

## Dods Monitoring: London Liberal Democrats manifesto – a sector summary



The Liberal Democrats in London has published its election manifesto – please read it in full here:

<http://www.londonlibdems.org.uk/manifesto>

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

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## Employment and business

The party will provide **100,000 new skilled jobs** for Londoners over four years at the same time as building the infrastructure the city needs. (p13)

The Liberal Democrats want to establish borough wide schemes to provide **Business Rate relief and preferential rental values** for small shops in at-risk high streets. (p61)

The party wish to involve local communities in how the **GLA's high street regeneration funds** are allocated and work with councils to ensure balanced high streets (including limiting proliferation of gambling establishments). (p61)

The party wishes to lead the digital revolution in London and push for **superfast broadband** across the city as well as **rollout universal Wi-Fi access**. (p63)

The party intend for the London Enterprise Panel to focus on **maternal unemployment** and to prioritise projects that provide childcare or improve maternal employment when allocating London funding from the European Union. (p66)

The party intend to **set employment practices at City Hall** to act as a model for best practice, including flexible working and annualised hours. (p66)

The party will set up a **one-stop-shop brokerage service** between employers in London and apprenticeship candidates to match individual skills and interests with employer requirements. (p52)

It will appoint a **new Business Board** to align skills development with the needs of business. (p52)

It will require **every GLA contract** to include a commitment from the winning bidders to provide at least ten per cent of new jobs associated with the contract for Londoners on training and apprenticeship schemes. (p54)

It will create **local enterprise zones** and additional mayoral development corporations, using business rates incentives to encourage new businesses. (p54)

It will involve existing successful entrepreneurs in advising on ways to improve the **business advisory services**. (p55)

It will establish a **small business support team** at City Hall working with the London FSB to ensure all policies fully take into account their impact on SMEs. (p55)

It will ensure **every small business has access to super-fast broadband** and work with providers to eliminate "not-spots" for mobile phone and data coverage. (p55)

It will seek government approval for a **third party sponsorship route** (London Visa) for established sector specific organisations to support non-EEA worker visas on behalf of recognised small businesses. (p55)

It will ensure the **small business rate relief** is clearly promoted to businesses which may be eligible. (p55).

It will use the London Plan to deliver more **small and start up business premises** in new developments and oppose conversion of vital business premises to luxury flats, including permanent exemption beyond 2019 for Tech City and the Central Activities Zone from permitted development rights. (p55)

It will challenge big companies to promote **entrepreneurism** through contracting and mentoring to help combat disadvantage and discrimination. (p56)

It will insist on **local procurement** wherever possible. (p59)

It will **encourage publication of pay ratios** for firms employing more than 250 workers, covering overall pay rates and differences by gender and ethnicity. (p59)

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).

It will set a clear expectation that all large employers pay the London Living Wage for staff and suppliers and avoid zero-hour contracts, naming and shaming where necessary. (p60)

It will explore the potential of a higher legal **minimum wage** rate in London. (p60)

The party will **support small** retailers and promote job creation in outer London, to ensure a balanced economy and less need to commute long distances. (p19)

Older people will be supported with more choice of **flexible and voluntary work** leading in to retirement. (p71)

Employers will be supported to offer greater levels of **flexible working**, including home working. (p74)

## Transport

### Waterways

The Liberal Democrats will better **promote and integrate river and tube services** and improve signage and online tools which promote the river services. (p43)

London's **canal system** will be developed and expanded to accommodate more freight traffic and increase leisure use. (p43)

The position of **river services champion** will be created on the TfL Board. (p43)

### Tunnels and bridges

The Liberal Democrats will support the **Brunel Bridge** crossing between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf. (p44)

The **Gospel Oak to Barking Overground line** will be extended beyond Barking Riverside to the cross the river to Abbey Wood station. (p44)

The **Woolwich Ferry service** will enjoy extended opening hours and river services to Rotherhithe and Convoys Wharf will be expanded. (p44)

Plans for the **Garden Bridge and Silvertown Tunnel** will be opposed. (p44)

### Aviation

The Liberal Democrats **oppose expansion of Heathrow, Gatwick and London City airports**, as well as runway alternation plans and increasing the number of night flights over London. (p45)

The party will support the **use of larger aircraft** where appropriate to increase capacity and reduce congestion at airports. (p45)

