

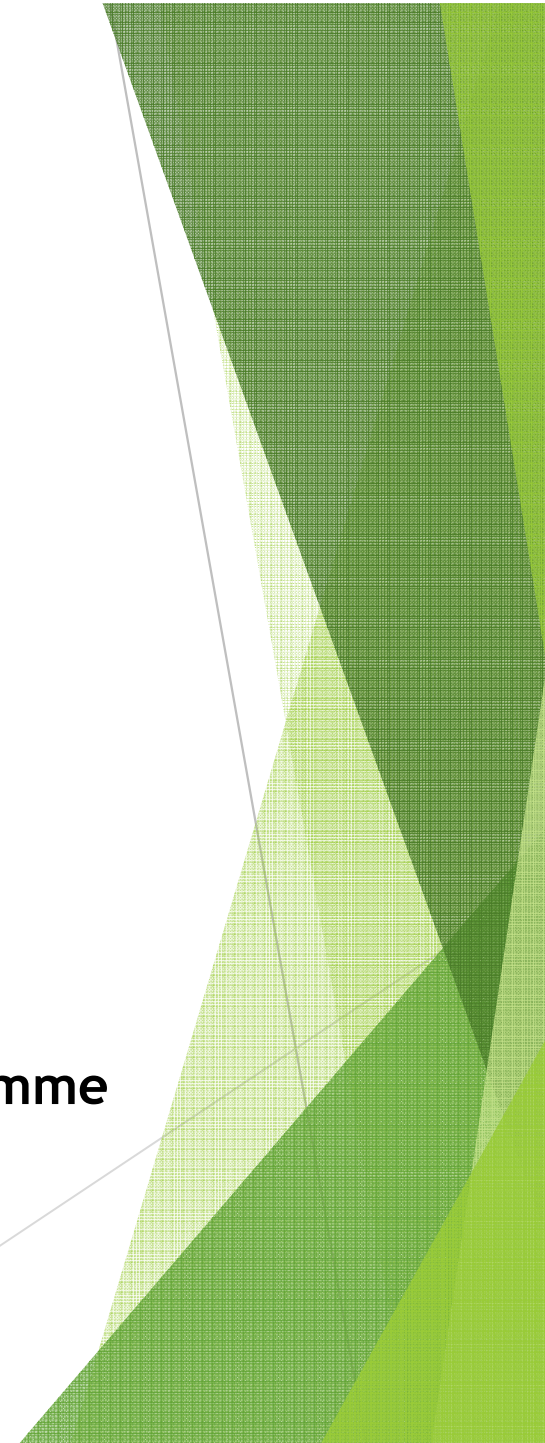


Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission

Work Programme Development 2019/20

Development of the work programme for 2019/20

- ▶ Reflection on the work programme for 2018/19
- ▶ What is the role of scrutiny?
- ▶ How can scrutiny add value?
- ▶ What is effective scrutiny?
- ▶ Prioritising items for inclusion within the work programme
- ▶ Timeframe for development



Reflections on 2018/19 work programme

What items have worked well?

What items didn't work so well?

Does the format or structure in the way items are taken work well?

