

Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission 8 th June 2020 Impact of COVID-19 on Local Business	Item No 5
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Date of Meeting: 8th of June 2020

Outline

The Commission will hear from local business owners and council staff to understand how COVID-19 has affected them, what support they have received, what their experience has been like, and how better they could be supported with a view to a discussion around inclusive economy policy.

The current situation represents substantial challenges and opportunities for the local economy and the stakeholders that form that economy, and the discussion will be crucial moving forward to ensure the challenges are overcome, opportunities are utilised, and the needs of local people are understood and supported.

Invited guests

- Andrew Roughan, Managing Director, Plexal
- Jo Hemmant, Executive Director, Hackney Empire
- Savas Tuncer, Managing Director, The Zumurat Florist
- Daniel Maher, Managing Director, Boulevard Events
- Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Planning, Culture & Inclusive Economy
- Sonia Khan, Head of Policy, Chief Executive's Directorate, Hackney Council

The discussion will cover

1. How day-to-day business operations have been affected
2. What support has been utilised, and what kind of experience has been had in the receiving of that support
3. What additional support could be provided to business in this time
4. What support moving forward could be provided with a view to working toward inclusive economy

Action

The Commission to note the presentations and ask questions.