

Update for Living in Hackney Work Programme 2019-20

The Living in Hackney Commission's work programme will be discussing and agreeing its work programme at the first meeting of the new cycle, on the 15th July 2019.

Possible Review

One possibility for the Commission's substantive review for the year is an exploration and identification of best practice in a range of areas relating to Housing Services, by both Councils and Registered Providers. This review could cover resident engagement and involvement, wider community development / social regeneration, aiding tenancy take-up and sustainment for vulnerable residents, repairs and maintenance, and approaches to ensuring effective nominations arrangements between the Council and Registered Providers.

Other Possible Work Programme Items

Other potential areas for consideration include the

- Commission's involvement in the development of a cross-Council strategy to support hoarding residents, an item exploring the impact and policy response to the increase in short term lets (via providers such as Airbnb), keeping the Council's development of a new Lettings Policy for its homes under review, and monitoring progress on the completion of steps set out in the Council's Reduction and Recycling Plan to meet a local 32% household recycling rate target for 2022/23.
- Community safety - The Commission performs the statutory crime and disorder committee function through the review and scrutiny of decisions taken by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The CSP is about to release a new Community Safety Plan setting out priority themes of focus for the next three years, and actions the partnership will take to support these. The initial suggestions for areas of focus are the response to street based drug markets and associated antisocial behaviour, and to domestic abuse / violence against women and girls (VAWG). The Commission will also seek updates on the police's use of stop and search and on its work around trust and confidence.