



A borough of equity and justice

Rambert Dancers, credit Camilla Greenwood

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FOREWORD

Lambeth is a place of energy and ambition. Never standing still. It's a destination for those who want to make a difference. A place of inspirational creativity and audacious innovation.

From William Blake to Olive Morris, people in Lambeth have pushed the boundaries of what is possible and changed our borough for the better. Today, communities with roots around the globe call Lambeth home.

The borough is constantly evolving and we have huge potential for growth.

So I'm proud to introduce the Lambeth Growth Plan – our shared blueprint for delivering inclusive, sustainable growth across the borough over the next 10 years. It sets out how we'll secure genuinely affordable homes, thriving town centres, good local jobs, investments in sustainable transport, green spaces and opportunity for local communities.

Lambeth is a great place to do business – with a strategic central London location, high-growth sectors like creative industries, health and life sciences, and clean tech, a skilled and diverse workforce, and real scope for development. We are also a strong and ambitious partner – with a visionary planning department, expert development teams and a clear, long-term mission for the borough. This plan is a signal of intent to investors, education institutions, developers, employers and all levels of government who want to help shape Lambeth's future.

We also recognise that we are not an equal borough. We have faced exceptionally challenging times - the devastating period of austerity Britain, Brexit, the pandemic and the ongoing cost of living crisis. The impacts are not felt equally and have exacerbated the chronic stresses of poverty and inequality that affect so many in our community. We are proud to be at the forefront of embedding climate resilience and social justice into all that we do. These aren't add-ons – they are at the heart of our approach to growth, ensuring the benefits of regeneration are shared fairly and our communities are supported to thrive now and into the future. This is what we mean by inclusive growth – growth that is people-centred, community-led and environmentally sustainable. In ten years time, as a result of our Growth Plan and deep collaboration with our partners, I want to see:

- The number of residents without a qualification halved.
- New and improved education and skills facilities – providing businesses with the talent they need, and clear, equal pathways to good jobs regardless of your starting point.
- New landmark buildings setting the standard for sustainable new development, attracting some of the world's best companies to call Lambeth home.

• Thriving town centres which are free of congestion, greener, and renowned for their transition to a Net Zero future.

- A step change in the provision of truly affordable homes, providing security for local people, and greatly reducing the current pressure on council finances.
- Our creative industries, health and life science, clean tech economies on the world stage – attracting more growth capital, and pioneering innovation which is felt and enjoyed locally and globally.
- Over £250 million of income secured from new developments spent on local projects to improve places and lives across the borough.

This plan directly supports our Lambeth 2030 borough plan and responds to the opportunities presented by the London Growth Plan, the Government's Growth Mission and National Industrial Strategy. The Lambeth Growth Plan has been co-authored with our key partners – all of whom play a vital role in our shared future. Together, we are committed to delivering bold, long-term change.

I want to thank everyone who helped shape this plan. Now, let's work together to deliver a better, fairer Lambeth for the next generation.



Leader of the Council, Councillor Claire Holland



Our growth plan is all about people, place and purpose.

We know we've got great strengths in people in Lambeth. We're a young, diverse and well educated borough, but we also know there's more to do in tackling inequality, and removing barriers to opportunity for local people. We also have world-renowned places that are already hubs for innovation, from the arts, culture and entertainment offering in Waterloo and South Bank to the vibrant communities of small businesses based in Vauxhall, Brixton, Clapham, Streatham and West Norwood. And finally **we talk** about purpose, because as we look forward and think about what we want our borough to be, we have to put our values at the heart of that vision.

Equity and justice, sustainability and inclusion aren't add-ons, they're fundamental to who we are and the opportunities we want to create.

Lambeth is a borough of immense economic potential, characterised by diverse communities, strong business ecosystems and world-class institutions. Our central London location positions us as a natural hub for investment, creativity and innovation. We have already started to capitalise on this and we have ambitious plans to go further.

Lambeth faces significant challenges – including housing, equality of opportunity in accessing good jobs, and other socio-economic factors. This Lambeth Growth Plan sets out how we will work in partnership to attract and enable investment over the next 10 years to grow and strengthen our economy while tackling social injustices and the climate crisis.

Our inclusive growth approach is about more than just the size of the economy – it is about ensuring that all our communities benefit and that sustainability is embedded into all decisions.

The aim of this plan is to do this by investing and attracting investment to:

 Improve infrastructure and transform town centres – creating new best-in-class mixed use development, better transport and greener places.

- Boost growth sectors such as creative industries, health and life sciences, and clean tech, where Lambeth already has significant strengths.
- Strengthen inclusive talent pathways into high quality jobs, ensuring economic benefits reach all residents, particularly those from underrepresented communities.
- Secure affordable housing and improve neighbourhoods, creating healthy and sustainable environments with good quality housing, so that residents can enjoy the fruits of economic growth.



THIS LAMBETH GROWTH PLAN SETS OUT HOW WE WILL WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO ATTRACT AND ENABLE INVESTMENT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

Lambeth contractor challenge

LAMBETH INCONTEXT

This Lambeth Growth Plan is designed to fit with and leverage national and regional growth strategies and policies, while building on Lambeth's existing assets.

National Context

While the UK continues to be a major global economic player, boasting strengths in finance, education and research, recent national and international events - Brexit, Covid-19 and the ongoing cost-ofliving pressures - have exposed deeprooted socioeconomic inequalities and weakened economic resilience. As a London borough, Lambeth finds itself at the intersection of these national challenges and local issues, such as housing shortages, demographic shifts and a high proportion of vulnerable small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

To address these, the UK government has launched an ambitious pro-growth agenda targeting high-growth sectors, skills, infrastructure and housing, alongside establishing initiatives such as Skills England and the National Wealth Fund. The new 10-year national industrial strategy provides a structured framework for growth. These plans, encouraged through the English Devolution White Paper and other national policy, empower local governments like Lambeth's to develop tailored economic solutions that reflect the needs of their communities.

"ECONOMIC GROWTH IS THE NUMBER ONE MISSION OF THIS GOVERNMENT."

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Chancellor Rachel Reeves

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THE LONDON GROWTH PLAN

As the UK's economic powerhouse, the London Growth Plan sets out the capital's growth strategy on behalf of the Mayor and London Councils. It centres on four key ambitions: enhancing productivity, fostering inclusion, achieving green growth and strengthening its position as a global capital. It highlights a series of growth sectors and high impact areas of economic development that will help drive London to achieve these ambitions.

It will be underpinned by a new Inclusive Talent Strategy, which sets out how London can better support residents to get into work, progress in their careers and play their part in growing our economy. The plan also commits to refreshing the London Infrastructure Framework, to help guide and support delivery of key infrastructure development. Alongside the review of the London Plan in 2026, this renewed, long-term economic framework for London will be driven by Lambeth as a leading borough in the capital.

" I AM DELIGHTED TO SUPPORT AND ENDORSE LAMBETH'S AMBITIOUS AND INCLUSIVE PLANS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH.

Lambeth sits at the very heart of the capital with some of the most exciting opportunities and biggest challenges. With a vibrant and innovative small business sector, world class cultural institutions, growing life sciences and tech sector, this borough is a crucial part of the Mayor of London and London Council's London Growth Plan.

We agree very strongly with the principle that growth must be harnessed to ensure better living standards and life chances for everyone

The Mayor of London and I look forward to working closely with Lambeth Council leadership, and businesses large and small to make sure that all the people of the borough can benefit from economic growth."

Howard Dawber, Deputy Mayor for Business and Growth and Chair of London & Partners



LAMBETH'S FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH

Our borough plan 'Lambeth 2030: Our future, our Lambeth' shows our borough is characterised by ambition, with a rich history of driving social progress as home to radicals and reformers, entrepreneurs and innovators. With a young, highly skilled workforce, a vibrant cultural scene and a rich history of driving social progress, we are well placed to deliver inclusive growth for our communities. It is this unique offer that situates Lambeth as a key driver and shaper of London, and the country. But Lambeth also contends with significant challenges. Lambeth faces acute housing issues, including affordability, overcrowding and homelessness. Some of our communities experience unacceptable levels of inequality between demographics and geographies. Despite significant wealth across the borough, half of all households are deprived in at least one domain. One in five children grow up in poverty and, looking to the future, some of our most vulnerable will be most exposed to the impacts of climate change. We and our partners recognise the critical role we must play in tackling these challenges. We know inclusive growth is required to enable us to invest in the infrastructure, housing and services that our residents need to thrive. We are fortunate that in Lambeth we already have an incredibly strong set of foundations in place to drive inclusive growth, which combine to make us an exceptional place for investment, innovation, and development.



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Sectoral strengths

Lambeth is home to thriving clusters in three national priority sectors: creative industries, health and life sciences, and clean tech. The borough's creative sector, anchored by cultural landmarks like the National Theatre and Southbank Centre, contributes over £500 million annually to the UK economy. The SC1 London health and life sciences partnership includes prestigious institutions like King's College London and NHS trusts, supported by a major 1.5 million square

foot development at Royal Street and by borough wide sites including the Denmark Hill life science campus. Sustainable Ventures, Europe's largest green-tech incubator, has generated over 1,200 jobs and £600 million in follow-on funding.

The council has led innovative work which has supported the creation of several award-winning affordable workspace projects aligned with our priority growth sectors.



Three globally competitive priority growth clusters:

creative industries, health & life sciences and clean tech

A development pipeline of 7 million square feet of commercial space

Development ready

Lambeth has a robust development pipeline that includes commercial, housing, mixed-use projects and strategic infrastructure. Unlocking these projects could yield seven million square feet of commercial space and over 40,000 jobs. Major schemes like the Waterloo Station Masterplan and Vauxhall town centre developments are highlighted in the London Infrastructure Framework, and Waterloo is listed alongside our New Homes 6 programme as two named investible opportunities in Opportunity London's 24/25 prospectus. Despite budget constraints, strong partnerships with anchor institutions and investor interest allow Lambeth to continue delivering on development goals.

" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LAMBETH COUNCIL, WE'RE DELIVERING HOMES, WORKSPACES AND PUBLIC SPACES, CREATING HUNDREDS OF JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE, OVER 1,360 AFFORDABLE AND MARKET HOMES AND 2.5 ACRES OF BIODIVERSE LANDSCAPING."

Tom Pocock, Managing Director, Berkeley St Edward London, on the Oval Village development



3 million monthly visitors to the South Bank

Transport and tourism

The borough benefits from excellent connectivity through major transport nodes like Waterloo and Vauxhall, along with numerous tube, rail and bus links. Lambeth's South Bank, a major tourist draw, attracts over 3 million visitors each month, with nearly 200,000 extra visitors at night time each weekend. Clapham and Brixton are also recognised in the London Growth Plan as international visitor destinations.

Many of the green spaces in South Bank and Waterloo are owned and managed by charities and other local organisations. They're intensively used by visitors, residents, workers, and students. Helping people to connect with their local green space to gain the physical and mental health benefits of being outdoors is a priority, as is finding sustainable solutions to ongoing management and maintenance costs. Partners are committed to ambitious plans for Bernie Spain Gardens, Emma Cons Gardens, and the planned extension to Jubilee Gardens (pictured), which will provide an unprecedented area of new green space in Central London.





Studio Rambert, credit YCUK

Commercial hubs

Lambeth has a commercial landscape bolstered by high population density and key business districts in South Bank and Vauxhall, designated industrial sites in West Norwood, and much loved town centres including Streatham, Brixton and Clapham. With 1.7 million square feet of commercial space under construction and seven Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) supporting over 3,000 businesses, the borough enjoys a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem. As our strategic partners, BIDs play a crucial role in place-based initiatives in line with our shared vision for growth.



1.7 million square feet of commercial space under construction





Cultural heritage and diversity

Lambeth stands as a beacon of multiculturalism. We are home to the Windrush Generation, London's largest Portuguese-speaking community, a large and growing Latinx population, the largest LGBTQ+ population in London, the third largest Black/Black British community in the country and are a proud Borough of Sanctuary. Over 130 languages are spoken, with one-third of residents born outside the UK. This cultural richness underpins a vibrant visitor economy. Expanding the visitor and night time economy offers an important avenue for economic growth.



Highly diverse cultural offer





Entrepreneurship and skills

With around 13,000 enterprises, mainly SMEs, Lambeth's business community drives innovation in highgrowth sectors. The local workforce is highly skilled and we are one of the top 10 most educated boroughs in the country – with over half of adults holding a university degree. Lambeth

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also boasts strong educational assets, including top-performing schools, further education colleges, such as London South Bank Technical College and Morley College, and globally recognised institutions, such as King's College London and London South Bank University.



13,000 enterprises in Lambeth

OUR MISSIONS

We have four connected missions over the next 10 years



Commercial destinations, town centres and infrastructure



Lambeth is home to world class business destinations and thriving town centres, experiencing a 10% uplift in commercial workspace, and higher quality clean, green and connected places.

Growth sectors

We will stimulate investment in the creative

industries, health and life sciences, and clean tech, to generate 20,000 more jobs and a more accessible, innovative and modern economy.

Inclusive talent



We will invest in education and skills for 20,000 residents, supporting people into work, and halving the number of people without a qualification working with our strategic partners.

Housing and neighbourhoods

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We will enable 10,000 new homes in the next 10 years, securing as many genuinely affordable homes as we can, creating high quality, healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods for local communities. 22





COMMERCIAL DESTINATIONS, TOWN CENTRES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Rambert, credit YCUK



Credit Mickey Lee

Context

Government planning reforms are set to create a more enabling policy framework for economic growth. Alongside this, the upcoming review of the Lambeth Local Plan represents an important opportunity for stakeholders to help shape the future of the area and contribute to our plans to make our neighbourhoods more attractive to businesses and more inspiring for those who live in and visit them.

" LAMBETH'S 10-YEAR GROWTH PLAN SETS OUT A BOLD VISION FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH - ONE WE'RE READY TO DELIVER. WE'RE NOT HOLDING BACK DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PLANNING; WE'RE ACTIVELY ENABLING IT.

As a council, we pride ourselves on being a proactive, reliable partner, bringing forward high-quality, sustainable development. Our upcoming Local Plan review, aligned with the London Plan update, is a key opportunity to ensure our planning framework supports the right development in the right places, at the right time. Lambeth is open for business - and we're committed to shaping a thriving, inclusive future for all."

Ian Davis, Chief Executive, Lambeth Council

300,000 square feet of comercial space

Waterloo Station Masterplan has potential to deliver **10,000 jobs**





Major development and infrastructure projects

Two of Lambeth's major transport hubs, Waterloo and Vauxhall, both in the Central Activities Zone, are strategically important for London due to their links beyond the capital. Investing in these interchanges offers multiple economic growth opportunities. More efficient journey times will increase the number of skilled workers travelling to the borough and investment will unlock further sites for commercial and residential development.

The Waterloo Station Masterplan has the potential to deliver up to 10,000 jobs and 300,000 square feet of commercial space, including 88,000 square feet of affordable workspace to ensure that potential entrepreneurs are not priced out of the area. Our vision also sees the opportunity for hundreds of new trees, enhanced green spaces, and 40 new and improved walking and cycling routes, reducing reliance on vehicles.

The Bakerloo Line Upgrade and Extension, supported by nearly 80% of Lambeth residents, will extend through Waterloo and is expected to support the creation of 150,000 good jobs and the delivery of 107,000 new homes across its length, many of these around Waterloo.

At Vauxhall, redesigning the gyratory will not only improve connectivity to Nine Elms and The Oval cricket ground, but also enable two major developments, Vauxhall Island and Vauxhall Square, where over 250 new homes could be built. The Island Site offers potential for over 200,000 square feet of office space and up to 3,000 direct jobs.

Beyond the Central Activities Zone there are a number of development clusters within the borough. Brixton has a combination of large-scale redevelopment opportunities alongside public realm, cultural and community infrastructure improvements that complement its cultural diversity and Creative Enterprise Zone status. Further south in areas like West Norwood and Streatham, locally focused opportunities for infrastructure improvements and redevelopment respond to the needs of local people and businesses.

" THIS IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD IN COMBINING BOTH OUR RESOURCES AND ASSETS ACROSS WATERLOO AND SOUTH BANK.

We will work with neighbouring partners to deliver a regeneration plan that unlocks huge growth and investment opportunities across the borough, delivering the widest mix of uses and something very special for this important part of London for future generations to come."

Robin Dobson, Group Property Director, Network Rail, on the Waterloo Station Vision and Strategic Partnership agreement

ACTIONS

In the next year we will: Work with CO-RE and Mitsubishi Estates to maximise the benefits from the 72 Upper Ground redevelopment

- including nearly one million square feet of commercial space, new cultural space, affordable workspace and job opportunities.

Launch our Lambeth Local Plan review, paving the way for new policies which will shape future development in the borough.

Work with Network Rail, Places for London and other local stakeholders including the BFI, to guide the next phase of developing the Waterloo Station Vision.

Deliver upgraded and accessible green public space at Streatham Green.

Advocate for Government investment in the Vauxhall gyratory to unlock the transformation of the town centre redevelopment which can deliver over 200,000 square feet of office space and over 250 homes.

Advocate for Lambeth's strategic schemes to be included in the London Infrastructure Framework refresh and Opportunity London's investment prospectus.

Pilot the Waterloo Freight Hub with Cross River Partnership, trialling more sustainable and innovation solutions to urban logistics.

Work with London Square, our development partner for 49 Brixton Station Road and 6 Canterbury Crescent, to ensure the submitted planning application maximises the redevelopment benefits for Brixton town centre.

Support Network Rail to progress Brixton National Rail Station improvements which provide higher quality public transport provision, enhancing passenger safety, accessibility and strengthened connection between the town centre and station.

Over the next 10 years, we will: Relieve congestion along the A23 in Streatham, in partnership with TfL.

Enhance our street markets in Brixton, and enable shops, bars and restaurants more opportunities for outdoor trading.

Complete the 49 Brixton Station Road project alongside our partner London Square, creating approximately 240 homes and 30,000 square feet of commercial and affordable workspace alongside a package of infrastructure and public realm improvements.

Work with partners to maximise growth and local benefits within Vauxhall, including key sites such as Vauxhall Island, Vauxhall Square, and Citadel Place.

Explore opportunities to progress plans for Site 18 in West Norwood,

which provides significant opportunity for sustainable, mixed-use redevelopment to include new and affordable housing, flexible workspace and high street retail.

Enhance railway station connectivity, accessibility and safety alongside wider public realm enhancements in Brixton with the Department for Transport, Network Rail and TfL, and the wider business and residential community.

Expand and upgrade our electric vehicle network, creating an electric vehicle charging and delivery hub in the borough.



Case study: LAMBETH LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Lambeth's Local Plan provides a longterm plan for future development in Lambeth. It is an important document for the council and a key mechanism for delivering the priorities identified in Lambeth's Borough Plan.

The current Local Plan was adopted in 2021. A review of the Plan is due to start later in 2025. It will respond to the significant planning reforms taking place nationally and regionally – including the new London Plan which is currently being developed by the Mayor of London. Our new Local Plan will ensure Lambeth continues to have robust, effective and up-to-date policies which respond to changing circumstances and the borough's distinctive characteristics. Lambeth is ready to play its part in supporting London's continuing growth.

The Local Plan identifies how the borough will grow over a 15 year period. It plays a key role in delivering new and affordable homes (current annual target of 1,335 homes) and jobs through planning policies and site allocations across the borough. The Plan also has an important role in shaping how Lambeth's places look and feel and identifying the type of infrastructure required to support growth. It includes policies that ensure development is delivered in a way that is socially and economically inclusive, and environmentally sustainable. The plan is supported by a series of evidence base documents – including studies on housing capacity and need, employment land, retail need, open space, biodiversity, and viability, ensuring our policies are respond to locally specific issues and are rooted in the needs of our communities.

