

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission

8th April 2019

Item 10 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

<u>Outline</u>

The draft minutes of the meeting of the 4th March 2019 are enclosed.

Matter arising from March meeting:

A number of actions arose from the meeting in March. These and the responses to them are detailed below.

ACTION 1 – Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing Needs To seek clarity on whether Rough Sleeper Chain Data can be made

publically available with a view to providing to the Commission

RESPONSE 1: GLA reports derived from the Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN) data are publically available, via <u>https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/chain-reports</u>.

These present detailed information about people seen rough sleeping by outreach teams in London. Data / reports are provided for each borough, on a quarterly and annual basis. Data for Hackney appears in the report for 'Outer Boroughs'. <u>The latest available Outer Boroughs report is appended to the minutes (on pages 63 to 90)</u>. This covers the period October to December 2018.

ACTION 2 – Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing Needs

To incorporate information and details on the offer of the Hackney Greenhouse and the StreetLink App, into updates to all Councillors.

RESPONSE 2: The Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing Needs has confirmed that communications on the aspects detailed above will continue to be sent through future all-Member updates, at points considered most timely.

ACTION 3 – Domestic Abuse Intervention Service Manager

To provide written information on the Domestic Abuse Intervention Service in terms of its approach, offer and gaining access.

RESPONSE 3 – A response to this action was awaited at the point of agenda publication.

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ACTION 4 – Head of Private Sector Housing

To provide information on Rent Repayment Orders to Commission Members.

RESPONSE 4 – Extracts of a Department of Communities and Local Government guidance document for Local Housing Authorities on Rent Repayment Orders, <u>is appended to the minutes (on pages 91 to 104)</u>. It is suggested that these sections of the guidance are those which can best give Members the overview requested. The full guidance is available online via <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rent-repayment-orders-</u> <u>under-the-housing-and-planning-act-2016</u>

ACTION 5 – Head of Private Sector Housing

To seek to publicise the ability of private rented sector tenants to pursue Rent Repayment Orders in cases where a landlord's licensable property is not licensed.

RESPONSE 5 – The Head of Private Sector Housing has confirmed that – following the suggestion of Members - proposals for communications on Rent Repayment Orders are now in development. An update will be provided to the Commission at a later point.

ACTION 6 – Head of Private Sector Housing

To provide data on the numbers of HMOs falling within scope of the mandatory scheme before and after Government changes to the scheme enacted in October 2018.

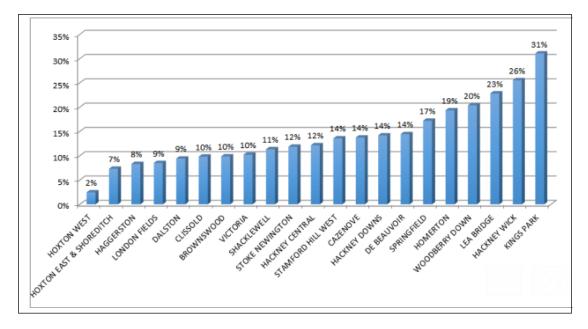
RESPONSE 6 – The table provided by the Private Sector Housing Service shows the total number of HMOs in the borough, the numbers of these which were in scope of the mandatory scheme before and after changes to this in October 2018, and the numbers not in scope of the revised scheme.

All HMOs in Hackney	4315
HMOs within the scope of the previous Mandatory	651
Licensing Scheme (in force July 2006 – October 2018)	
HMOs within the scope of the new wider Mandatory	991
Licensing Scheme (in force from October 2018)	
HMOs not covered by wider Mandatory Scheme from	3324
October 2018	

ACTION 7 – Head of Private Sector Housing

To provide data on the locations of HMOs in the borough.

RESPONSE 7 – The chart below provided by the Private Sector Housing Service shows the proportion of dwellings in each of the borough's wards, which are made up of HMOs. This covers HMOs which are licensable under either the mandatory or (borough wide) additional licensing schemes in place.



ACTION 8 – Scrutiny Officer

To incorporate records of site visits and evidence gathering meetings (outside of formal Commission meetings) relating to the review around serious violence, into the agenda papers for the meeting of 8th April.

RESPONSE 8 – the records four following meetings / site visits are appended to these minutes:

- Note of site visit to the Integrated Gangs Unit, 22nd January 2019 (appended on pages 105 to 112)
- Note of site visit to Site Visit to Young Hackney Concorde, 22nd January 2019 (appended on pages 113 to 116)
- Record of the meeting with Metropolitan Police and Amnesty International re Gangs Violence Matrix, 24th January 2019 (<u>appended on</u> <u>pages 117 to 133</u>)
- Record of meeting with Integrated Gangs Unit and Children and Families Service 14th March 2019 (appended on pages 135 to 158)

Action

The Commission are asked to review and agree the minutes, and to note the matters arising.