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Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission London Borough of Hackney

All Members of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission are requested to attend the meeting of the Commission to be held as follows.

Monday 7th December 2020 at 7.00pm

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Members:

Cllr Sophie Conway (Chair)	Cllr Margaret Gordon (Vice Chair)	
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Cllr Katie Hanson	Cllr Clare Joseph	Cllr Sharon Patrick
Cllr James Peters	Cllr Clare Potter	

Coopted Members: Justine McDonald, Shabnum Hassan, Jo Macleod, Ernell Watson, Shuja Shaikh, Michael Lobenstein, Aleigha Reeves, Clive Kandza and Raivene Walters

Agenda

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1.	Apologies for Absence
2.	Urgent Items / Order of Business
3.	Declarations of Interest
4.	Child Friendly Borough (Special Planning Document (19.05)) A Special Planning Document has been developed to ensure that new development coming forward recognises the needs of children and young people.

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The SPD will seek to achieve this objective by ‘maximising the opportunities for safe play and outdoor activities across our streets, estates, parks, adventure playgrounds, new developments and open spaces as children and their families explore and discover the world around them.’ The Child Friendly SPD was agreed by Cabinet in October 2020 and being consulted upon with local stakeholders until 12th January 2021.

Attached report
-Child Friendly SPD

Gabrielle Abadi, Planning Policy Officer
Lizzi Bird, Planning & Implementation Officer
Karol Jacobzyck, Strategic Planning Manager

Background
[Consultation Website](#)
[Child Friendly SPD - Summary](#)
[Child Friendly SPD - Full](#)

Action
The Commission is invited to review the SPD and the planned consultation process, question officers on the plans and to provide formal feedback to the consultation.

5.

Young Futures Commission (19.30)

The Young Futures Commission (YFC) was set up 2017/18 to ensure that there are robust consultation and engagement mechanisms in place through which children and young people could meaningfully contribute to decisions that shape and influence their lives.

The YFC provided an update on its work to this Commission in January 2020. Since this time the YFC has produced a final report of its work.

Attached reports
-Cover Report
- Valuing the future through young peoples’ voices Summary Report
-[Young Futures Video](#)

Jermain Jackman Co-Chair, Young Futures Commission
Shekeila Scarlett Co-Chair Young Futures Commission
Polly Cziok, Director of Communications, Culture and Engagement
Rohney Saggarr-Malik, Project Head Young Futures

Action
The Commission is requested to review and comment on the attached reports.

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<p>6.</p>	<p>Childcare Update (20.15) The Commission has a responsibility to maintain oversight of childcare provision and an update on Childcare Sufficiency across Hackney is provided each year.</p> <p>A report on the state of childcare provision in Hackney was provided to the Commission in July 2020. The impact of Covid-19 on the childcare market was difficult to assess at this time and the Commission requested a brief update to be presented later in 2020.</p> <p><u>Attached reports</u> -Childcare Update</p> <p>Annie Gammon, Director of Education Donna Thomas, Head of Early Years, Early Help & Well-being Tim Wooldridge, Early Years Strategy Manager</p> <p><u>Background</u> Challenges of the Childcare Market: implications of Covid 19 for child care providers in England. Institute of Fiscal Studies 2020</p> <p>Survey of Childcare and Early Years Providers and Covid 19: Research Report Department of Education, October 2020</p> <p><u>Action</u> The Commission is requested to review and comment on the attached report.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member Questions (20.35)</p> <p>The Cabinet member for Families, Early Years and Play will attend to respond to questions within this portfolio. As per protocol, the Commission may focus questioning on up to three pre-agreed policy areas.</p> <p>The Commission has agreed to focus questioning on Childhood Poverty and to address the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How have local estimates of local childhood poverty been impacted by Covid 19? What do local data (such as free school meal entitlement) reveal about the nature of childhood poverty in Hackney?2. How is the Council (together with community partners) tackling local childhood poverty? What are the Council priorities and how are families most at risk of childhood poverty being supported (e.g. single parent households, families with children under 5, BAME households). How are local services working together to coordinate a package of support for local families in need?

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	<p>3. The Government has announced the £170m package (Covid Winter Grant Scheme) to support children and families over holiday periods. Can further detail be provided as to how much Hackney is likely to receive and how this money will be utilised to support local families?</p> <p>Cllr Caroline Woodley, Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years and Play</p> <p><u>Background</u> Poverty in the pandemic: the impact of coronavirus on children and families. Child Poverty Action Group</p> <p>Cash in a Crisis: best practice for local assistance schemes during Covid 19. Child Poverty Action Group</p> <p>Covid Winter Grant Scheme Department of Work & Pensions</p>
8.	<p>Work Programme (21.20) To note and agree to the work programme for the remainder of 2020/21.</p>
9.	<p>Minutes (21.25) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2020.</p>
10.	<p>Any other business</p>

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