Developments guided by our Local Plan generate income for local communities – such as our £4 million Community Connections Fund. The fund supports local groups with big ideas to improve local places and make their communities better, fairer and safer. **30 million** visitors to Waterloo & South Bank every year



Case study: WATERLOO STATION VISION

Waterloo and South Bank plays a vital role in London's economy. It attracts 30 million visitors every year and hosts both major cultural attractions and leading educational and healthcare institutions.

At its heart is Waterloo Station, the gateway to the Central Activities Zone. The Waterloo Station Masterplan sets out a transformational vision to enhance the experience at Waterloo Station – one of the country's busiest transport hubs. The masterplan work sets the vision for a world class station and enabling development that will maximise underutilised assets to fund improvements across Waterloo.

The visioning work to date identifies exciting opportunities for new commercial and station retail space, new public space around the station edges and an expanded station concourse, and up to 10,000 potential direct jobs. This regeneration will benefit 100 million passengers each year and make Waterloo and South Bank one of London's healthiest, most sustainable, diverse and successful neighbourhoods with an integrated world-class transport hub at its centre. The next phase of work will build on the current vision and continue engagement with stakeholders and the local community for transformational change to the station and local area.





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Placemaking and the visitor economy

Waterloo and South Bank, Clapham and Brixton are named as internationally significant visitor destinations in the London Growth Plan and the South Bank is also recognised as a creative cluster with global impact. Lambeth's contribution to London's global status is clear.

Since the visitor economy can help to regenerate local areas and sustain vibrant places, it is vital that the public realm in our commercial centres meet the standards deserving of our internationally recognised places and town centres.

Our Low Line vision, which will transform the nearly 300 railway arches spanning Lambeth Road in Waterloo through to Vauxhall, Nine Elms and Battersea, will revitalise the public realm alongside the railway, creating new space for culture, community and wider economic opportunities.

Lambeth also has some of the best night time economies in London. Our Night Time Strategy sets out how we will improve the quality of our cultural destinations and borough-wide night time offer, and improve our regulatory systems to encourage night time and visitor activity in our borough's spaces and venues. Elsewhere, we will use High Street Rental Auctions to reduce vacant units and, with our partners, will act to catalyse the vibrancy of our public spaces.

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ACTIONS

In the next year we will:

Collaborate with London Square and community partners to secure a new operator for Streatham Space Project and drive footfall through high-quality cultural provision.

Complete public realm improvements to Concert Hall Approach and Belvedere Road within the South Bank Spine Route to ensure Lambeth's public realm meets the needs of its international attractions.

Celebrate and support Lambeth's Portuguese-speaking communities through improved wayfinding and the creation of a gateway to Little Portugal.

Support 13 local organisations in the completion of local projects in Brixton, North Lambeth, Stockwell and Waterloo, through round one of the Community Connections Fund and commence 30 round two projects.

Use Licensing and Planning powers to support the role of night time and cultural venues within the visitor economy. Activate the Waterloo Undercrofts with Vinegar Yard, and improve wayfinding interventions within South Bank and Waterloo to upgrade placemaking and the integration of the public realm with major cultural anchors.

Use High Street Rental Auction powers to address long term vacancies within town centres, high streets and smaller parades to support more economic activity.

Produce the Low Line Wayfinding Strategy to support the economic, cultural and community-based opportunities along the route of the railway viaduct through creative lighting, artwork, greening and media.

Support Brixton's street markets to thrive through the inclusion of street market infrastructure in planning application for 49 Brixton Station Road and 6 Canterbury Crescent.

Publish a Brixton Public Realm and Community Infrastructure Framework to guide and drive public realm investment in the heart of Brixton town centre.

Over the next 10 years we will:

Complete wider South Bank Spine Route delivery so that the area remains a major destination for visitors to London.

Work with **Streatham BID and partners to achieve Streatham's vision** to create a better business environment for the 500 enterprises in the area. We will utilise the upcoming Local Plan opportunities and our economic development strategies to attract innovative ventures to the area, celebrate Streatham's rich heritage and enhance the high street's appeal.

Make transformational placemaking improvements which attract investment to the Low Line and support the economy of the 300 railway arches between Waterloo and Vauxhall, Nine Elms and Battersea.

Partner with the Kia Oval and Surrey County Cricket to increase visitors to the borough through international cricket fixtures, hosting the ICC Women's 2026 World Cup **Revitalise Brixton's street markets and public realm**, generating greater footfall and spend for traders and the town centre.

Attract anchor creative businesses to Brixton through the use of our Future Workspace Fund and our Creative Enterprise Zone accreditation

Work with our cultural sector to campaign for long term investment and refurbishment for our most important venues.

Collaborate with London and Partners on its Tourism Vision 2030, ensuring that Lambeth benefits from the 32 million visitors in London each year.

Continue to channel proceeds of growth to the voluntary and community sector through Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Connections Fund.



Case study: SOUTH BANK SPINE ROUTE



The South Bank Spine route is a public realm project that runs from Belvedere Road, past Upper Ground through to Bernie Spain Gardens.

We are reimagining the route to deliver a distinctive greener promenade that enlivens the public realm and creates a worthy setting for our world-famous cultural institutions. The route is an important way to encourage future footfall and investment to the area, and future phases will result in new paving, enhanced greenery and new trees, as well as pedestrian prioritisation measures. New major development schemes help to make these improvements possible. For example, one of the new buildings along the route – 72 Upper Ground, generates £9 million of 'Community Infrastructure Levy' income.



Future-fit places

Guided by the science, our ambitious climate programme promotes action now and we have made considerable progress since declaring a climate emergency in 2019.

We are reducing greenhouse gas emissions, retrofitting buildings for energy efficiency, and reducing traffic through our Healthy Neighbourhoods programme, which promotes walking, cycling and public transport. We are also taking measures to reduce traffic and manage freight in Waterloo and Brixton. Our award-winning Kerbside Strategy is making our streets more peopleand climate-friendly, with further green spaces, community gardens and outdoor seating. We are also improving flood prevention through the Sustainable Drainage System programme.

Our climate programme also helps to attract international investment. Increasingly, green, sustainable places are a key influencer in determining where developers and major businesses choose to invest.



Streets reimagined at Kennington Oval

ACTIONS

In the next year we will:

Reimagine the borough's streets through transport programmes including **Healthy Neighbourhoods**, **Streets Reimagined**, **Kerbside and The Big Shift**, to create spaces for local communities and to support local businesses, for example in locations such as Elm Park Parade, Tulse Hill and Voltaire Road, Clapham.

Deliver the Electric Vehicle Strategy, expanding our owned and operated

model, prioritising fast, rapid charging points, and exploring the delivery of charging hubs. Over 20 rapid charge points are being installed across the borough.

Develop a Freight and Servicing Strategy to reduce associated impacts and use road space more effectively, and test innovative solutions to make freight more efficient through a smart loading bay trial and plans for a freight hub in Waterloo.

Initiate phase two of a local area

energy plan, identifying priority cross-boundary energy infrastructure projects and assessing the commercial, infrastructure and policy elements needed to advance investment.

Advance our South Bank & Waterloo District Heat Network plan, which has the potential to radically reduce the cost of decarbonisation through collaboration and use of the Thames as a new power source, and encourage rollout of similar green infrastructure projects through our partners.

Produce a heat network masterplan to support the implementation of affordable and sustainable heat network development.

Develop an Adaptation and Climate Resilience Strategy to minimise climate risks from infrastructure development. Establish Healthy Routes for Cycling and Healthy Main Roads to support our communities to live healthy and happy lives.

Over the next 10 years we will:

Identify suitable areas for renewable and low carbon energy sources across Lambeth, and supporting infrastructure, where this would help secure their development.

Develop local retrofit and heat decarbonisation capacity, ensuring local businesses are able to benefit from retrofit and decarbonisation.

Use the review of the Local Plan to align with the London Energy Transformation Initiative targets to reduce energy demand from buildings. Embed high standards to reduce carbon use in new developments, including prioritising the **re-use of materials and/or the use of low carbon materials.**

Upgrade utilities and infrastructure in the borough to enable 100% renewable and zero carbon sources for our energy.



Lower carbon emissions by up to **95%**

Case study: SOUTH BANK WATERLOO HEAT NETWORKS

We have commissioned a governmentfunded feasibility study on heat network development, to explore the potential to use the Thames and sources of secondary heat to reduce the high levels of energy use for heating in the South Bank and Waterloo. Establishing a heat network in South Bank and Waterloo may cost £150 million, but this is less than half the cost of individual building solutions to low carbon heating, and would have significantly lower running costs than installing heat pumps in each building. A heat network would greatly reduce local air pollution released by gas boilers, and could lower carbon emissions by up to 95%. Once built, it will represent a long-term sustainable energy source, and could open up the area to even lower-cost energy that could be piped into Lambeth from major waste heat sources over the next decade. The pilot study will also inform planning for potential heat network development outside this area.

Credit Mickey Lee

" THE CLAPHAM PARK DISTRICT HEATING NETWORK, AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S GREEN HEAT NETWORK FUND (GHNF), WILL EXPAND FROM 569 HOMES, TO A FURTHER 3,347 HOMES AND 16 COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS.

Three megawatts of high-efficiency air source heat pumps will decarbonise the network, alongside thermal storage and resilience capacity. With expected savings of over 385,000 tonnes of CO2, these networks will help create vibrant, future-proofed communities, modernising urban areas for resilience, sustainability and future regulations."

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GROWTH SECTORS

Mission Statement: We will stimulate investment in the creative industries, health and life sciences, and clean tech, to generate 20,000 more jobs and a more accessible, innovative and modern economy.


Context

Lambeth's established growth sectors - creative industries, health and life sciences, and clean tech - are all priority sectors in the Government's National Industrial Strategy. Lambeth has pioneered innovative approaches to supporting our growth sectors which are increasingly replicated elsewhere. We enable new, affordable growth sector spaces through our Local Plan's affordable workspace policy and our flagship capital programme; the Future Workspace Fund. Our economic inclusion programmes partner with employers in each sector to make these more productive jobs more accessible to our residents and young people. We tailor business support to these sectors, reflecting the needs

of businesses, and nurture a business community in collaboration with our partnerships like the Lambeth Strategic Partnership, our Business Improvement Districts and business forums.