The party will work closer with central Government to develop **alternative forms of travel** and invest in the rail network and high speed rail, including links to airports including Stanstead. (p45)

### Buses

The party will with sponsors and commercial providers to roll **out free wifi** on busses and at bus stops. (p34)

Increase the number of **electric single decker buses** in the London fleet and expand the planned trial for double deck electric buses. (p37)

Trial a scheme to allow **night buses to stop on requests** closer to passengers' final destinations (p28)

### Railway

Campaign for a fair share of money from the Government's programme to make **stations more accessible to the disabled**. (p34)

### Transport Investment

The Lib Dems will issue a **London Transport Bond**, open to both the City and Londoners, to boost transport investment. (p35)

The party will **transfer TfL's assets like stations** and vacant land into a dedicated London Property Agency which will be tasked with improving both their current operations and releasing assets where necessary, returning any profits back into the transport system. (p35)

### Emissions and Pedestrianisation

Pressure foreign embassies and diplomatic missions to **pay unpaid congestion charges**. (p35)

**Ultra-Low Emission Zones** will be brought forward two years to 2018, by 2024 small and medium sized diesel vehicles will not be allowed to enter these zones. (p37)

The Liberal Democrats would introduce **charges for diesel vehicles** entering Low Emission Zones by 2024 and will add a £2.50 diesel levy to the Congestion Charge central zone. (p37)

Will explore with manufacturers the setting up of a subsidy scheme to reduce the upfront capital costs for drivers needing to **convert to electric vehicles**. (p37)

Support local travel-to-work plans, using **public transport and cycling**. (p34)

Pedestrianise parts of Central London – from Trafalgar Square to Oxford Street. The party would temporarily **pedestrianise streets** over the summer to encourage walking. (p39)

#### Transport for London

Consult **Oystercard holders** on how the network is run to make transport bosses more accountable. (p36)

Appoint ordinary Londoners to **TfL's project teams**. (p36)

The party will refer **industrial disputes**, when negotiations have broken down, to binding independent arbitration. (p36)

The Lib Dems welcome the progress in bringing **suburban railways** under TfL control and will create a genuinely integrated London Commuter Service. (p36)

#### Taxis

Speed up the **shift to electric taxis** through TfL bulk purchases (p37) and lease/sell the new zero emission capable taxis to ensure their uptake – whilst also improving rapid charging infrastructure to allow them to operate effectively. (p38)

Double the number of compliance officers by 2017 to ensure **private hire vehicle (PHV)** drivers are qualified and adhere to regulations, whilst exploring the case for capping the number of PHVs. (p38)  
Ensure PHV drivers accept passengers with guide dogs. (p38)

Retain **access to bus lanes by black cabs**. (p38)

#### Walking

**Improve signage** to highlight journeys that are quicker by foot than on the tube. (p39)

Introduce incentives to **encourage walking** and set ambitious targets to encourage walking to school. (p39)

Increase support for schemes like **London's Greenways**, making them more attractive to use for recreational activities. (p39)

Invest in the renewal of town centres to create **walkable neighbourhoods** and improve crossings in London that are unsafe for the **visually impaired**. (p39)

#### Roads

Extend **20mph speed limits** and ensure proper enforcement. (p39)

Introduce a **rush hour ban** on HGVs. (p41)

## Cycling

Continue to support the **cycle superhighways** and also speed up the implementation of quietways. (p41)

The party would extend '**mini-Holland**' projects, while learning the lessons about public engagement from the current schemes. (p41)

They would increase the **budget for cycling infrastructure** to 3 per cent of the TfL budget and ensure that money is spent. (p41)

Immediately review all **major junctions and roundabouts** to improve safety, including giving cyclists priority at junctions. (p41)

Introduce **segregated cycle lanes** where practicable. (p41)

They would support a **new pedestrian and cycling crossing** between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf. (p41)

Provide support for people **looking to start cycling**, including cycle safety training, with every person attending a training course entitled, through sponsorship, to discounts on safety gear. (p41)

Support the **use of cycle hire schemes** by expanding its coverage, extend contactless payments to the scheme, increasing the annual membership fee for non-Londoners and celebrate key events with 'limited edition' bikes. (p42)

## Migration

The party will combat homelessness by expanding the pilot '**No first night out**' project, use TfL advertising space including on buses to publicise housing advice, and campaign for European Aid funds to help destitute EU migrants. (p16)

