

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 18th January 2020 Item 4 – Green infrastructure in Hackney and Parks and Green Spaces Strategy	Item No 4
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Outline

Green infrastructure Strategy

Green infrastructure strategies are much more than a strategy for the provision of the traditional ‘green space’ of parks and gardens. Strategies need to:

- provide off road and green routes that allow walkers and cyclists to travel to work and local services;
- consider the role of privately owned and inaccessible ‘green spaces’ including gardens that provide havens and interconnecting corridors for wildlife;
- consider how some land can help alleviate flooding at times of flood or heavy rainfall;
- consider where shade and cooler conditions can be provided in anticipation of hotter summers resulting from predicted climate change impacts;
- consider the role of trees and woodlands;
- consider how new development should be designed, and how it can contribute to the wider green infrastructure network;
- consider how the overall allocation of land for biodiversity functions can contribute to wider ambitions for biodiversity conservation
- seek physical and functional connectivity between sites at all levels;
- A well-produced green infrastructure strategy should provide the framework for an exemplar of environmentally sustainable development, where all the green spaces, both public and private, connect with each other

There will be a presentation at the meeting on the Green Infrastructure Strategy for Hackney.

Parks and Green Spaces Strategy

The Council is committed to continuing to deliver improvements to its parks and green spaces.

There is no statutory requirement to produce a parks strategy itself, but the main provisions that allow the Council to regulate parks and open spaces in the borough are contained within the Open Spaces Act 1906 and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation (Greater London Parks and Open Spaces) Act 1967. The last strategy covering the management of Hackney parks was the Hackney Parks Strategy 2008-2013.

As part of the consultation process the views of the Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission are being sought as the council develops its Parks and Green Spaces Strategy.

Reports in the agenda:

1. Summary report on Green Infrastructure and Parks and Green Spaces Strategy.
2. Draft Hackney Parks and Green Spaces Strategy (as referenced in point 3.5 in the summary report for on Green Infrastructure and Parks and Green Spaces Strategy)
3. Open Spaces Assessment Report (as referenced in point 1.3 in the summary report for on Green Infrastructure and Parks and Green Spaces Strategy).

Invited Attendees:

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- **Senior Landscape Architect, Sam Griffiths**

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- **Mayor of Hackney, Phil Glanville**
- **Director of Public Realm, Aled Richards**
- **Head of Service, Ian Holland**
- **Parks Development Manager, Sam Parry**
- **Strategic Planning Manager, Karol Jakubczyk**
- **Head of Planning and Building Control, Natalie Broughton**
- **Matthew Carrington, Strategic Delivery Manager.**

Action

1. Members are asked to consider the reports, presentations and ask questions.
2. Members are asked to provide feedback and views into the consultation on the Parks and Green Spaces Strategy for Hackney.