Major successes to date include:

- The South Bank and Waterloo arts cluster, which generates over £500 million annually.
- SC1 London, run in collaboration with NHS trusts, King's Health Partners, King's College London (King's) and others
- Sustainable Ventures, Europe's largest green technology incubator, which has generated over 1,200 jobs and £600 million in follow-on funding.

 Our Skills and Employment system, including the South Bank Technical College, Lambeth Made and ELEVATE initiatives, have enabled thousands of residents, particularly young people, to benefit from growth.



31,700 jobs in the creative sector

2,000 creative businesses



Old Vic Backstage building, under construction

Creative Industries

Lambeth is a dynamic creative centre, from the world-class institutions of the South Bank to creative hubs in Brixton, Vauxhall and Clapham, the borough is rich in cultural assets and talent. Over 31,700 adults in Lambeth work in the creative sector - 17% of the borough's workforce - more than double the national average. There are 13,200 creative jobs based locally and more than 2,000 creative businesses spanning theatre, film, visual arts, digital media, and design. Since launching our landmark strategy Creative Ways to Grow in 2018, Lambeth Council has helped secure over £50 million in funding for the sector, supported major capital projects, and created opportunities for over 5,000 young people to explore careers in the creative industries.

Lambeth now attracts more Arts Council England National Portfolio (NPO) funding than any other London borough. With 27 NPOs receiving over £133 million between 2023–26, we account for 30% of London's total and 10% of the UK's.

Lambeth's diverse communities, cultural infrastructure and global reputation give the borough a competitive edge. Our 2025 Creative Economy and Night Time Strategies will ensure Lambeth's creative industries are more interconnected, equitable and inclusive, increasing resilience and sustainability through more affordable workspaces and good jobs.

" THE OLD VIC IS ABOUT TO OPEN ITS NEW BACKSTAGE BUILDING THIS AUTUMN. THIS AMBITIOUS PROJECT – A SIX-STOREY EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY HUB - HAS BENEFITED FROM A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FUTURE WORKSPACE FUND.

We are incredibly grateful to Lambeth Council for supporting the theatre in realising its long-held ambition to create much needed space for creatives and freelancers to work within our building, and to create a civic space for the community."

Laura Stevenson, Executive Director, The Old Vic

ACTIONS

In the next year we will: Open The Old Vic Backstage, delivering nearly 9,000 square feet of cultural space and a Clore Learning Studio to support local people through our Future Workspace Fund

Amplify the Southbank Centre's celebration of the **Festival of Britain's 75th anniversary,** supporting engagement across Lambeth schools and communities

Improve the accessibility and inclusivity of our cultural venues through innovative programmes like Re:Purpose.

Provide targeted support in business planning, governance and financial management to help organisations become investment ready. Name our Night Time Champion within the Council to deliver innovative solutions to support night time and cultural businesses.

Deliver practical support around licensing and planning and tailored business support for night time venues to diversify their business model in a changing consumer landscape.

Continue our trailblazing ELEVATE and Next:Us programmes which provide skills and employment opportunities in the creative sector. Over the next 10 years, we will: Support Mitsubishi Estates to open a new flagship cultural facility – The London Studios at 72 Upper Ground, providing a major new space for arts on the South Bank.

Develop and pilot Lambeth's Cultural Passport to connect children and young people to creative opportunities across the borough.

Continue to support creative industry growth within the Brixton Creative Enterprise Zone, in partnership with the GLA.

Introduce a Culture Supplementary Planning Document through the new Local Plan to safeguard and grow cultural infrastructure in the borough.



Case study: THE LONDON STUDIOS AT 72 UPPER GROUND

Mitsubishi Estate is investing £700 million to redevelop 72 Upper Ground, one of central London's largest new buildings. At the development's heart is The London Studios, a 40,000 square foot centre for culture, providing support for grassroots creatives and independent cultural producers. This hub will nurture local talent by providing affordable studios to the next generation of Lambeth's talent. The site will be a hub for creative employment and increase diversity on the South Bank, giving underrepresented groups a platform to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with world-renowned established cultural venues and exposure to international audiences.





students trained





No.1 globally for mental health research

Health and Life Sciences

Health and Life Sciences is a growing sector in Lambeth with the potential for thousands of new jobs through planned developments. To seize this opportunity for growth, Lambeth and Southwark have founded the SC1 London Partnership, alongside our founding partners Kings College London, Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust and Kings Health Partners. Kings Health Partners is one of five UK Academic Health Sciences Centres alongside Imperial, UCL, Oxford and Cambridge.

SC1 London is home to world leading research, innovation, and health care, including the largest clinical educator

in Europe – training 10,000 students per annum, over 600 clinical trials running at any one time, being ranked number 1 globally for mental health research and 2nd in global rankings for Florence Nightingale Nursing and Midwifery training. The Health Innovation Network (The HIN), based in Beckett House on the Royal Street site, which drives forward Innovation throughout the NHS, including DigitalHealth.London-one of Europe's top 100 leading start-up hubs. The hub connects NHS staff, digital health companies and academics, providing bespoke programmes to improve the NHS and social care in London through digital technology.

The London Institute for Healthcare Engineering (LIHE) brings together pioneering spinouts, SMEs and multinational partners to advance new medical technologies and reduce the time it takes to bring life-saving innovations to patients.

ACTIONS

In the next year we will: Promote SC1 London as a global destination for health and life sciences innovation during London Life Sciences Week.

Increase access to life sciences skills and opportunities for residents through the Skills and Employment Action Plan and our successful Health and Life Sciences community innovation fund

Over the next 10 years we will:

Work with the Guy's & St Thomas' Foundation (GSTT) to enable the Royal Street site and create London's largest life sciences-focused scheme. **Extend Block 9 at St Thomas' Hospital** to unlock up to 60,000 square feet of commercial space.

Grow a med tech incubator space on the St Thomas' campus in partnership with King's College London, GSTT and Pioneer Group.

Jointly lobby to address regulatory barriers to growth and enable NHS Trusts to invest in new clinical facilities that expand healthcare campuses in the borough.

Increase life sciences careers pathways for our residents by commissioning projects like the Health and Life Sciences Innovation Fund.

"WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THE LAMBETH GROWTH PLAN'S 10-YEAR COMMITMENT TO WORKING ALONGSIDE THE FOUNDATION TO CREATE A MAJOR LIFE-SCIENCE HUB AT ROYAL STREET.

Royal Street will be a life-sciences knowledge-based cluster of international significance. The site is part of our shared wider ambition for SC1, that places health equity at its heart. The Lambeth Growth Plan will be crucial in realising these plans - demonstrating what partnership and collaboration across world leading institutions, local government and communities can do when they work together. These plans will bring the best and brightest innovators into Lambeth to create a thriving life sciences ecosystem at the cutting edge of healthcare, creating inclusive growth as well as good quality jobs and homes for local people, while driving groundbreaking research to improve health outcomes for all."

Laurie Lee, Chief Executive, Guy's & St Thomas' Foundation



Health innovation network across 12 South London boroughs

Case study: MINDSET EXTENDED REALITY (XR) FOR DIGITAL MENTAL HEALTH



Funded by Innovate UK, the Health Innovation Network across 12 South London boroughs including Lambeth, aims to grow the UK's nascent immersive digital mental health sector.

Its Mindset programme invests in immersive digital mental health therapeutics and supports these innovations to market, with the aim of enabling people with mental health needs to be treated more quickly. XR includes augmented, mixed or virtual reality, as well as the software and platforms that enable these. In addition to grant funding, Mindset provides thought leadership through a specialist centre of excellence, an investor partnerships scheme and an alliance with formal mental healthcare providers so that creative technology innovators have a better chance of success.

Lambeth's Health and Life Sciences Community Innovation Fund event



Sustainable Ventures, County Hall, credit Luke MacGregor

Over 7,000

people employed in the green economy



Clean Tech

The UK net zero economy isn't just about striving for lower emissions – it's a fast growing, innovative sector that's creating jobs and boosting productivity. In the past year, clean tech and green economy businesses in the UK attracted some £23 billion of investment funding. Over 7,000 people are employed in the green economy in Lambeth. And we are proud to have supported the creation of Europe's largest cluster of climate tech businesses at Sustainable Ventures.

Our Green Economy Strategy sets out how we will support this sector. Since the majority of green economy businesses are micro-enterprises, affordable workspace and funding are top priorities, particularly since entrepreneurs from Black, Asian and other ethnic minority backgrounds face lower success rates in securing investment. There is also a huge opportunity for green skills development as we work towards our net zero targets: 3,000 people would need to be employed full-time on retrofit in Lambeth to reach net zero in our buildings by 2030. Again, we are building from strong foundations, with the South Bank Technical College being one of the leading providers of green skills training in London, and set to expand.

ACTIONS

In the next year we will:

Sponsor a series of Innovation Challenges, including the council's own procurement and commercial contracts, to stimulate the success of green economy businesses and solve net-zero challenges.

Co-deliver Places for London and the Skills Centre's new Retrofit Skills Centre in Lambeth – building on the London South Bank University's Green Skills Hub, retrofit research leadership, and Southbank Technical College's low carbon heating and energy provision, to

carbon heating and energy provision, to make us the largest green construction skills borough in London

Advocate for London and the wider climate tech economy being recognised in the National Industrial Strategy to ensure forthcoming policy adequately recognises and enables our local sub-sectors. Grow the Lambeth Climate Partnership to foster greater collaboration, unlock more finance and operational support for participating businesses.

Deliver an anaerobic digester at the LJ Works affordable workspace in Loughborough Junction to provide renewable energy for on-site building use and support circular economy and jobs and training.

Invest in support programmes to help businesses to adopt more circular business models, sustainable equipment and fit out, and in turn, benefit from cost savings and efficiencies.

Over the next 10 years, we will: Expand the provision of green economy focused workspace across the borough to seed innovation and provide grow-on space including through the Future Workspace Fund Promote the borough's Key Industrial Business Areas, such as in West Norwood, for green economy uses to support our climate-tech innovators.

