

<b>Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b> <b>Item 4 – Play Infrastructure, Planning and Design Principles for a Child Friendly Borough</b>	Item No <b>4</b>
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### **Outline**

Following a review and discussion about the Parks and Green Spaces Strategy at the Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission meeting in January 2021. The scrutiny commission decided to follow up on this work to look at play infrastructure for estates and the provision across the borough.

The Child Friendly Places Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) contributes towards delivering the Mayor's Manifesto commitment to ensure that Hackney becomes a fully 'child friendly borough' through establishing child-friendly principles and design guidelines for Hackney's built environment, ensuring the borough accommodates and actively plans for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

The SPD is formed of six chapters and outlines key child-friendly principles, provides design guidance and case studies of best practice to shape a better environment for existing and future residents.

- Part 3 of the SPD outlines the eight Child Friendly Principles for Hackney.
- Part 4 of the SPD identifies design guidelines to support key LP33 policies in informing and assessing how the Council plans, designs and maintains new developments.
- The child-friendly design guidelines in the document are structured by dividing the neighbourhood into the scales a child in Hackney will typically grow up and experience in their built environment within their neighbourhood.
- Part 5 of the SPD outlines examples of best practice for engagement with children and young people in the Borough in relation to shaping changes in their neighbourhood. The SPD was informed by findings from the Hackney Young Futures Commission Report (2020) and engagement work with Hackney Youth Parliament.
- Part 6 of the SPD outlines the tools needed to inform and assess how development proposals ensure that children and young people's rights and specific needs are delivered and implemented in Hackney's built environment.
- The child-friendly design checklist (page 67) is one of the tools established to deliver the principles and guidelines set out in the SPD.
- The child-friendly impact assessment (page 73) provides a step-by-step process for applicants to systematically consider the effects their

proposed application will have on children and young people and incorporate the results into their updated proposal.

- The Child-Friendly Borough Delivery Projects (page 76-78) outline the examples of planning service and council wide project delivery where the child friendly places SPD has the opportunity to provide guidance.

This discussion will cover:

### **Planning - Child Friendly Borough**

- Information about the consultation/feedback and work towards a child friendly borough linked to the Local Plan.

### **Play infrastructure and design principles for play infrastructure**

- The Council's policy on play infrastructure for estates and provisions across the borough.
- The design principles for play infrastructure for developments and estate regenerations.

### **Report in the agenda:**

To support this discussion the following report is included for background information.

- Child Friendly Places Supplementary Planning Document

### **Invited Attendees:**

#### **London Borough of Hackney**

- Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor for housing supply, planning, culture and inclusive economy
- Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Cabinet Member for Housing
- Cllr Caroline Woodley, Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years, Parks and Play
- Aled Richards, Strategic Director, Sustainability and Public Realm
- Chris Trowell, Interim Director, Regeneration
- David Padfield, Interim Director of Housing
- Natalie Broughton, Head of Planning and Building Control
- Lizzie Bird, Deputy Strategic Planning Manager
- Steve Platt, Head of Building Maintenance
- Gabrielle Abadi, Planning Officer, Strategic Planning.

### **Action**

Members are asked to consider the reports, presentations and ask questions.