The party will lobby government to ensure **migration targets** based only on numbers don't deprive London of the skills it needs in the global economy. (p52)

It will seek government approval for a **third party sponsorship route** (London Visa) for established sector specific organisations to support non-EEA worker visas on behalf of recognised small businesses. (p55)

## Sport

The party will work with London's **football clubs** to open up access so that taking the family to watch a match becomes more affordable (p87)

The Lib Dems will develop a **new annual London Games** (p87)

The party will encourage the '**play streets**' movement to reclaim streets from traffic (p87)

The party will support initiatives such as the **RideLondon cycle initiative** (p87)

### Financial services and tax

The party will **challenge banks and mortgage companies** to ensure adequate funds are available for those who can afford to purchase, and continue to offer help to first time-buyers through shared equity schemes. (p13)

The party will **review all property and council taxes** with a view to removing any incentives currently handed out to investor buyers. (p14)

The party will seek to diversify the London economy from its **over-reliance on financial services**, including promoting the creative industries and protecting manufacturing. (p54)

It will examine the potential for the **London Pension Fund Authority** to play a greater role in promoting a sustainable economy consistent with its fiduciary duties. (p54)

It will support the **growth of credit unions** and particularly encourage children's savings accounts with a £5 starter contribution for secondary school pupils. (p58)

### Welfare and pensions

The party will examine the potential for the **London Pension Fund Authority** to play a greater role in promoting a sustainable economy consistent with its fiduciary duties. (p54)

The Mayor's Office will be used to publicise **awareness of available benefits**. (p74)

### Housing and planning

The party will appoint a London '**green infrastructure**' commissioner in City Hall, accountable to the Mayor and insist on the highest standard of green design in planning and development across the capital (p83)

The party will protect **school playing fields** from being built over (p83)

A Liberal Democrat Mayor and Assembly will lead a **home building revolution**, 200,000 new homes of all types over the four-year Mayoral term. (p9)

The Liberal Democrats will create a big increase in a well-regulated **private renting sector**. (p9)

The party will create a **new 'living rent' standard**, with the goal that Londoners should pay no more than one-third of their take-home pay on rent costs. (p9)

The party will **direct developers by setting a benchmark guideline** that half of housing should be affordable. (p11)

The Liberal Democrats will ensure boroughs get the best possible legal and commercial advice from the GLA to negotiate tough agreements, to secure the maximum number possible. (p11)

The party will set up a **new London Housing Company** to match public land with private investment and bring new funding from institutional investment. (p11)

The party will **continue the Olympic Games precept** over the next four years to build 50,000 council homes to rent and 150,000 for sale or for private rent including rent-to-buy for first time buyers, a £2bn programme of affordable home building. (p11 and 13)

The party will use the GLA's powers to **create transparent and accountable Mayoral Development Corporations** where needed to kick start a home building revolution. (p12)

The Liberal Democrats will give local community groups the **right to bid for public sector land** or buildings left unused or unoccupied for more than two years. (p12)

The Liberal Democrats will **promote the role of community land trusts**, where the public benefit can be locked in for future tenants, and encourage many smaller builders and developers to bring forward local schemes to increase diversity and choice. (p12)

The party will offer **smaller housing associations the ability to raise loan capital** through a London Housing Bond, supported by City Hall, to access funds in the same way larger associations increasingly can. (p13)

The party will **encourage greater diversity of schemes** including mutuals, cooperatives both for new build and housing management and self-build. (p13)

The party will bring **empty homes** in London back into use as affordable housing, insisting boroughs establish clear strategies (including use of CPO powers if necessary) for tackling empty properties, offer grants or interest free loans for empty properties needing renovation – aim to bring 20,000 empty and underused properties back into use as housing. (p14)

The Liberal Democrats will bring the **spaces above shops** on high streets back into housing use. (p14)

The party will **identify unused urban space** above and around supermarkets and stations for affordable housing. (p14)

The party will provide **better housing mobility options** for social housing tenants. (p14)

The party will carry out a comprehensive study of the impact which **investor buyers** are having on the price, affordability and supply of new homes across London. (p14)

The Liberal Democrats will expand the existing **Seaside and Country Homes Scheme**, which currently has more than four times the demand than it is able to help, so freeing up properties for social rent. (p14)

