# Appendix 1: Leadership Development at Transport for London

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### CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES

Building a strong culture of good people leadership across our organisation is key in supporting everyone to achieve their work ambitions and creating an inclusive culture, two priorities of our Colleague Strategy.

We need to provide our people leaders and aspiring people leaders with development opportunities that are personalised and appropriate to where they are in their leadership journey. We are aware of how leadership development is changing, moving away from top-down programmes to more self-directed and experiential.

Lack of development opportunities is also a key theme we received via last year's Viewpoint colleague survey which this will help address from a leadership development perspective.

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### **ACTION**

- This pack will provide an update on our Leadership Development Approach.
- We ask the Panel to note TfL's approach to Leadership Development.



## Leadership interventions to date

We have several successful initiatives for our people leaders and aspiring people leaders to support them in their people leadership journey.

### Launched Our People Leaders

Setting out what it means to be a people leader to deliver our strategic priorities

### Our People Leader Welcome

Half day induction event to welcome newly recruited and newly promoted people leaders

### Senior Leadership Strengths

The key attributes needed of senior leaders

Ops 'Leading Customer Service programme' Targeted programme for operational people

leaders

### Director Group Coaching

Group peer to peer coaching for Directors

### Leadership and Management Stay Learning Site

Comprehensive repository of resources to support self-directed learning

### Getting Ready for Senior Leadership

Our Sponsorship Pilot Programme aimed at preparing senior leaders for Director roles Action on Inclusion (AoI)
Senior Leader Briefings
Setting out accountability
for role modelling allyship
and driving positive
changes to deliver on
AoI's actions and
ambitions

### Development Masterclasses

Deep dive sessions with the business on specific development topics, including targeted leadership development sessions

### **Emerging Leaders**

Accelerated Graduate
development programme
pipelined from graduate and
L5+ apprenticeship
schemes, aimed at
supporting them to roll off
to midlevel leadership
positions

### Sustainability Awareness Programme

Training for senior leaders to facilitate sustainability discussions and embed leading on the sustainability agenda

# Management Graduate and Apprentice Schemes

General Management,
Safety, Health and
Environment
Management and
Project Management
Schemes



### Leadership development to 2025: our People Leadership pathways

Our programme aims to bring a clear pathway to leadership development and progression.

Building on the recently launched Our People Leaders Framework, it will enable our people leaders and aspiring



Examples of 'stretch / move' initiatives

Examples of 'strengthen' initiatives

Supporting our Chief Officers to ensure we are continuing to make strategic impact on being the strong green heartbeat for London • Examples: I:I Coaching / Senior Leadership Strengths

Senior Level Leadership

Executive Level

> Building on our Senior Leadership Strengths, we want to ensure our programmes continue to drive success for our senior leaders and their teams from the top down

• Examples: Director Group Coaching / Sponsorship programme for Senior Leaders to Director positions / Succession planning

> Continued development of our mid-level people leaders is fundamental to achieve a great place to work, including supporting those aspiring to move into senior leadership

• Examples: Group Coaching / Mid-Level Leadership Development programme / Leadership upskilling apprenticeship

> We will support colleagues and new starters in their first people leadership role, with initiatives to support development of fundamental leadership skills

• Examples: People Leader Welcome Induction / Financial and Commercial Management suite / Mentoring / Secondments

> Employee led development hub, setting out targeted leadership development for all, no matter where leaders are on their leadership development journey

### People Leader Foundation: Development for all people leaders and aspiring people leaders

### Our refreshed Leadership Development hub will include:

- Series of self-guided development modules and 'How to' guides
- Our People Leader intro webinars and workshops, courses
- Inspirational library of videos and readings

### Managing Essentials

- 8 years old Need for change
- Rigid structure of Core & More
- Expectation for managers to complete



Colleague Roadmap Our People Leaders Self-led Assessment Approach

> Collaborative working to identify potential learning gaps

Refinement / Rebrand of learning materials where necessary

### Our People Leader Foundation for Learning

- People leader centric
- Foundation for learning
- Self-led development with guiding pathways
- Self-assessment
- Fluid and evolving
- Reference for development
- Supports learning in the flow of work
- Aligns to TfL learning and development approach



# Leadership Development Approach Timeline

### Now

- Inform future development interventions from objective setting/ critical roles/skills analysis
- Embedding Our People Leaders framework
- Scope scalability of upskilling apprenticeships
- Redesign of Managing Essentials as People Leader Foundation is underway
- Continued alignment with key strategic themes, sustainability, action on inclusion etc

### Jan 2024

 Cohort 2 of Sponsorship programme for Senior Leaders to Director positions

### Spring 2024

- Launch refreshed 'Our People Leader Foundation'
- Expectation that 90 per cent of people leaders will have at least one performance objective against the Our People Leaders Framework

### Autumn 2023

- Proposals about broader leadership & development approach will be discussed and endorsed by Colleague Executive Committee
- Launch further group coaching programme
- New Mid Level Leadership Development Programme
- Embedding our people leaders into recruitment assessment and selection

### Spring 2024 onwards

- Further design and roll out of further Leadership Development initiatives
- Financial and Commercial Management suite (timings TBC)



### Appendix – Our People Leaders Framework

Connects the team's purpose with delivering TfL's Vision and Values

- Shows the team how their work contributes to delivering TfL's vision and priorities
- Communicates key information clearly and openly so that colleagues can understand and contribute
- Listens and answers questions to ensure colleagues feel understood and that their views are valued
- Role models our values. Supports and celebrates our colleagues to do the same

Drives and inspires good performance

- Agrees and regularly reviews key objectives and priorities for all team member using myJourney
- Builds trust with colleagues, empowering them to deliver and providing support when needed
- Prioritises regular and meaningful check-in conversations on contributions and wellbeing. Recognises successes and continually provides high quality feedback
- Responds to performance concerns and wellbeing matters promptly with care and honesty

Creates a caring, inclusive, sustainable and safe working environment

- Is genuinely interested in colleagues; who they are and the support they need to contribute
- Ensures everyone feels included and encourages contributions from all
- Creates an environment where colleagues can raise concerns, sets an expectation that everyone is treated with dignity and respect, and does not tolerate behavior that is discriminatory
- Priorities and inspires a safe and healthy workplace and provides focus for improving the environmental impact of our services

Collaborates and supports others to achieve

- Spends time with their team and is available to their colleagues when they need them
- Involves colleagues in key decision making
- · Creates a team that works well together for the benefit of their customers
- Expects great working partnerships between colleagues, suppliers, contractors, and customer representatives

Continuously develops and adapts to improve (service, team, self)

- Is open and transparent when implementing change and positively represents TfL management
- Creates an environment where we are constantly innovating and learning to improve effectiveness and efficiency
- Demonstrates support for the continual development of all team members
- Continuously develops their self-awareness and skills as a people leader

