

Child Q - Special Joint Scrutiny (Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission and Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission)

All Members Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission and Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission are requested to attend the Special Joint Scrutiny meeting to be held as follows:

Monday 13 June 2022

7.00 pm

Council Chamber, Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, London E8 1EA

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Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

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Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission

Cllr Soraya Adejare (Chair), Cllr Clare Joseph (Vice-Chair), Cllr Zoe Garbett, Cllr Joseph Ogundemuren, Cllr M Can Ozsen, Cllr Sam Pallis, Cllr Ian Rathbone, Cllr Ali Sadek, Cllr Penny Wrout and Cllr Sarah Young

Co-optees:

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

Salmah Kansara, Michael Lobenstein, Jo Macleod, Steven Olalere and Ernell Watson.

Agenda

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- 1 **Welcome (Election of Chair)**
- 2 **Apologies for Absence**
- 3 **Urgent Items**
- 4 **Declarations of Interest**
- 5 **Scrutiny of Strategic Response to Child Q (19.05)** (Pages 11 - 18)

To set out the aims and objectives of scrutiny involvement.

 - Cllr Soraya Adejare (Chair, Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission)
 - Cllr Margaret Gordon (Vice Chair, Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission)

(5 mins)
- 6 **Serious Case Review (SCR) of Child Q (19.10)** (Pages 19 - 62)

To set out the timeline of events in relation to Child Q, and highlight the key conclusions and recommendations of the serious case review (SCR).

 - Jim Gamble, Independent Chair of City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership
 - Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Advisor, Safeguarding and Learning

(25 min; 10 min presentation, 15 min Q & A)
- 7 **Strategic Response of Statutory Partners to Child Q (19.35)** (Pages 63 - 86)

Key statutory bodies have been requested to provide a written briefing in relation to Child Q SCR:

 - Initial response and actions taken;
 - Identify lessons learnt and identified priorities for change;
 - Those actions taken (or planned) to engage, involve and reassure the local community and other local stakeholders.

Speakers:

 - Metropolitan Police – report attached
 - London Borough of Hackney – report attached
 - The Mayor’s Office for Policing & Crime (MOPAC)
– **REPORT TO FOLLOW**

(60 mins: 5 min summary presentation for each partner,
45 min Q & A)

8 Accountability & Monitoring Arrangements (20.35) (Pages 87 - 88)

To establish what structures are in place to plan, coordinate and monitor the responses to recommendations and actions set out in:

- The Serious Case Review;
- Correspondence between Chief Executive of London Borough of Hackney and the Borough Commander;
- The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) (*when published*).

To assess how partners will ensure that such accountability and monitoring structures are open, transparent, and accountable to local communities.

- City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership
 - Metropolitan Police
 - London Borough of Hackney
 - MOPAC
- (25 mins, 10 mins presentation, 15 mins Q & A)

9 Summary and Next Steps (21.00) (Pages 89 - 90)

A summary of the key issues to arise from the scrutiny session including any agreed actions to take forward.

- Cllr Soraya Adejare, Chair of Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission;
- Cllr Margaret Gordon, Vice Chair of CYP Scrutiny Commission.

(10 min)

10 Background Papers and Reports (Pages 91 - 104)

Correspondence

- (1) Letter from Phillip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney to the Metropolitan Police (17/3/22)
- (2) Letter from Deputy Assistant Commissioner Laurence Taylor at Metropolitan Police to Mayor of Hackney (31/3/22)
- (3) Letter from Mark Carroll, Chief Executive of London Borough of Hackney to Deputy Assistant Commissioner Laurence Taylor at Metropolitan Police (1/4/22)

Links to Background Reports

[Keeping Children Safe in Education – Statutory Guidance for Schools \(2021\)](#)

[When to call the Police – guidance for schools and colleges \(2020\)](#)

11 Any Other Business

Access and Information

Public Involvement and Recording

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This note is intended to provide general guidance for Members on declaring interests. However, you may need to obtain specific advice on whether you have an interest in a particular matter. If you need advice, you can contact:

- Director of Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services
- the Legal Adviser to the Committee; or
- Governance Services.

If at all possible, you should try to identify any potential interest you may have before the meeting so that you and the person you ask for advice can fully consider all the circumstances before reaching a conclusion on what action you should take.

You will have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter if it:

- i. relates to an interest that you have already registered in Parts A and C of the Register of Pecuniary Interests of you or your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner;
- ii. relates to an interest that should be registered in Parts A and C of the Register of Pecuniary Interests of your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner, but you have not yet done so; or
- iii. affects your well-being or financial position or that of your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda you must:

- i. Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you (subject to the rules regarding sensitive interests).
- ii. You must leave the meeting when the item in which you have an interest is being discussed. You cannot stay in the meeting whilst discussion of the item takes place, and you cannot vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence the decision.
- iii. If you have, however, obtained dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee you may remain in the meeting and participate in the meeting. If dispensation has been granted it will stipulate the extent of your involvement, such as whether you can only be present to make

representations, provide evidence or whether you are able to fully participate and vote on the matter in which you have a pecuniary interest.

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You will have 'other non-pecuniary interest' in a matter if:

- i. It relates to an external body that you have been appointed to as a Member or in another capacity; or
- ii. It relates to an organisation or individual which you have actively engaged in supporting.

If you have other non-pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda you must:

- i. Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- ii. You may remain in the meeting, participate in any discussion or vote provided that contractual, financial, consent, permission or licence matters are not under consideration relating to the item in which you have an interest.
- iii. If you have an interest in a contractual, financial, consent, permission, or licence matter under consideration, you must leave the meeting unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee. You cannot stay in the meeting whilst discussion of the item takes place, and you cannot vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence the decision. Where members of the public are allowed to make representations, or to give evidence or answer questions about the matter you may, with the permission of the meeting, speak on a matter then leave the meeting. Once you have finished making your representation, you must leave the meeting whilst the matter is being discussed.
- iv. If you have been granted dispensation, in accordance with the Council's dispensation procedure you may remain in the meeting. If dispensation has been granted it will stipulate the extent of your involvement, such as whether you can only be present to make representations, provide evidence or whether you are able to fully participate and vote on the matter in which you have a non-pecuniary interest.

Further Information

Advice can be obtained from Dawn Carter-McDonald, Director of Legal, Democratic and Electoral Services via email dawn.carter-mcdonald@hackney.gov.uk

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