

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 26th October 2021 Item 5 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Item No 5
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Outline

The draft minutes of the meeting of the 22nd June 2021 and 14th July 2021 are attached.

Matter arising from 14th July 2021 meeting:

Action

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The Interim Director, Regeneration to provide a written response about how the Council is working with registered providers about improving their play offer on existing developments.

Response

In relation to new developments, the Council's planning policies seek and encourage adequate provision of children's play facilities on new developments. In particular the Local Plan seeks to ensure that new residential developments devote some of the open space they provide as child-friendly spaces. The Local Plan supports the provision of 10sqm of dedicated play space per child on-site for any new major residential developments and mixed-use schemes that are likely to generate a child yield of 10 or more. Moreover, the practical design requirements encourage play spaces that are suitable for a diverse range of children and young people.

This policy, as well as other policies related to the public realm, will be further developed in greater detail within the forthcoming Child Friendly Places SPD (see <https://hackney.gov.uk/child-friendly-spd>).

The Council also works with its housing association partners on a collaborative basis to ensure the delivery of child friendly places. The forthcoming 'Compact' agreement between the Council and Housing Associations who own and manage homes in Hackney will include an agreement to ensure that their new housing developments and estate

redevelopments contribute to sustainable communities. This includes ensuring that residents have access to open spaces and play facilities.

The Compact also encourages partnership working to ensure better use of existing resources (including open spaces), community networks and community assets to ensure Hackney residents receive high-quality services and continue to thrive.

Action

The Commission are asked to review and agree the minutes, and to note the responses to actions arising from previous meetings.