Ensure innovation in green construction and retrofit opportunities supports the development of local supply chains and facilitates access to jobs and skills opportunities in the net zero economy.

Leverage employer partnerships to develop sector-led local skills infrastructure that supports achievement of our net zero ambitions, such as London South Bank University's Green Skills Hub.

Direct business support to organisations with ambitious net zero strategies and grow our circular economy by reducing and repurposing waste and materials ensuring our businesses are leaders in the net zero transition.

" THE FUTURE WORKSPACE FUND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING SUSTAINABLE VENTURES' LONDON HQ WITHIN THE ICONIC COUNTY HALL.

Now home to over 150 organisations working on climate tech solutions, this space is at the epicentre of London's green economy, creating green jobs and driving innovation. Through our workspace, investment, and business support, we significantly increase the growth opportunities for these startups. As a result, our ecosystem brings more investment and job opportunities to Lambeth and the wider capital, whilst driving forward the net-zero transition.

The climate tech community we have created here in County Hall would not exist without the ongoing support from Lambeth Council. Our ongoing partnership is a brilliant example of sustainability as a driver for local economic prosperity."

Andrew Wordsworth, Co-Founder & CEO, Sustainable Ventures



Over £10 million saved



Case study: INNOVATION CHALLENGE

The Innovation Challenge, developed by Lambeth Council and Sustainable Ventures, connects some of the borough's large employers with climate tech innovators to solve net-zero challenges.

The BFI worked with Incube to use people counters and CO2 sensors to manage air conditioning fans, while Kia Oval worked with Voltsmart to install a smart distribution board to secure energy efficiency gains by running equipment at optimal voltages. Voltsmart are now working with Studio Voltaire where efficiencies could allow consumers in 100,000 electric fuelled two- and three-bed homes collectively to save over £10 million. Having created 12 partnerships in Lambeth, the Innovation Challenge has now grown into a city-wide programme, creating 10 further partnerships across London so far.







INCLUSIVE TALENT

Mission Statement: We will invest in education and skills for 20,000 residents, supporting people into work, and halving the number of people without a qualification working with our strategic partners.

Lambeth Made Dragon's Den event



Context

Creating skills and employment opportunities for all communities in Lambeth is at the heart of our mission for inclusive growth, regardless of their circumstance, qualification level or career experience. This aligns with the Government's Get Britain Working agenda, aiming to empower young people through the Youth Guarantee, and supporting economically inactive people to enter employment and high value careers in growth sectors through inclusive talent pathways.

The council engages thousands of residents each year through employment, skills and advice services offering support at all levels. We focus our support on residents with the most significant challenges - residents with disabilities, health conditions, Black, Asian, and Multi Ethnic as well as older and younger residents with particular needs.

Critically, we also support the financial resilience of residents through debt, welfare benefits and legal advice representing a critical element of support for many local people. Our Adult and Community Learning service offers the foundational skills required to access the labour market, such as English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL), literacy, numeracy and preemployment support.

But Lambeth is part of a much bigger system of support. Our work is undertaken in partnership with local businesses and growth sector employers, anchor institutions and voluntary and community sector organisations through our Skills and Employment Board. Lambeth's businesses have committed to helping residents access opportunities, and we will continue to work with them to enable local communities to benefit from growth. We will promote the benefits of good work for businesses and for residents, particularly through encouraging payment of the London Living Wage.



A creative and ambitious programme of skills

Working hand in hand with the Skills and Employment system

A creative and ambitious programme of skills and employment delivery sits at the heart of our mission for growth in the borough.

We will build on successful initiatives like our Next-Us Creative Employment programme, the Health and Life Sciences Innovation Fund and our Net-Zero skills and employment activity, working in partnership with colleges, learning providers and employers to prepare residents for high growth jobs. Our approach will be driven by the barriers residents face to accessing careers in high growth sectors – by increasing community capital and awareness of growth sector opportunities, careers advice and skills support, and clearly accessible employment and training pathways.

"THE LAMBETH GROWTH PLAN OFFERS A POWERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE INCLUSIVE GROWTH ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES, AND LSBU GROUP IS PROUD TO BE AT THE HEART OF THIS TRANSFORMATION.

Through our Green Skills Hub and close partnership with Lambeth Council, we're equipping local residents with the skills needed for a thriving, sustainable future - with 50% of participants coming from underrepresented groups including women, global majority Londoners, unemployed Londoners, and deaf and disabled people."

Fiona Morey, Executive Principal, South Bank Colleges

ACTIONS

In the next year we will: Partner with employers and anchor institutions to ensure that support offers are shaped by employers.

Create pathways into growth sectors with programmes that provide residents with the opportunity to find out about jobs and careers capitalising on the achievements of previous programmes including ELEVATE and Next-Us, the Health and Life Sciences Innovation Fund, and the Net-Zero Contractors Challenge and work of the LSBU Green Skill Hub – continuing to innovate and develop our approaches. Integrate and align employment support with other services, both internal and external to the council, such as adult & children's social care, housing support and debt advice, wherever most beneficial.

Over the next 10 years, we will:

Advocate at regional and national level for local needs for employment in growth sectors.

Address specific labour market demand in retrofit and green construction, recognising the importance of this skills need for achieving an inclusive economy and reaching our net-zero goals.

ELEVATE.

Lambeth's ELEVATE cohort meets at the Boury Academy

Empower Lambeth grassroots

organisations to engage residents most marginalised from the labour market to access opportunities created through growth.

Harness the power, influence and sector knowledge of the Skills and Employment Board to optimise employer investment and strengthen innovative career pathways.

Case study: SC1 LONDON ACTION PLANNING AND INNOVATION FUND

The SC1 London Action Plan is designed to foster inclusive growth in the health and life sciences sector.

Lambeth established a Health and Life Sciences Community Innovation Fund to support four projects engaging schools, offering work experience and hosting community workshops.

In one innovative project, King's College London's London Institute for Healthcare Engineering (LIHE), a global leader in medical device development, partnered with grassroots community organisation WeRise to give students and young people from underserved communities direct access to explore life sciences careers.

Participants created videos and social media content to engage young people more widely, allowing young people to connect with the sector through relatable, peer-created content.



Lambeth's Health and Life Sciences Community Innovation Fund

" BEFORE THIS PROJECT WITH WE RISE, I WASN'T IN HIGHER EDUCATION OR WORK.

I not only discovered the vast career opportunities in life sciences – beyond just medicine and research – but also gained the confidence to take my own steps forward. After the project, I followed through on one of my next steps: earning my phlebotomy licence. I'm actively seeking opportunities in healthcare – something that once felt impossible."

Jessica, WeRise/My Life SC1ence participant

Good work and financial resilience

Inclusive and sustainable economic growth means that everyone should be able to share its benefits, with recruitment practices giving all residents the chance to contribute to a thriving local economy. Increasing skills and job opportunities should lead to long-term improvements in financial resilience. The Tackling Poverty Action Plan identifies interventions that address and prevent poverty on an individual level.





London Living Wage Employers

ACTIONS

In the next year we will: Continue to provide advice agency support to over 8,000 residents.

Work with employers to make Lambeth a Living Wage Place.

Work with the GLA and national government on Adult and Community Learning so that no resident is left behind.

Address inequality through the Tackling Poverty Action Plan and build the financial resilience of residents who are most at risk of poverty with the safety and stability they need. Over the next 10 years, we will: Increase employer investment and harness development opportunities in a sector- and industry-led skills system to help residents progress into good quality, sustainable employment.

Collaborate with employers to build an economy of good work, recognising that what good work means is specific to different individuals and groups. 56

Inclusive

opportunities at all levels





Project SEARCH assessment day

Inclusive pathways to employment

We will continue to facilitate employer investment in local talent, with intentional and meaningful approaches to inclusive growth, making Lambeth a centre of excellence for good work and fair pay by:

- Working alongside employers to create inclusive opportunities at all levels, including careers inspiration, work experience, jobs, paid internships, apprenticeships and supported employment.
- Using our role as an anchor institution to support supply chain development activity, building the capacity of small businesses and social enterprises to ensure growth benefits the whole community.

 Connecting residents, particularly those who are economically inactive with complex needs, with appropriate support and opportunities through a range of engagement methods, including digital communications and community-based services.

" AS SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN LAMBETH FACING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, I NEVER IMAGINED THAT ONE DAY I'D BE LEADING A BOROUGH-COMMISSIONED PROGRAMME SUPPORTING OTHERS LIKE ME.

Find Your Feet CIC began as a community response – now, it's a trusted delivery partner for Lambeth, the GLA, and beyond. It's a full-circle moment: from a young resident searching for opportunities, to helping hundreds access them through creative training, employment pathways, and belief. Lambeth believed in me - and now I get to pass that on."

Emmanuel Balogun, Find Your Feet CIC

ACTIONS

In the next year we will: Publish Lambeth's Inclusive Talent Strategy, providing the foundation to ensure that growth is inclusive and benefits all our residents.

Increase support for residents who face **barriers to employment**, **particularly economically inactive residents**, including through supported internships and the Connect to Work programme.

Build our Youth Guarantee for 16-25 year-olds, particularly for young people who face barriers to employment such as care-experienced young people and those with Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs), through programmes including the Full Potential Youth Trailblazer. Over the next 10 years, we will: Optimise the new Growth and Skills Levy by working with employers to invest in apprenticeships and training opportunities for residents at all stages of education.

Lead Lambeth's Skills and Employment system to deliver support that meets the changing needs of our residents, particularly people who are economically inactive and young people with EHCPs.

Support over 1,500 economically inactive residents to gain employment through Connect to Work







Case study: **ELEVATE**

The trailblazing ELEVATE programme improves underrepresented young people's access to the creative and cultural industries. Through strong partnerships with creative businesses – from the major arts organisations on the South Bank to grassroots organisations – it offers a range of initiatives to integrate creativity into the curriculum and expose young people to careers in the sector. Internship and work experience placements paid at the London Living Wage give young people real-world industry exposure without financial barriers.