The party promote the **effective registration of private landlords**, using local authorities' extensive powers under the Housing Act 2004 to help improve the management of the private rented sector. (p15)

The Liberal Democrats **will set up a central unit to prosecute rogue landlords**, and mandate councils to take much greater enforcement action using the Housing Health and Safety Rating System under the Housing Act 2004. (p15)

The party will **renew the Mayor's kite mark for responsible renting** in the private sector, encouraging good landlords and especially their agents to register on a new online website portal. (p15)

The party will ensure that all landlords abide by the terms of the **Tenants' Deposit Protection Scheme**. (p15)

The Liberal Democrats will encourage **landlords** to offer longer minimum (at least two years) tenancies. (p15)

The party will introduce a '**right to buy**' scheme for tenants when their private landlord is planning to sell up, giving them first refusal. (p15)

The party will work with **leaseholders of flats** to provide protection from unscrupulous freeholders who impose high maintenance or insurance charges, also including local authority leaseholders and freeholders hit by unexpectedly high costs for major works as well as promote more general leasehold reform to protect people in flats. (p15)

The party will develop with tenants' representatives a **Good Landlord Charter** for councils and housing associations to adhere to. (p16)

The Liberal Democrats will protect **tenants from social landlords** who abuse the flexible powers over tenancies and rent levels. (p16)

The party will ensure that women suffering **domestic abuse** do not lose their right to a secure tenancy if they enter a shelter, encouraging social landlords to guarantee a route through to rehousing. (p16)

The Liberal Democrats will work with landlords and the voluntary sector to ensure **rough sleepers** don't just have a bed for the night but a pathway into secure housing. (p16)

The party will work with borough councils on **prevention strategies**, so actions they take (such as evictions) do not create additional costs and harm for individuals especially children. (p17)

The party will use the London Plan to **deliver more small and start up business premises** in new developments and oppose conversion of vital business premises to luxury flats, including permanent exemption beyond 2019 for Tech City and the Central Activities Zone from permitted development rights. (p55)

It will **treat broadband as an essential utility** in the planning and development process just like water, electricity and other services. (p57)

The party will press Parliament to change the law so individuals **have the power to appeal** to the Secretary of State (DCLG) in those cases where councils fail to comply with their own affordable housing targets. (p18)

A new land-use class category for '**Affordable Housing**' will be created to enable councils to protect land for that purpose, ensuring developers are clear from the outset what is acceptable in planning terms. (p18)

The party will consider the feasibility of **charging a levy on developers** when they do not proceed with a scheme after obtaining planning permission without good reason. (p18)

The party will open up the decision-making process at City Hall, so meetings are held in public and community groups get the same **access as developers** in influencing decisions and hold public consultations over so-called 'opportunity areas' and 'intensification areas'. (p18)

The Liberal Democrats will ensure **development is on brownfield land**, to protect London's open spaces and the green belt around the capital and ensure that if housing estates are redeveloped to help increase the number of new homes through higher density that residents are fully consulted and involved in the planning of the redevelopment. (p18-19)

The party will ensure that planning policy is strengthened to restrict the **location of skyscrapers** and improve their design. A "Skyline Commission" will be established to advise on the design impact of tall buildings and review existing protected views with the intention of adding new viewing corridors. (p20)

The Liberal Democrats will be ambitious to make large developments achieve at least Code for **Sustainable Homes** Level 5 and require good liveable space standards. (p21)

The party will seek to maintain **mixed communities**, increase the number of family-sized homes and foster a better live/work/play combination through planning policy. (p21)

### Crime and justice

The party will increase the **number of police** on the streets from 32,000 to 35,000 targeting crime hot spots across the transport network. (p23)

The 'Cardiff model' will be rolled out in all **hospital A&E departments** whereby data on violence-related admissions is always anonymously shared and used to develop crime reduction responses. (p23)

The Lib Dems will create strong **Town Centre Police Teams** where Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) boundaries cross busy town centres. (p23)

The three **water cannons** bought by the Mayor will be sold. (p23)

The party will give each neighbourhood its **own plan for policing** and the deployment of officers, based on ward surveys and involving local people and local businesses in decisions. (p25)

**Recent cuts to hate crime policing posts will be reversed**, alongside developing a London-wide strategy for reporting, investigating and prosecuting hate crimes. (p25)

