

<b>Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission</b>  25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020  <b>A Just Transition To A Greener, Fairer Economy in Hackney</b>	Item No  <b>5</b>
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## **Outline**

The Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission will be commencing a scrutiny review to look at Just Transition to achieve a fairer greener economy.

Hackney Councillors approved a motion to do ‘everything within the Council’s power’ to deliver net zero emissions across its functions by 2040. The move to decarbonise our economy has the potential to offer exciting opportunities for Hackney but at present, without a comprehensive just transition policy to deliver the necessary support and impetus for change, means that some of our most vulnerable businesses and residents can be left behind.

The Commission is discussing this topic with the council, academics and think tanks who have looked at this area in detail to get an understanding of the policies and practices being recommended to help create a fairer, greener economy.

## **Invited guest**

- Tim Page, Senior Policy Advisor, from the Trade Union Congress (TUC)
- Rebecca Newsom, Head of Politics, from Greenpeace
- Nick Robins, Professor in Practice - Sustainable Finance from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- Cllr Jon Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, waste, transport and public realm from London Borough of Hackney
- Sonia Khan, Head of Policy and Strategic Delivery from London Borough of Hackney
- Suzanne Johnson, Head of Economic Regeneration from London Borough of Hackney
- Laura Parry, Senior Transport Planner from Hackney Zero Emissions.

The discussion will cover

1. Introduction to the concept of Just Transition
2. Why we need Just Transition
3. The route to Just Transition - how we turn this into a reality
4. Best practice
5. Advice/suggestions for the Commission to focus on for a scrutiny review.

In addition to the above points we asked the Council to provide information about the following:

- Council's thinking on Just Transition in relation to its pursuit of building a greener economy
- The Council's Inclusive Economy Strategy and a greener economy
- The opportunities a greener economy presents to the Borough's workforce and businesses
- The challenges of shifting towards a greener economy.

### **Reports**

For this discussion item various reports have been provided as background information. Please see list below.

- How Government Should Address The Climate Emergency – Greenpeace
- Government Investment For A greener and Fairer Economy – Greenpeace
- A Just Transition to a greener, fairer economy – TUC
- Financing inclusive climate action in the UK An investor roadmap for the just transition – LSE.
- Banking the just transition in the UK - LSE

### **Action**

The Commission to note the presentations and ask questions.