Recognising the sector's lack of diversity, the programme offers targeted opportunities for leaders from Black, Asian and Multi-Ethnic and LGBTQIA+ communities, deaf, disabled and neurodiverse groups, those from low-income backgrounds, and womenled initiatives. Over the past five years, ELEVATE has reached over 5,000 children and young people, 80% of Lambeth schools, and over 70 partner organisations. We've embedded youth leadership and creative opportunity across the borough. The success of the ELEVATE programme provides us with a template for creating access to our other growth sectors.

Lambeth's ELEVATE programme

" MY JOURNEY WITH ELEVATE HAS BEEN TRANSFORMATIVE. ELEVATE HAS OPENED DOORS FOR ME IN LAMBETH, PROVIDING ME WITH THE TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES NEEDED TO SUCCEED IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES.

The support and mentorship I received as an ELEVATOR were pivotal in my development, helping me transition from a participant to a leader who now has the privilege of guiding others.""

Naz, Alumni Elevator



Case study: 198 CONTEMPORARY ARTS AND LEARNING AND PHOTOFUSION

198 Contemporary Arts and Learning and Photofusion, based respectively in Herne Hill and Brixton, exemplify how Adult and Community Learning can unlock potential and move people towards participating in good work. They are committed to diversity in the arts, providing young people, under-represented adults and people managing mental ill health difficulties with the opportunity to appreciate arts, develop their work and find employment in the creative industries.

Lambeth Adult and Community Learning commissioned the consortium to deliver a highly successful Step Up programme focussing on video, art and design and photography, including targeted opportunities for learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and people from the LGBTQIA+ community. Of the 99 people who took part, 72 were women, 55 were from Black, Asian or Multi-Ethnic backgrounds and 42 had a learning difficulty or disability/SEND.





198 Contemporary Arts and Learning opening exhibition





Aerial view of Denby Court - part of the New Homes 6 (NH6) development portfolio

DEVELOP HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

Mission Statement: We will enable 10,000 new homes in the next 10 years, securing as many genuinely affordable homes as we can, creating high quality, healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods for local communities.



Context

Lambeth is one of London's most densely populated boroughs, with a growing population projected to exceed 350,000 in the coming years. Demand for affordable housing is unprecedented, and housing affordability remains a critical issue as house prices have outpaced wage growth.

Key workers – such as teachers and social workers – struggle to afford housing in the borough and employers have highlighted that the lack of affordable housing as a major barrier to job creation. Many young people are unable to remain in the borough, contributing to demographic shifts and workforce shortages. The intrinsic link between economic growth and housing costs is evident. Research commissioned by London Councils found that increasing housing costs by just 1% reduces productivity; conversely, reducing housing costs by just 1% across London could bring £7.3 billion in benefits over 10 years.

We share the Government's determination to address the housing crisis, and the Government has recently announced a major increase in affordable housing investment. Aligned with the London Plan target of delivering 1,335 homes a year, we have a pipeline of 10,000 homes with planning permission. Maximising the number of affordable homes through the planning system, and securing affordable housing subsidy from Government will be critical to our success.

Our ambitious New Homes Programme aims to deliver 40% of all housing created on council land at affordable levels. Our portfolio of over 20 sites on Council- owned land – with a Gross Development Value of almost £1 billion – demonstrates the significant potential to unlock housing and catalyse economic growth. We welcome partnerships with Registered Providers (for and not for profit) to deliver high quality, affordable homes supported by sustainable construction, conversions and retrofit.

CGI Proposed Somerleyton Road



500 new homes completed



Creating new homes on council land

Lambeth has made significant strides in delivering new affordable homes despite a challenging economic and regulatory landscape. Since 2017, we have completed 500 new homes on land owned by the council. With the completion and commencement of multiple schemes, funding and partnerships secured, and enhanced resident engagement, we have a strong foundation for the next stage of our delivery.

Opportunities like the New Homes 6 portfolio bring a rare opportunity to unlock sites and accelerate the delivery of high quality, sustainable homes. The revitalisation of Somerleyton Road will create a dynamic new neighbourhood featuring open spaces, retail opportunities and a community gym, ensuring lasting socio-economic benefits for Brixton and beyond. We will also invest in community programmes to improve physical and mental health outcomes.

We are committed to making the best use of our existing land assets to deliver much needed affordable housing. We recognise that we must adopt a strategic and adaptable approach, leverage innovative funding models, optimise land use and strengthen partnerships to sustain momentum.

ACTIONS

In the next year we will:

Establish a strong housing pipeline of affordable homes, helping the UK Government deliver its target of 1.5 million new homes (88,000 homes each year in London) and addressing housing need creatively, for example unlocking small sites, former education sites and even car parks for residential housing.

Commence the review of the Lambeth Local Plan to identify opportunities that facilitate delivery of additional housing, including affordable housing, to meet a diverse range of local housing needs.

Deliver Fenwick Place and Fenwick South to offer 73 new homes for social rent in the Clapham North area.

Appoint a developer partner to deliver the New Homes 6 portfolio of up to 450 homes, including 119 homes for social rent, within some of the council's most attractive development-ready sites. Continue to engage with residents to shape our programme of affordable housing and secure a range of social value benefits through the estate renewal process.

Secure a community-minded development partner for the renewal of Westbury Estate, progressing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a thriving, inclusive neighbourhood that sets a new benchmark for estate renewal.

Enter into a Development Agreement to unlock the Leigham Court Road scheme, working with Pocket Living to bring more than 90 high quality, well designed homes to Streatham Hill, including 14 much-needed social rent homes.

Progress the design and planning of 49 Brixton Station Road and 6 Canterbury Crescent with London Square to deliver at least 240 homes alongside wider town centre facilities and community benefits. Progress the planning and start of delivery of Somerleyton Road phase two with Higgins, to create a dynamic new neighbourhood featuring open spaces, retail opportunities and a stateof-the-art community gym, ensuring lasting socio-economic benefits for Brixton and beyond.

Deliver a new use for the Former Charles Brooke School by appointing a development partner.

Secure the delivery route for the renewal of South Lambeth Estate through a review of the scheme to explore opportunities for increased housing capacity and enhanced green infrastructure.

In the next 10 years we will:

Establish a wider programme of estate renewal focused on some of our oldest housing estates, working with our residents to prioritise community focused placemaking and the development of high-quality new homes and public spaces improvements. Renew Westbury Estate, working with our residents and chosen development partner to deliver more than 700 homes, helping to tackle the housing crisis, support mixed communities, and improve quality of life for current and future residents.

Renew South Lambeth Estate to create a thriving, future-proofed neighbourhood with strong community engagement and long-term social value.

Regenerate Somerleyton Road with Higgins, delivering over 350 high quality new homes, over half of which will be affordable, in a landmark development that will redefine the area.

Complete 49 Brixton Station Road,

providing 258 (40% affordable) new homes in the centre of Brixton and a vibrant, inclusive community hub – enhancing street market facilities, revitalising public spaces and creating dynamic workspaces to facilitate growth.

63 extra care homes





Somerleyton Road is a residentialled development in central Brixton. We are working with Higgins to progress through design, planning and construction.

Case study:

Through this partnership we will create a lively new neighbourhood in the heart of Brixton, featuring over 350 new homes, with approximately half being affordable housing. The scheme will also include around 63 extra care homes, providing essential support for residents with additional needs. These new homes will sit amongst beautifully designed public spaces, including Somerleyton Gardens, a brand-new community gym and retail spaces designed to serve and support the local community.

SOMERLÉYTON ROAD PHASE TWO

Construction is set to start in March 2026. This project marks a significant step towards a more inclusive and connected Brixton – one that prioritises quality homes, public spaces and opportunities for local residents.



Over 1,000 affordable homes were built across Lambeth

Enabling new homes throughout the borough

Not all housing can come forward on Lambeth-owned land, and to meet our housing targets within the London Plan – we will work proactively with the private sector, other public sector organisations and Registered Providers to accelerate the delivery of affordable homes. In response to challenging economic and market conditions, we are leveraging public and private sector collaboration to maximise resources, unlock new opportunities and ensure sustainable, high-quality housing for those in greatest need. We are also exploring all options to deliver more affordable housing guicker which include modular method of constructions.

Our planning teams will ensure that we deliver housing (including affordable housing) to meet a diverse range of local needs and negotiate the best possible outcomes through the planning application process. Between 2019/20 and 2023/24 over 1,000 affordable homes were built across Lambeth, secured through our planning system.



New housing at Fenwick South.

Deputy Mayor of London for Housing and Residential Development, Tom Copley on new homes at Fenwick South

ACTIONS

In the next year we will: Establish strong and effective partnerships with private sector partners and Registered Providers.

Lobby for **increased funding from the Mayor of London** and advocate for greater subsidy flexibility to support affordable housing ambitions.

Continue **leveraging our assets** to enable more housing especially affordable options.

Explore alternative funding mechanisms and delivery models with private developers and/or private financing to enable delivery of affordable housing across all sites in Lambeth. Undertake a Local Plan review to identify opportunities for accommodating additional growth and additional housing (including affordable housing) to meet a diverse range of local needs.

Through our Development Management function, continue to undertake robust viability negotiations to maximise the level of affordable housing secured through S106 agreements.

Over the next 10 years we will:

Deliver the Oval Village scheme with Berkeley to create 1,300 new homes across a mix of tenures.

Attract investment into Lambeth College's mixed-use scheme, unlocking 1,411 homes and education space.

Secure over 1,000 homes within the Vauxhall Square scheme as part of a major mixed-use scheme with leisure, retail and offices across four acres.

Maximise the provision of affordable homes through other key sites across the borough.

Oval Works - workspace in Oval Village development



Explore routes to greater affordable housing provision for key workers in the NHS through SC1 London and related sites including Royal Street.

Case study: **OVAL VILLAGE**

Oval Village is a large residential mixed-use development in Kennington, regenerating the area covered by the gas holders that sit behind Oval cricket ground.