The party will devolve more resources to local borough commanders and allow them to set priorities in line with local priorities and hold an annual public meeting, at which all those responsible for crime prevention and reduction will be held to account, including **London's Police and Crime Commissioner**. (p25)

### Health and social care

The Lib Dems will press the GLA to have additional powers to **promote health in London**, monitor performance in NHS hospitals and involve Londoners in the decision-making process (p85)

The party will also press the Government for the Mayor to have responsibility for the **ambulance service** (p85)

London will be the **first dementia friendly capital city** by 2020. (p71)

### Energy and the environment

The party will target to **roll out solar** to 200,000 London rooftops by 2025 (p81)

The party will use the purchasing power of TfL to commission **additional renewable generating capacity** so the Underground can become sustainably powered (p81)

The Lib Dems will oppose any **proposals for fracking** within Greater London (p81)

The party will set tough targets for **reducing the amount of waste** produced by individuals and businesses in the capital (p82)

The Lib Dems will encourage every borough to **introduce food waste collections** (p82)

The party will support **moves by manufacturers to minimise packaging** and simplifying the mix of plastics entering the waste stream. They will also challenge branded goods companies to fund 'on the go' recycling collections (p82)

The party will re-establish the **Flats Recycling Programme** and promote a London-wide online swap-shop (p82)

The Lib Dems will support the campaign for a **Greater London National Park** and set up a GLA Parks Agency (p83)

The Lib Dems will pressure Thames Water and its regulator Ofwat to speed up the **replacement of historic water mains**, to reduce further the extent of water leakage (p84)

The party will bring forward the **target date for roll-out of water metering**, with a fair tariff scheme to protect vulnerable customers (p84)

The party will **promote more food growing** in and around London to reduce 'food miles' and increase London's resilience and support the move to Fair Trade across London (p84)

On investing in **environmental technologies**, the Liberal Democrats wish to challenge the financial sector to invest in environmental technologies and develop plans to co-create a Green Investment Bank for London. (p63)

A **target for CO2 reduction** will be set for the existing housing stock and speed up action to roll out loft and cavity wall insulation, targeting specific neighbourhoods to increase take-up. (p21)

The party will aim to **install solar panels** across an equivalent of 200,000 London rooftops by 2025. (p20)

The Lib Dems will insist that a fair share of the **national energy company obligation** is ring-fenced for London which is currently losing out. (p21)

The Lib Dems will make London **zero carbon** by 2035. (p80)

The party will revise the **Air Quality Strategy** to set out exactly what needs to be done and by whom to achieve clean healthy air for Londoners (p79)

The party will promote **decentralised energy systems**, combined heat and power systems and onsite renewables. (p80)

Increase the amount of energy generated by **anaerobic digestion**, promote local hydroelectric schemes and expand the use of water source heat pumps. (p80)

The party will insist that a fair share of the **new national energy company obligation** is ring-fenced for London which is currently losing out. (p80)

Establish a **London energy company** supplying to domestic consumers. (p80)

### Children and schools

The party will protect **school playing fields** from being built over (p83)

On education, the party intent to **take over responsibility from central government for London's school places and quality**. (p65)

The party want to work with councils to get **co-ordinate the pattern of school places** and use the London Plan process to ensure that more schools are delivered as part of the **redevelopment and regeneration schemes**. (p65)

The party wish to intend a **London Schools Commissioner** to lead improvements. (p65)

On childcare, the party intend to **extend wrap-around childcare** for parents working long-hours, funded via a new **London Children's Fund** from a tourist levy for £2 per night on luxury hotel rooms. (p66)

The Liberal Democrats wish to ensure that GLA land provided for school buildings comes with **nursery provision** where possible. (p66)

The party will urge London councils to **extend business rate relief to childcare providers**. (p66)

The party wish to **audit current school provision** of breakfast and after school clubs. (p66)

The party intend for the London Enterprise Panel to focus on **maternal unemployment** and to prioritise projects that provide childcare or improve maternal employment when allocating London funding from the European Union. (p66)

A citywide **childcare loan scheme** will be promoted by the party for London's single parents. (p66)

The party want to set up an **independent taskforce** to take action to reduce child poverty as well as work with boroughs to **halve the number of children living in overcrowded housing** by 2020. An **annual report** will also be published by the party reporting the progress on improving life chances of young Londoners. (p68)

