

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMISSION HACKNEY – A PLACE FOR EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission – 16 th June 2016 Cabinet – 11 th October 2016 Council – 30 th November 2016	Classification Public	Enclosures Appendix 1 Hackney a Place for Every Child and Young Person Scrutiny Review - Report Appendix 2 Executive Response
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Introduction

'Hackney – a place for everyone' was a major engagement programme by the Council. It involved discussions with residents across the borough around how they felt about the changes in the area over the last five or ten years. The results of this engagement programme will help shape what the Council will do and how it will work to meet the challenges that it faces.

This Commission focuses on services for young people and issues of relevance to them. Reflecting this, we wanted to further ensure that children and young people were able to fully contribute to the findings of the work. We also wanted to hear from a range of services and organisations around how we might all better ensure that young people from all backgrounds benefit from the changes we have seen.

Broadly, we conducted a piece of work exploring the opportunities that exist in Hackney for children and young people, the extent to which these are taken up and utilised by different groups, and the views towards them.

We collected evidence from Council services and heard from a wide range of external organisations. This enabled us to hear about the opportunities available and about work to better enable all community groups to benefit from them. We also heard about the challenges that external partners feel can impact upon the engagement of some young people, and about ways that the Council might be able to better support them.

Finally and most importantly, we heard from young people directly in settings around the borough. The range of views we heard drove the findings of this report.

The report made seven recommendations for change. In addition, we hope that our report and the evidence upon which it is based can be used as a reference document to be considered within the Council's overall response to the findings that it has gathered during the Hackney – a Place for Everyone exercise. This will help further ensure that the views and interests of children and young people continue to put at the centre of the organisation's approach as we move forward.

RECOMMENDATION

Council is requested to note the Commission's report and the response to it from the Executive.

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