

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 19th February 2020 Item 6 – Minutes of meeting 14th January 2020	Item No 6
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Outline

The draft minutes of the meeting of the 14th January are enclosed.

The Commission also met on the 20th January. The records of that meeting were not produced in time for them to be included in this agenda, and these will be considered for agreement in the Commission's next meeting.

Matter arising from 14th January meeting:

One action arose from the meeting of 14th January. The action and response are detailed below.

ACTION 1 (Manager, Civil Protection Service):

To confirm completion of training of Thames Water by the Council around emergency planning processes, and desktop exercise of learning from response to N4 mains flood.

RESPONSE (Manager, Civil Protection Service):

I can confirm that Thames Water sent members of their staff to Hackney where they met representatives of the London Resilience Group, Islington Council Emergency Planning Team and Hackney Council Civil Protection Service in a desktop learning environment. The exercise provided training in how London Local Authorities respond to incidents, in accordance with the London Local Authority Concept of Operations. Officers found Thames Water staff to have been receptive and engaged throughout the day.

In a reciprocal move, arrangements have been made for Hackney Council Civil Protection Service Officers to attend a day in Reading at Thames Water's headquarters. This is in order to gain an insight into the response procedures of Thames Water, to further improve mutual understandings of approaches.

Matters arising from meeting September 30th 2019:

Two actions arose from the Commission's September meeting. Responses to these were not available when agendas for subsequent meetings were published, but have since been provided. The actions and responses are detailed below:

ACTION 1 (Head of Tenant and Leasehold Services, Housing Services):

To provide application numbers for 2019/20 Community Development Fund (CDF), and current amount of £342,000 fund currently allocated. Within this, to provide numbers of applications and value of allocations to groups other than TRAs.

RESPONSE (Head of Tenant and Leasehold Services, Housing Services):

In response to this action the Head of Tenant and Leasehold Services, Housing Services has provided a schedule of payments made under the CDF, for the period April to December 2019. This document is appended on pages 111 - 113.

ACTION 2 (Head of Tenant and Leasehold Services, Housing Services):

To identify origins of £2,000 limit on individual allocations from Community Development Fund, and to consider review of this.

RESPONSE (Head of Tenant and Leasehold Services, Housing Services):

The £2,000 limit was agreed with Resident Liaison Group sub-committee who co-produced the funding criteria and usage during 2016/2017. The amounts that can be awarded will be reviewed jointly with the RLG during the coming year along with the possible name change of the fund and publicity requirements

Action

The Commission are asked to review and agree the minutes, and to note the responses actions arising from previous meetings.