It will lead to the creation of over 1,300 homes – with 35% set to be affordable – as well as contemporary office and retail space. This is creating opportunities for young people to work as apprentices on the site, with 145 jobs already secured for residents, and other jobs will open up to the wider community in the Oval area. Two housing blocks are already completed and offices at Phoenix Works have opened. The remaining blocks are underway as the site continues to transform.



Proposed Oval Village development by Berkeley Homes



£1 million in funding social housing and private homes



New housing at Roman Rise

Housing fit for the future

When sites are brought forward for development, their contribution to net-zero development – including through design approach and use of construction materials – will form part of the assessment criteria. The council will ensure whole life carbon is considered, including operational and whole life carbon, and will undertake post-occupation evaluations. This all supports the council's commitment to being Zero Carbon by 2030.

Lambeth's Climate Action Plan aims to retrofit all existing buildings to an average Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) C or higher by 2030. Work to meet this target is well underway. Lambeth is a member of the London Strategic Social Housing Fund Partnership, a collective of 27 London boroughs and housing associations to improve the energy efficiency of homes. Through this partnership we have secured over £1 million in funding to upgrade both social housing and private homes. These initiatives will include new insulation, draught proofing, solar panels and LED lighting, to reduce energy bills for low-income households and to tackle issues like damp and mould, helping to address fuel poverty and its impacts on health.



ACTIONS

In the next year we will:

Use new design regulations to ensure new housing is delivered to the highest sustainability standards and reduces risks from known climate hazards (e.g. flooding, heat).

Work in partnership at pan-London level to deliver retrofit at scale with a large consortium of London boroughs and housing associations.

Initiate a new programme of retrofitting social housing, leveraging the benefits of being within the Warmer Homes London Strategic Partnership.

Create local infrastructure to bring the economic benefits of large-scale retrofit projects to our businesses and communities through the development of supply chain capacity and opportunities for residents.

Work with researchers from Cambridge University on a pioneering research project to monitor the indoor air quality of social homes and provide Al-driven insights and strategies to improve the quality of the internal environment and avoid common symptoms such as damp and mould.

Incorporate sustainability into considerations for housing delivery tenders, including the New Homes 6 programme.

In the next 10 years we will:

Ensure all existing homes reach a minimum of EPC C and undertake retrofit works to improve public health, whilst building local green skills and strengthening local capacity and supply chains.

Retrofit at scale as a partner within the GLA and London Councils consortium in a three-year programme

of £231 million investment in social housing and £53.5 million in privately owned homes across London.

Develop a retrofit strategy which will consider the options for Lambeth's existing housing stock and for owner occupiers and private landlords and tenants. Support innovation by providing upscaling opportunities for decarbonisation technologies across the council's housing stock.

Develop a strategy for the removal of fossil fuel driven heating systems within our housing estates whilst ensuring that residents do not pay more.

Secure grant funding to Increase the roll-out of solar photovoltaic panels across housing estates using affordable models to benefit occupants as well as provide energy security.



Case study: PASSIVHAUS RETROFIT OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN NORWOOD

Lambeth's Climate Action Plan commits to taking every practical opportunity to reuse and retrofit existing buildings and meet net-zero standards.

Lambeth appointed Niblock to undertake a fully sustainable renovation of two long-term void properties using innovative Passivhaus techniques. The pilot showcases how we can make social housing resilient to the impacts of climate change and energy price fluctuations.

The new and improved houses will reduce energy bills, as Passivhaus buildings use 90% less energy than typical buildings. These features improve health and wellbeing by providing a warm, comfortable and easy-to-heat home. Residents benefitted from this innovative development through site visits for students from London South Bank University and permanent employment for one young Lambeth resident who completed work experience on the project.

> A solar inverter to convert the DC electricity from the solar panels on the roofs to AC for use in the home




OUR PLAN FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS



Streatham

Streatham is a vibrant centre, home to local independents, national chains, and known for having the longest high street in Europe. Streatham High Road is made up of a series of neighbourhoods - Streatham Hill, Streatham Central, Streatham Village, Streatham Station and Streatham Common – each with their own character and cultures. It benefits from proximity to wide open green spaces (Streatham and Tooting Common) and excellent transport links to central London.



Streatham High Road, credit InStreatham BID



Lambeth residents taking part in a Night Time Strategy engagement session in Streatham

- Streatham is served by three railway stations providing direct links to Central London, and a 24-hour bus interchange with night services to Brixton.
- Streatham Common is designated as Metropolitan Open Land and a Local Nature Reserve in the Local Plan, offering valuable recreational and ecological benefits to the borough.
- Streatham High Road is Europe's longest high street, with 500 businesses across 2.6 miles
- It's recognised accordingly in the Local Plan along with Brixton as a Major Town Centre.

 Supported by the InStreatham Business Improvement District, a key priority is to diversify the retail offer and expand office and leisure uses to build a more resilient and sustainable town centre.

Key opportunities

The **Leigham Court Road scheme** in Streatham Hill will be working with Pocket Living to bring more than 90 homes to Streatham Hill, including 14 at social rent levels.

Lambeth will be working closely with TfL to deliver a **new scheme along the A23** in Streatham, relieving growth restricting congestion to create a safer and more accessible town centre.

With potential for up to over **230 new homes and a new GP practice** a site with planning permission in **Streatham Vale** at 100 Woodgate Drive presents a significant residential-led, mixed use development opportunity in the south of the borough. Securing a new operator for **Streatham Space Project** and drive visitors to Streatham through high-quality cultural provision.

West Norwood and Tulse Hill

Also in the south of the borough, West Norwood has a strong residential character and a growing cultural scene. It is home to one of Lambeth's Key Industrial Business Areas, offering affordable space for both emerging enterprises and established businesses. The area combines local amenities with a distinctive community feel.



West Norwood High Street, credit Station to Station BID



- West Norwood and Tulse Hill features a central high street linking the two rail stations of the same name and is also a 24-hour bus garage serving routes across the borough.
- West Norwood and Tulse Hill is known for its strong community character, combining residential neighbourhoods with significant commercial and industrial activity.
- This area is also characterised by the largest concentration of manufacturing activity in Lambeth, making it a vital employment zone in the borough.

- West Norwood Cemetery established in 1837 is a designated conservation area, and one of London's famous "Magnificent Seven" cemeteries.
- This area is also home to Parkhall, a heritage-listed former World War Two klaxon factory, now repurposed as creative workspace.

Key opportunities

There are significant opportunities across four **Key Industrial Business Areas** in the area, including the West Norwood Commercial Area, Park Hall Trading Estate, Parade Mews and Knollys Yard. These unique spaces are incredible opportunities to unlock **innovation and light industry** within London.

Working alongside TfL, there are plans underway to deliver significant improvements to the current **Tulse Hill Gyratory,** delivering a more pedestrian friendly, accessible and safer environment at a key transport junction. Collaboration with **Station to Station BID** to support the business communities of West Norwood and Tulse Hill.

Site 18 in West Norwood is a significant opportunity for sustainable, mixeduse redevelopment to provide much needed affordable housing, flexible workspace, and high street retail to revitalise the area.



Brixton

The home of the Windrush generation, Brixton is a bustling, culturally diverse, and walkable centre with food markets, shops, and plenty of creative energy on the street. It is here that Lambeth Town Hall and Civic Centre are located, together with our Creative Enterprise Zone which attracts start-ups in the creative industries as well as commercial developers providing opportunities for affordable work and living spaces.





- Designated as a Major Centre in the Local Plan, Brixton is the commercial heart of the borough as well as a centre of cultural importance due to landmarks like Brixton Village, the O2 Brixton Academy and Electric Brixton, cinemas, and restaurants that attract visitors from across London.
- The London Growth Plan has earmarked it as a potential future internationally significant visitor destination.
- Brockwell Park, a much loved green space with accompanying lido, commands views of the skyline of the city and Central London, and hosts almost 4 million annual visits.

The park hosts the Lambeth Country Show which was founded in 1967 and is one of the biggest free family festivals in the UK.

- Brixton is also home to many artists and professionals in the creative and digital industries that are supported by an accredited Creative Enterprise Zone.
- Brixton is a key transport hub served by the Underground's Victoria Line, extensive 24-hour bus routes and a National Rail station.

Key opportunities

Major mixed-use redevelopment of Sites on **49 Brixton Station Road** and **6 Canterbury Crescent** will be developed in partnership with London Square, to create new homes, workspace, street market infrastructure and public realm improvements.

Partnership with Brixton BID to unlock opportunities for a more business-friendly environment.

Ongoing plans are being developed with TfL and National Rail on a **Brixton Station Masterplan,** including a review of the gyratory and delivery of Healthy Routes to improve to accessibility.

After the success of Phase 1, including the creation of new theatre Brixton

House, Somerleyton Road Phase 2

will deliver over 300 homes, including a new extra-care facility and public realm improvements.

Long term opportunities to enhance railway station accessibility in Brixton town centre.

A business parklet has been installed in the kerbside in Brixton, as part of the Lambeth's Big Shift behaviour change programme, contributing to enhanced place-making and providing the business owner with extra outdoor space for the consolidation of their business activities.



Clapham

Clapham, nestled in the heart of Lambeth, is a dynamic area known for its lively atmosphere and rich history. The community boasts popular green spaces like Clapham Common, which host a range of recreational sports and community events throughout the year. Clapham's bustling high streets are lined with a diverse array of shops, cultural venues, cafes, and restaurants, contributing to a thriving local economy and significant night time economy.





- Identified in the London Growth Plan as an internationally significant visitor destination
- The area is known for its community of visual artists, performers, and musicians and Lambeth has supported a number of venues including Omnibus Theatre, Studio Voltaire and The Landor Space.
- Clapham is recognised in the London Plan as an area of regional or subregional night-time significance, especially along Clapham High Street and Clapham Old Town's heritagerich area offering a mix of cinemas, restaurants, bars, takeaways, and LGBTQ+ venues.

 Clapham is served by multiple bus routes, three Underground stations (Clapham Common, Clapham North, Clapham South), and Overground access via Clapham High Street station.

Key opportunities

The Lambeth College Clapham Campus is included in the wider development proposal across Lambeth College sites that has been given planning permission, unlocking affordable new homes, improved local education facilities and investment in green spaces and the public realm.

