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**CRP Launches its Annual Report and Business Plan 2025-27**



We're pleased to share the launch of CRP's Annual Report and Business Plan for 2025–27, showcasing a year of strong progress and setting out an ambitious roadmap for the years ahead.

Over the past year, CRP has continued to grow its reach, influence and impact. We welcomed two new Board Co-Chairs, marking an exciting new chapter in our leadership, and strengthened collaboration by expanding our partnership network across a wider range of sectors. Our consultancy services also grew, delivering new projects with partners, as well as having a standout year for delivery and recognition and developing a pipeline of exciting new projects for the future.

Together, these achievements position CRP well as we continue to deliver meaningful change and create lasting impact. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our partners, clients, Board and team, whose commitment and collaboration have made this progress possible.

Read the [CRP Annual Report and Business Plan 2025–27](#) to find out more.

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## CRP to Deliver First Stage of Westminster's Sustainable City Charter Innovation Challenge



Cross River Partnership (CRP) is proud to partner with [Westminster City Council](#) (WCC) to support delivery of the Westminster Sustainable City Charter Innovation Challenge. The project is being led by Westminster's Economic Growth and Green Economy teams and funded through WCC's [Westminster Climate Fund](#).

Designed to support [Sustainable City Charter](#) signatories and local innovators, the Challenge will identify local SMEs with low carbon solutions and products and match them with signatories to trial these in real-world commercial settings.

CRP will be leading Stage 1 of the Challenge as a trusted delivery partner, including leading engagement with Sustainable City Charter signatories and Westminster

Business Improvement Districts to understand the barriers that slow the adoption or expansion of decarbonisation solutions in Westminster to inform the design of the Challenge before its launch in Summer 2026.

Explore CRP's newly launched project page for the Sustainable City Charter [Innovation Challenge](#).

For more information on the Challenge please contact CRP Project Manager [Katherine Fairfax](#).

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## CRP May Round Up

### CRP Board Holds In-Person Meeting at Iconic Tower Bridge Venue



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Last month's CRP Board meeting took place in-person at Tower Bridge North Lounge. It was a truly spectacular setting at which to formally thank Simon Pitkeathley for his 15 years Co-Chairing the CRP Board.

Westminster City Council's Richard Cressey is leading the recruitment process to select a new Director for CRP. Watch this space for an announcement in due course!

### Local Government Elections



CRP Embraces Collaboration After London's Local Elections

The CRP Team is as excited as everyone else about the new opportunities for collaboration following the recent Local Government Election Results.

CRP has seen many different Elections over its 30 year history and each one throws up the chance to check in, re-prioritise, refresh and innovate what we are all doing in London, as well as how we are doing it.

The next meeting of the CRP Board will be in-person at Team London Bridge's office, on 8th October 2026!

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## Walk This May for National Walking Month



This month, CRP have launched our latest [Healthy Streets Everyday II](#) campaign Walk This May, helping you to discover cleaner, healthier walking routes that you can use to get around London on foot.

We've curated four leisure walking routes that prioritise lower air pollution, quieter streets and more pleasant environments, making it easier for you to explore your streets in London. These routes cover Camden to Regents Park, Vauxhall to Oval, America Street to Hercules Road, and Somerset House to Senate House.

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Huge congratulations to all the Councillors who have gained or held seats!

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## CRP in Action: Highlights from Recent Events



Over the last couple of months CRP have been delighted to attend a variety of events across the sector, helping us stay connected to the latest developments and the ideas driving our work forward.

Events that CRP has had the opportunity to attend include: The Centre of Ageing Resilience in a Changing Environment (CARICE) Science and Networking Conference at [King's College London](#), [Innovation Zero 2026](#), [Transport Planning Society's](#) Designing Equitable Communities event and a tour around Citigen, [E.ON's](#) hidden power station in London.

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# The Green Scene

## The Port of London Authority's Environment Fund is Open for Applications!



The Port of London Authority has launched this year's Thames Environment Fund with a great range of opportunities to support environmental work along the tidal Thames.

There are **three funding routes** this year:

£100k to support environmental improvement programmes that can make a strategic difference to the tidal Thames.

£50k to empower community groups making a difference to their local environment.

£25k for groups dedicated to caring for tributaries of the tidal Thames.

The deadline is Tuesday 30 June, so there is still time to explore the opportunities and apply! You can find full details on the PLA website (Thames Environment Fund) or get in touch with them directly at [environment@pla.co.uk](mailto:environment@pla.co.uk).

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**South Bank & Waterloo Sustains Us Delivery Plan 2026-2030**



We're really pleased to share the news that the South Bank & Waterloo Sustain Us Delivery Plan 2026-2030 has officially launched, marking an exciting new chapter for the South Bank and Waterloo area.

This plan serves as a practical roadmap for creating a fairer and greener neighbourhood over the next four years.

We are thrilled to see our work featured as a case study, specifically the CRP Waterloo Freight Hub as well as the improvements at Hercules Road, delivered through our Healthy Streets Everyday II (HSEII) programme. These projects show exactly how sustainable freight and improved public spaces contribute to the plan's wider goals.

You can read the full plan and see the CRP case study (pages 16-18) here: Sustain Us Delivery Plan 2026 - 2030.

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### Celebrating 10 Years of London Rivers Week



London Rivers Week will take place between Saturday 23rd May and Sunday 31st May 2026 and is a week-long annual campaign inspiring the public to celebrate all of London's rivers and the many projects taking place to protect them. The theme for 2026 is 'Know Your Local River' and aims to encourage Londoners to identify, explore and connect with their nearest river.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of London Rivers Week - a decade of celebrating, protecting and improving London's incredible network of rivers and waterways

Find out more information here: [London Rivers Week 2026](#).

Through our partnership-led approach, CRP has delivered a range of projects connected to the Thames, including [retrofitting for London's first fully electric workboat](#) and the [London Light Freight River Trial](#).

Contact CRP Senior Programme Manager [Fiona Coull](#) to find out more about CRP's work on the Thames.

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## Dates for your Diary



- **22nd June** - [Climate Innovation Forum 2026](#)
- **22nd - 26th June** - [SCW Summit 2026](#), Smart Cities World
- **23rd - 24th June** - [Reset Connect London](#), Excel London
- **24th - 27th June** - [Earthfest 2026](#)
- **20th - 28th June** - [London Climate Action Week](#), The Conduit
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