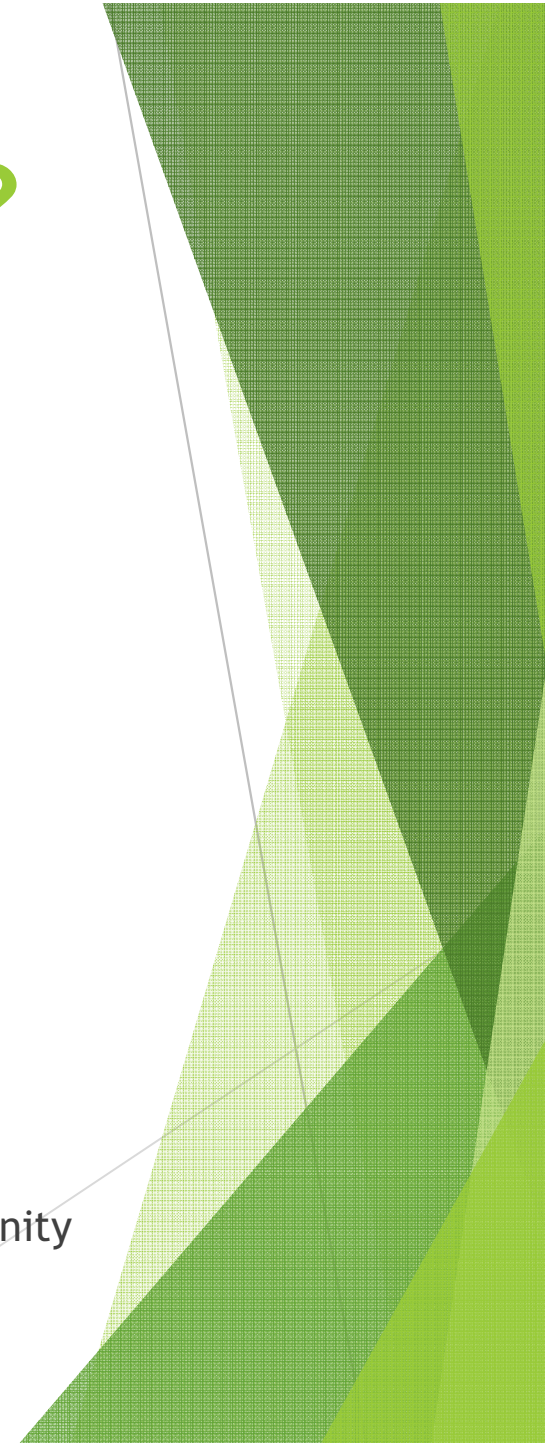
- ▶ **Review**
 - ▶ *Making the Local Economy Work for Hackney* (A review looking at inclusive economy)
- ▶ **One-off items**
 - ▶ Council's work in relation to employment, economic and community development and economic regeneration
 - ▶ Barriers to engagement for BMAE business owners and the support they require
 - ▶ Economic regeneration support to local businesses
 - ▶ Voluntary and community sector strategy - consultation
 - ▶ Gambling policy 2019-2022 - consultation
 - ▶ Transport infrastructure - capacity of the railway stations in the borough and the proposed changes to bus routes in the borough.
 - ▶ Hackney Council's Inclusive economy strategy
- ▶ **Cabinet Member Question Time**
 - ▶ Cllr Williams and Cllr Nicholson

Role of Overview & Scrutiny

- **Overview** - Holds decision makers (e.g. Cabinet Members and Senior Officers) to account.
- **Policy development and review** - help to improve or develop new services and policies
- **Performance management** - e.g. reviews performance, budget monitoring, value for money, quality.
- **Scrutinise external agencies** e.g. Police, Health Services, Fire Service, Housing Associations.
- **Public engagement and involvement** - represents views of the public and helps maintain public confidence in decision making.

How does scrutiny add value?

- ▶ **Provides assurance to decision making**
 - ▶ Public and open challenge
- ▶ **Bring stakeholders together to look at issues**
 - ▶ Statutory agencies, voluntary sector and community
 - ▶ Collaborative approach and solutions
- ▶ **Public engagement and involvement**
 - ▶ Seek to involve service users, residents and the local community
 - ▶ Meetings are public
- ▶ **Enhances democratic accountability and involvement**
 - ▶ Open, public and transparent assessment gives confidence to community



What is effective scrutiny?

Approach.....

- ▶ **Cross party approach** - non-party political, consensus approach
- ▶ **Evidence based** - research
- ▶ **Practical and constructive**
- ▶ **Inclusive** - working with partners and the local community
- ▶ **Relevant and timely**
- ▶ **Flexible format** - opportunity to innovate

Skills....

- ▶ **Prioritising** - picking the right topics/issues
- ▶ **Questioning** - obtaining the right information
- ▶ **Consensus building** - working across party
- ▶ **Partnership working** - building relationships
- ▶ **Influencing** - “selling” scrutiny

Prioritising items for the work programme - key questions

- ▶ Is this issue aligned to corporate priorities of the Council and its partners?
- ▶ Does this issue resonate with the Commission, other non-executive Councillors and the wider local community?
- ▶ How can value be added to this issue through scrutiny?
- ▶ Is this issue being looked at elsewhere - will scrutiny compliment/ duplicate that?
- ▶ Is it timely?

Timeframe

Date	Purpose
17th April	SEG Commission – initial discussion
21-31st May	Write to key stakeholders for suggestions
May-June	Meeting with Cabinet Members and senior officers to discuss work program
June 17th	SEG Commission - agrees work programme
July 18th	Scrutiny Panel – work programme confirmation