The £1 billion **Clapham Park** regeneration programme is a 10-year plan to redevelop a significant estate within Clapham. The project will deliver over 2,500 new homes by 2035, with more than 50% being affordable. Alongside a community centre, a market square, two parks, commercial and retail space and a district heating system. Working with **This Is Clapham BID** to help realise their 5 year delivery plan for local businesses.

In the north of Clapham, developments on **Fenwick Place and Fenwick South** are set to unlock 73 new affordable residential housing units in the borough.

As part of Lambeth's Big Shift behaviour change programme, **two business parklets have been installed in the kerbside in Clapham** providing extra space for customers, enabling an increase in footfall and contributing to greening and placemaking.



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Building on its historic legacy, Vauxhall is now transforming itself into a dynamic centre for entertainment, nightlife and the LGBTQ+ community. This riverside district and neighbouring Oval and Stockwell are also creating exciting opportunities for development, both homes and jobs.





- Vauxhall bus station is one of London's busiest (it is used by more than 45,000 people a day) and is a key public transport interchange linking national rail, the Underground and a 24/7 bus service.
- Vauxhall is home to one of London's Night Time Enterprise Zones and is known for its vibrant night-time economy, particularly its LGBTQ+ venues like the Royal Vauxhall Tavern.
- Collectively, Oval, Vauxhall and Stockwell are home to 'Little Portugal' - with a high density of Portuguese-owned businesses and communities.

Other Vauxhall landmarks include

the Oval Cricket Ground, the historic Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens, and the 'Low Line'—a railway viaduct corridor enhancing connectivity between Vauxhall and Waterloo with mixed-use spaces.

Key opportunities

The Vauxhall, Nine Elms and Battersea Opportunity Area is one of the largest regeneration projects in London, expecting 20,000 new homes to be built and 25,000 jobs created.

Partnership transformation of the Vauxhall gyratory system into a new district town centre and high street in the heart of Vauxhall, that can accommodate a growing population of residents, businesses, workers, and visitors. The redevelopment of **Lambeth College's campuses,** including the Nine Elms Campus, will improve educational facilities and create additional affordable housing.

Collaboration with **Vauxhall One BID** to help create an increasingly businessfriendly environment.

New ways to celebrate and promote **Portuguese businesses** with partners including the Portuguese Embassy.

Vauxhall Square will be a mixeduse development of residential apartments, offices, a hotel, student accommodation, a cinema, retail and restaurants.

The Low Line offers opportunities to support the economy of the 300

railway arches between Waterloo and Vauxhall, Nine Elms and Battersea.

Major placemaking and sustainability interventions such as planting of trees grasses, shrubs, herbs and flowers as well as the provision of benches and parklets **the Kennington Oval Reimagined project has transformed the neighbourhood near the KIA Oval** (Lambeth's iconic cricket stadium), Henry Fawcett School and St Mark's Primary School.



South Bank and Waterloo are within the London Central Activities Zone. The district is an internationally renowned visitor destination and centre for culture and the arts. It is one of London's most vibrant areas, home not only to world-renowned cultural venues and the UK's busiest train station, but global corporations, iconic attractions, eminent academic, research and healthcare institutions, hospitality and independent businesses. It is an area which welcomes and nurtures new ideas, innovation, and creativity which thrives because of its diversity. International and UK students rub shoulders with workers and visitors coming into the area for work and tourism, while for around 12,000 people, South Bank and Waterloo is the place they call home.



Credit Mickey Lee



- Waterloo Station is one of the UK's most popular railway interchanges, with 100 million passengers every year.
- The South Bank and adjacent Bankside are identified in the London Plan as a designated Strategic Cultural Area and recognised in the London Growth Plan as a creative cluster of international importance.
- Waterloo is part of London's Central Activity Zone (CAZ), with a specific role as a key retail cluster and a major location for office development.
- The area is emerging as a life sciences hub supported through the SC1 London partnership, with links to Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and King's College London, and anchored by the future Royal Street developments.

Key opportunities

The Waterloo Station Vision will transform one of London's busiest stations into a world-class transport and civic hub, enhancing connectivity, accessibility, and the surrounding environment. Our first step is delivering improved wayfinding within South Bank and Waterloo to integrate public realm with major cultural anchors.

A flagship scheme, 72 Upper Ground will provide nearly a million square feet of commercial space, new cultural space, affordable workspace, and employment benefits for local people.

Major life sciences cluster opportunity; 1.5 million square feet development at **Royal Street**

Waterloo Central has received planning consent for 330,000

square feet commercial floorspace, accommodating 2,500 jobs, and providing 18,000 square feet of affordable workspace, with funding for enhancement of the adjacent Emma Cons Gardens.

The **South Bank Spine Route** will create a well-connected, pedestrian-friendly environment in one of London's most culturally significant areas, linking the cultural institutions.

Delivering to the shared ambitions of South Bank and Waterloo's 2030 Vision: which are in line with the

Lambeth Growth Plan, including South Bank and Waterloo Sustains Us aims re a greener and fairer neighbourhood.

75th anniversary of the Festival of Britain in 2026

Our Waterloo Freight Hub pilot with Cross River Partnership, trialling more sustainable and innovation solutions to urban logistics.

The Low Line offers opportunities to support the economy of the 300 railway arches between Waterloo and Vauxhall, Nine Elms and Battersea.

To deal with the issue of the availability of cycle parking for SMEs, a **Business Cycle Hangar programme** is being trialled in Waterloo which provides secure cycle parking for businesses and their employees in three locations.

DELIVERY MECHANISMS

We are part of a wide network of partners who all have a role to play in delivering the Lambeth Growth Plan. This includes, employers, developers, investors, BIDs, skills providers and our voluntary and community sector.





Lambeth Growth Plan Delivery Mechanisms

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OUR ROLE

For our part, we will:

Welcome and convene partners to build the collaborative approaches which are essential to delivering the Lambeth Growth Plan missions.

Ensure the upcoming Local Plan refresh meets the needs of our businesses, communities and residents, including on matters such as an affordable workspace policy. Utilise our planning framework (eg KIBAs, the affordable workspace policy, CAZ), to bring forward the right development in the right places.

Refine our regulatory framework, such as our licensing powers, and how we work with businesses and venues to create a vibrant experience economy.

Examine Lambeth-owned assets as a means to partnering with the private sector to bring forward housing, commercial and placemaking opportunities. Direct local growth funding and development receipts to our inclusive growth programmes, to increase opportunities for our residents, provide critical community infrastructure and create a sustainable pipeline of talent for our employers and partners.

Use specific mechanisms, like the High Streets Rental Auction powers, to prompt and influence our town centres, high streets and parades throughout the borough. Utilise our s106 contributions, like the Community Connections Fund and Future Workspace Fund, to ensure that development coming forward enables accessible community and workspace infrastructure for our businesses and residents.

Attract investment to the borough through Lambeth Now, our inward investment platform.

Create a strong supporting policy framework to guide investment, e.g. growth sector strategies.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways stakeholders can help us realise the ambitions expressed in this Inclusive Growth Plan: **Government** can offer greater flexibility and funding and meet funding gaps for our schemes, which are all designed to deliver economic and social value.

London & Partners, Opportunity London, Med City can help to draw in foreign direct investment and major partners.

Sub-regional and cross borough partnerships (eg CLF and SC1 London) can drive forward many of the enabling programmes that underpin the Plan. **Developers** can embrace community engagement and partner with us on upcoming opportunities.

BIDs and economic forums can deliver business support and networks, recognising that over 90% of our businesses are micro businesses. **Investors** can help establish and grow clusters, responding to our Growth Sectors agenda, such as the ambitions of SC1 London and the health and life sciences cluster in Waterloo.

Employers can engage in our employment and skills programmes to bolster the skills pipeline and inclusive growth opportunities.

HOW WILL WE KNOW WE'VE SUCCEEDED?

Our Growth Plan will deliver significant economic, social and environmental benefits over the coming decade.

Given the wide-ranging nature of challenges and opportunities we address in our Growth Plan, there are many key performance indicators which we will track to monitor progress. Most critically, we'll know we've succeed when we have:

- Secured £250 million of income from new developments in the borough – this funding is re-invested by the council in the range of actions we describe to make Lambeth a more inclusive, borough of equality and justice.
- Attracted 20,000 good quality jobs in our priority growth sectors.
- Worked with our partners to provide skills and employment opportunities for 20,000 of our residents so they are better equipped to contribute and benefit from growth.
- And reduced the negative impacts of housing costs on people and families, through securing 10,000 new homes and maximising provision of affordable housing.

We'll publish an annual report of progress against our metrics. And we will review progress against the Growth Plan to understand what is successful and where we need to revisit our approach, with a view to updating the growth plan in five years' time.

OUR GROWTH PLAN WILL DELIVER SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC, SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OVER THE COMING DECADE.

UPSTAGE



NEXT STEPS

The Lambeth Growth Plan presents a bold and strategic roadmap for inclusive and sustainable economic development across the borough. It brings together Lambeth's unique mix of assets, vibrant communities, and ambitious partnerships to drive growth. This plan positions Lambeth within a shifting economic and policy landscape aligned to the London Growth Plan and readies us to support emerging Londonwide strategies such as the Inclusive Talent Strategy and the new London Infrastructure Framework.

To support the plan, we will publish a series of enabling strategies. These include a refreshed Skills and Employment Strategy to widen opportunity across all communities, a Night Time Strategy to support a safe and vibrant evening economy, and an updated Creative Economy Strategy to further boost small businesses and connect local talent to creative careers. In addition, the upcoming review of the Lambeth Local Plan will play a key role in delivering across all themes.

It also sets the stage for our contribution to the UK National Industrial Strategy and associated sector strategies, highlighting Lambeth as a prime location for investment and innovation.

Ultimately, this plan's impact will be measured not just by economic outputs, but by how growth contributes to social equity and climate justice. We are committed to building a fairer, greener, and more resilient borough where opportunity is shared, and no one is left behind. We invite all partners to join us in realising Lambeth's incredible potential for inclusive, sustainable growth.