The Liberal Democratic wish to encourage and work with boroughs to keep their own **youth facilities**. (p68)

On child travel, the party want to **protect current fare concessions** for children and students. (p68)

The party support the extension of the **right to vote** in all future London elections to 16 years old. (p68)

The party wants to make London a **healthier place in which to grow up**, focusing on improved air quality, health inequalities and better mental health services for young people. (p68)

The party will support the growth of credit unions and particularly **encourage children's savings** accounts with a £5 starter contribution for secondary school pupils. (p58)

### Higher and further education

The party will work with central government to take **responsibility for further and adult education** to provide strategic oversight of investment in skills programmes in London. (p52)

It will set up a **one-stop-shop brokerage service** between employers in London and apprenticeship candidates to match individual skills and interests with employer requirements. (p52)

It will establish a **London-wide careers service** to work with schools and other education and training providers. (p52)

It will appoint a **new Business Board** to align skills development with the needs of business. (p52)

It will insist **each borough develops a training plan** so local needs are identified and make sure local libraries get involved in providing such training. (p52)

It will involve the voluntary sector to **improve the employability and skills** of the most excluded and economically inactive Londoners. (p52)

### Media

It will **treat broadband as an essential utility** in the planning and development process just like water, electricity and other services. (p57)

It will set up a **Mayor's Office of Data Analytics**, on the model established in New York, led by a 'digital ambassador'. (p57)

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

It will strongly support the roll-out of **superfast broadband** to tackle 'digital deserts' where speed and connectivity fall well short of global standards. (p57)

It will **treat broadband as an essential utility** in the planning and development process just like water, electricity and other services. (p57)

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

The installation of **superfast broadband** as a utility service will be treated as just as important as water, electricity and phone lines. (P19)

### Arts and culture

The Lib Dems will **promote access to cultural events** and activities for all Londoners, so young people are not deterred by price or from false elitism (p86)

The party will encourage **greater attendance at borough and fringe theatres** and develop an Arts in the Park programme, showcasing opportunities and removing petty bureaucratic barriers (p86)

The party will discuss with the **national houses how** they plan to improve the diversity of their workforces (p87)

The party will press Ofcom to follow the example of the Arts Council of England and the British Film Institute and require each **commercial broadcaster** who is awarded a licence to collect and report equality monitoring data of their workforces. (p87)

The party intends to ensure London continues to be a **world centre for theatre and art**. (p62)

The party wants to work with London & Partners to host an official '**one stop shop**' for tourists to book accommodation, theatre tickets and access maps and guides. (p62)

The party will seek to diversify the London economy from its over-reliance on financial services, including **promoting the creative industries** and protecting manufacturing. (p54)

### Equalities

The party intend for the London Enterprise Panel to focus on **maternal unemployment** and to prioritise projects that provide childcare or improve maternal employment when allocating London funding from the European Union. (p66)

Under City Hall, the Liberal Democrats wish to **monitor the fairness impact of all policies** and produce an annual report on progress towards reducing inequality. (p69)

The party will encourage **publication of pay ratios** for firms employing more than 250 workers, covering overall pay rates and differences by gender and ethnicity. (p59)

The party want to recognise the health needs of London's LGBT+ population and **promote specialist support services** tailored to their needs, including mental health services. (p75)

The Liberal Democrats intend to **reverse cuts to hate crime policing posts** as well as develop a London-wide strategy for reporting, investigating and prosecuting hate crime. (p75)

The party intends to **support the campaigns being led by local LGBT communities**, such as those to save Camden's Black Cap and the Royal Vauxhall Tavern, and support the preservation of Soho. (p75)

The party wish to recognise that **London's homeless young people who identify as being LGBT** have higher rates of suicide and will ensure their needs are met through a homebuilding programme and will support various organisations who are working to end street homelessness. (p75)

The party want to guarantee to **continue funding Pride** at the current level of £100,000 for the whole of the next Mayoral term. (p75)

**Pay audits** will be conducted and published to highlight gender imbalances, including in the GLA. (p71)

A **London Fairness Index** will be published annually to monitor the findings of the London Fairness Commission. (p76)

The **Mayor's Fund** will be reviewed and refocused to help the most disadvantaged. (p76)

### Devolution, governance and public sector

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)

It will produce a **social enterprise and voluntary sector strategy** to guide policy in this area. (p58)

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).

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