

Overview & Scrutiny

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission: Work Plan July 2019 – April 2020

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15th July 2019 Room 102, Hackney Town Hall Agenda dispatch: 5 th July 2019	Housing Services support of resident engagement	Gilbert Stowe, Head of Tenancy and Leasehold Services, Housing Services	<p>This item will explore current work to support involvement of Council tenants and leaseholders in the management of their housing and in the improvement in quality of life on estates, and any aspects for improvement.</p> <p>It will include exploring any support provided to Tenants and Residents Associations and Tenant Management Organisations, the value, take up and use of the Community Development Fund (a funding stream supporting community development and engagement activities on estates), and the work of Housing Services to communicate this and other funding opportunities to groups on estates.</p> <p>Having it at this point will enable the Commission to hear about the current approach to resident engagement, and to give views on where they see potential improvement. This is prior to a review of these functions which Housing Services is planning for later in the summer.</p> <p>A separate update on the outcomes of this review has been scheduled for the meeting of the 13th November</p>
	Prevent Programme Update	Tracey Thomas, Hackney Prevent Co-ordinator,	The Prevent Programme is an initiative to support and divert vulnerable people away from the radicalisation process and is one of four elements of the government's counter-terrorism strategy. Prevent involves encouraging the different local partners to work together to drive action and to learn from each other in promoting integration and challenging

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		Community Safety	<p>extremism.</p> <p>Local Prevent Coordinators for lead on working with communities, police and other local agencies, to deliver preventative measures against violent extremism.</p> <p>This item has been scheduled for Members to receive an update on the programme.</p>
	Discussion about work programme for 2019/20	Tom Thorn, Overview and Scrutiny Team	For the Commission to agree review topic and one off items for this year.
<p>2nd September 2019</p> <p>Room 102, Hackney Town Hall</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 22nd August 2019</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Aled Richards, Director, Public Realm</p>	<p>The Mayor of London's Environment Strategy requires London authorities to submit Reduction & Recycling Plan (RRP) to the GLA, setting out how they will contribute to a range of London-wide objectives, policies and proposals it sets out.</p> <p>The Strategy includes London wide targets on household recycling rates, which are informed by modelling on the maximum contribution each borough could make, based on each meeting a defined standard of recycling services (which Hackney largely already meets), and the introduction of residual waste restrictions.</p> <p>In terms of the restriction element, RRP's were expected to set out actions as to how they will deliver services that have reviewed household residual waste bin capacity, frequency of collections and side waste collections or consult on such measures.</p> <p>Hackney's RRP was agreed by Cabinet in June. It set a local target to</p>

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	separate measures supporting manifesto commitment to further improve recycling on estates)		<p>meet a 32% recycling rate by 2022/23, an increase from the 27.4% level achieved in 2017/18.</p> <p>In line with the RRP guidance, it set out a plan to consider the implementation of restriction via fortnightly restricted residual waste collections for suitable properties. This was alongside measures to improve recycling on estates through both the upcoming phase of the Estates Recycling Programme and the programme of work tied to the manifesto commitment to further improve recycling on estates.</p> <p>This item has been set for the Commission to receive a progress update on the elements set out in the RRP to increase household recycling rates in the borough.</p>
	Item to inform likely review - Housing Repairs Service performance	Ajman Ali, Director of Housing Services	<p>The Commission has expressed an interest in its main review for 2019/20 exploring responsive housing repairs, in terms of performance and the experiences for residents from the start to the end of the process.</p> <p>To help shape this work, this item will see the Director of Housing Services present to Members on different aspects of the Repairs Service including historical and current performance, budgets and structures. This and the question and answer session following it will be used to help inform the focus of any substantive review.</p>
	Management of asbestos in Council-managed homes	Ajman Ali, Director of Housing Services	<p>Materials containing asbestos were commonly used for a wide range of construction purposes until 1999, when all use of it was banned. Many buildings still contain asbestos. This includes the majority of Council homes.</p> <p>Where asbestos materials are in good condition and are unlikely to be</p>

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			<p>disturbed they generally do not present a risk. However, when they are in poor condition, or when they are disturbed or damaged, they can cause serious harm.</p> <p>This item has been scheduled for Members to explore the Council's approach to managing asbestos in its housing stock. This includes the measures in place to ensure safe and effective removal where this is required due to maintenance and improvement works in our residents homes and in communal areas.</p>
<p>13th November 2019 Room 102, Hackney Town Hall</p>	<p>Update on discretionary private rented sector licensing</p>	<p>Kevin Thompson, Head of Private Sector Housing</p>	<p>This item is further to the last update received in March 2019. This followed the going live of wider private rented sector licensing schemes planned for October 2018. These brought more private rented properties than those already covered by the mandatory scheme for larger HMOs, into a licensing framework.</p>
<p>Agenda dispatch: 5th November 2019</p>	<p>Housing Services support of resident engagement – update on review</p>	<p>Gilbert Stowe, Head of Tenancy and Leasehold Services, Housing Services</p>	<p>Update on outcomes of review of Housing Service's resident engagement functions following previous item on 15th July 2019</p>
<p>16th December 2019 Room 102, Hackney Town Hall</p>			

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Agenda dispatch: 5 th November 2019			
20th January 2020 Room 102, Hackney Town Hall			
	Agenda dispatch: 10 th January 2020		
19th February 2020 Room 102, Hackney Town Hall			
	Agenda dispatch: 11 th February 2020		

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<p>23rd March 2020</p> <p>Room 102, Hackney Town Hall</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 13th March 2020</p>			
<p>30th April 2020</p> <p>Council Chamber, Hackney Town Hall</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: 22nd April 2020</p>	<p>Progress on implementation of recommendations of Fire Risk Assessments</p>	<p>Ajman Ali, Director of Housing Services</p>	<p>This is further to the previous update of April 2019.</p>