Hackney

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission

15th July 2019

Item 8 – Discussion on 2019/20 Work Programme

OUTLINE

The purpose of this item is to plan the work programme for the coming year. This includes agreeing the topic for main review, and items for discussion.

An initial work programme is attached.

Every year the Chair invites suggestions for topic areas from a range of stakeholders. This process was still ongoing at the point this agenda was published. The responses received so far are detailed below, and a further update will be provided in the meeting.

Members should refer to these and discuss whether there is an appetite to look at these areas, and which if any of these should constitute the main review for this year. They are also asked to draw on their knowledge of the communities they represent to suggest any other areas which could benefit from scrutiny.

Attached also are some general guidance notes on review topic selection being used by all the Commissions.

Suggested item	Source	Possible format		
Community Safety (meeting with lead Cabinet Member scheduled for				
10 th July)				
Community Safety Partnership	Sue Williams, Central	Discussion item		
response to street based drug	East Commander,			
markets and associated anti-	Metropolitan Police			
social behaviour	Service			
Annual updates on Prevent	Previously suggested			
Programme and Countering	as annual items by			
Extremism	Cllr Selman, Cabinet			
	Member for			
	Community Safety,			
	Policy and Voluntary			
	Sector			

Table 1 – Suggested items for review or one off discussion

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Stop & Search and Use of Force Monitoring (including tasers)	Previously suggested as annual item by Cllr Selman, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Policy and Voluntary Sector	Discussion item involving Police and Stop and Search Monitoring Groups
Confidence and trust in the police - update from Community Resilience Partnership / Trust and Confidence in the Police and the State Working Group	Commission Member	Discussion item(s)
Community Safety Partnership Plan – exploring how it addresses the concerns and issues in communities in Hackney	Sonia Khan, Head of Policy and Partnerships	Discussion item(s)
Improving outcomes for young black men programme – how well is it addressing racial disparities in the criminal justice system	Sonia Khan, Head of Policy and Partnerships	Discussion item(s)
Housing and	d wider environment	I
Repairs Service Review, with a focus on responsive repairs	Commission Member	Substantive Review
Housing Management by both the Council and Registered Providers – possibly covering a number of themes including repairs, support for vulnerable residents, tackling ASB, nominations and allocations	Interim Director, Regeneration	Substantive Review
Short term lets – exploring the impact of Airbnb and similar services, and the policy response of the Council.	Interim Director, Regeneration	Discussion item(s)
Affordability of new development – by the Council and Registered Providers	Member / Interim Director, Regeneration	Review

Housing Strategy Action of investigating 'giving priority for new intermediate housing to priority groups in the borough where staff recruitment and retention is challenging'. – next steps. To also explore work of Registered Providers to support intermediate housing opportunities for working households	Member / Interim Director, Regeneration	Discussion item(s)
Input into development of a cross-Council and partnership Hoarding Policy	Interim Director, Regeneration	Discussion item(s)
Grounds maintenance in parks, green spaces and estates - rationale and emerging plans around integration	Cllr Feryal Clark, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for Health, Social Care, Leisure and Parks	Discussion item
Progress updates on steps set out in Reduction and Recycling Plan to meet a 32% household recycling rate target for 2022/23 (considering a fortnightly restricted residual waste collection model for suitable kerbside properties, delivery of Phase 4 of the Estates Recycling Programme and separate measures supporting manifesto commitment to further improve recycling on estates)	Members	Discussion items
Exploring the value of estates- based community work in building cohesion, managing housing and reducing crime – examples of work in Hackney and elsewhere	Sonia Khan, Head of Policy and Partnerships	Review
Air Quality – update recommendations arising from Commission's review in 2017, and an insight into other current areas of work.	Cllr Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm / Aled Richards, Director of Public Realm	Discussion item

Update on development of Green infrastructure plan – a plan to link up green spaces to build Hackney's resilience to climate change, improve local air quality and to create pleasant and safe walking and cycling routes	Cllr Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm / Aled Richards, Director of Public Realm	Discussion item		
Update on municipal energy company, following scheduled go live in autumn 2019	Cllr Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm / Aled Richards, Director of Public Realm	Discussion item		
Council's enabling of cycling	Cllr Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm / Aled Richards, Director of Public Realm	Discussion item		
Update on the delivery of the Markets Strategy 2015 - 20	Aled Richards, Director of Public Realm	Discussion item		
Housing Needs, homelessness (meeting with lead Cabinet Member scheduled for 8 th July)				
Continued commission involvement in Choice Based Lettings system and the Hackney Lettings Policy	Commission Member	Discussion item		

ACTION

Drawing on the suggestions above and any given in the meeting itself, Members are asked to agree on items for the Commission's work programme for this year.