challenge **coasting or poor-performing schools** of all types and support those schools that need it. (p50)

Higher and further education

The party will ensure more girls are supported to **develop tech skills**. (p15)

Labour will create a **Skills for Londoners** taskforce working in concert with the London Enterprise Panel and consisting of business leaders and other employers alongside the Mayor, London councils and representatives of HE, FE and schools. (p48)

The party will **map the skills gap**, and commission programmes to create a pipelines of skilled London workers. (p48)

A city-wide, strategic approach to skills will be developed **identifying gaps in provision** and ensuring that currently disparate programmes and funding streams work in concert. (p48)

Labour will work with schools to **improve careers advice** and to promote opportunities for children to get an early start in career skills. Advice and programmes will be gender blind and gender equality will be a focus, creating targeted opportunities for girls to excel in STEM skills in particular. (p49)

Thousands of new, **high-quality apprenticeships** will be commissioned using the levy paid by business to government with the levy paid by London's employers ring-fenced to the capital to make sure this benefits young people and businesses in London. (p49)

The party will establish a **construction academy scheme** with the housebuilding industry to close the gap between ambitious housing targets and the need for more skilled construction workers. (p49)

Labour will use the **local area reviews** process to ensure FE provision meets the needs of London's economy and is of high-quality, seeking a devolution deal over further education which recognises the strategic importance of a London-wide approach to FE. (p50)

The party will call for **devolution of further education funding** for 16-19 year olds and adults to create high-performing colleges that meet the needs of London's economy and help reduce youth unemployment. (p51)

The take-up of **adult Learning loans** will be promoted. (p51)

Labour will **oppose the cuts to English for Speakers of Other Languages** (ESOL) classes in London's colleges, and lobby the Government to restore funding. (p51)

Arts and culture

Labour will produce a **Cultural Infrastructure Plan** for 2030 to develop a cultural sustainability strategy for the capital. (p77)

A London mayor will promote for **capital's cultural offering** to the rest of Britain and the world in a more proactive manner. (p78)

Labour will establish **Creative Enterprise Zones** with live-in spaces for those working in art and fashion sectors to flourish. (p78)

An **'Agent for Change'** rule will be introduced to protect venues, pubs and clubs from soundproofing costs when new developments are built. (p78)

Libraries, community centres and arts venues will be better promoted and protected. (p78)

A **London Borough of Culture competition** will be established to celebrate the city's arts and culture. (p78)

Theatres, galleries and museums will be encouraged to open up access to all Londoners and spread their presence across the city. (p79)

Labour will create a **'Love London Pass'** which will allow for discounts to exhibitions, galleries, restaurants, shows and concerts. (p79)

Equalities

Labour will ensure **Pride** continues to be a community-led showcase of all of London's LGBT communities. (p79)

Labour want to **break down the barriers to success for women** and intend to ensure from childhood that girls are provided with opportunities to learn the skills they need to succeed. (p55)

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Labour wish to establish a strategy for **monitoring child poverty and targeted interventions**. (p55)

Labour will prioritise **closing the gender pay gap and breaking the glass ceiling** as key aims of the Mayor's office. (p56)

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Labour intend to make **tackling all types of hate crime** a priority for the police. (p56)

On **transphobia**, Labour want to work with the LGBT+ community, schools, police and others to highlight the issue. (p56)

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

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