

Scrutiny Panel 13th May 2020 Item 5 – Scrutiny Panel Cabinet Question Time on the Impact of Covid-19	Item No 5
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OUTLINE

A key element of the scrutiny function is to hold the Mayor and Cabinet to account in public as part of a Cabinet Question Time Session. The Mayor's Question Time is the responsibility of the Scrutiny Panel.

The current pandemic (Covid-19) has had a significant impact on the UK, its economy and the daily lives of people. Local authorities have had to refocus their support offer to local residents whilst keeping key services operational. Councils have also had to ensure its resources are best placed to help with immediate challenges presenting now and in the future. With this impetus, the Scrutiny Panel is keen to understand and explore how the Council is responding to the pandemic, lessons learnt, strengths, weaknesses and the resilience of Hackney Council.

The Mayor and Chief Executive have been requested to attend the Scrutiny Panel Meeting to discuss:

1. The Council's preparations and response to the crisis particularly for vulnerable residents.
2. How the Council's is working with partners, voluntary sector, local businesses and trade unions.
3. To review the long term impacts of the pandemic on the Council and the community.

To help focus and guide the discussion specific questions related to the areas above were given in advance of topic the Scrutiny Panel session.

Attending for this item:

- **Tim Shields Chief Executive**
- **Mayor Philip Glanville**

The [Mayor, Philip Glanville](#), is the lead within Cabinet on the following areas:

- property
- ICT

- member for families, early years and play)
- strategic housing
- housing regeneration
- devolution and policy (with support from the Cabinet member for community safety, policy, and the voluntary sector)
- private sector housing and housing affordability (supported by a Mayoral Adviser as outlined below)

ACTION

Members are asked to give consideration to the response and ask questions.