



COUNCIL

All Members of the Council are
HEREBY SUMMONED
to attend a meeting of the Council
to be held on:
Wednesday, 20th October 2021
at 7.00pm
Hackney Town Hall,
Mare Street, London,
E8 1EA

This meeting will be live streamed and can be viewed here:
<https://youtu.be/vUZavmPr0m0>

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ORDER OF BUSINESS AND INDICATIVE TIMINGS

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item	Minutes NOT EXCEEDING
1- 4.	Preliminaries	20 minutes
5.	Questions from Members of the Public	30 minutes
6.	Questions from Members of the Council	30 minutes
7.	Elected Mayor's Statement	20 minutes
8.	Changes to the Terms of the Late Night Levy	10 minutes
9.	Licensing Service Annual Report 2020/21	10 minutes
10.	Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21	10 minutes
11.	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21	10 minutes
12.	Dates of Future Meetings	2 minutes
	TOTAL	2 hours 22 minutes

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WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021
AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Speaker's Announcements**
- 3. Declarations of Interest - Members to declare as appropriate**

A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting proceedings in person or virtually.

A Member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at paragraphs 8.1 - 15.2 of Section 2 of Part 5 of the constitution and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.

- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
 - 4.1 To consider the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 21 July 2021 (Freedom of the Borough)
 - 4.2 To consider the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21 July 2021

5. Questions from Members of the Public

5.1 From Reiner Tegtmeier to the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy

Concerning the Dalston Plan, what practical actions will be taken to fully respect views, suggestions and substantiated objections expressed by residents in creating “open green spaces” and housing for existing, poor residents as opposed to filling-in the various identified “opportunity spaces” and convert Kingsland Shopping Centre into a high-density estate?

5.2 From Adam Forman to the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy

Given the options agreement between Hackney Walk and the Council over the Tesco site, Morning Lane, expires in March 2022, will the Council commit to exploring alternative funding for a plan including a high proportion of council homes and an equivalent size Tesco store?

5.3 From Alastair Binnie-Lubbock to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services

I have encountered several Council residents reporting serious damp issues and their queries weren't taken seriously or dealt with promptly. In some cases queries on this issue are ignored completely. Does the Council commit to not keep residents in the dark and damp?

5.4 From Kieran Kirkwood to the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy

In 2020, Hackney Council passed an anti-racism motion pledging that "Hackney's Black Lives Matter". How is this specifically reflected in your planning policy?

5.5 From Rebecca Lammers to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety

When does Hackney Council plan to fulfill its promise to obtain White Ribbon accreditation and what, if anything, has the Council done to ensure accreditation is obtained sooner rather than later?

6. Questions from Members of the Council

6.1 From Cllr Soraya Adejare to the Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources

As a borough in which the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers reside, it is clear that our legacy of providing sanctuary is firmly embedded. Nevertheless, we are now faced with a government which has done its utmost to demonise those seeking refuge, including through the punitive Immigration Bill which goes so far as to criminalise Royal National Lifeboat Institution volunteers for helping drowning refugees and asylum seekers. As we sit in this meeting tonight, there are crises occurring across the world, where human lives remain at risk. Could the Cabinet Member please advise as to the ongoing work being undertaken to ensure that this is countered in our borough, including the support Hackney will give to Afghan refugees under the government's resettlement scheme and the Afghan local workers scheme?

6.2 From Cllr Polly Billington to the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure

What progress is being made to reintroduce face to face appointments with GPs in the borough to support those who need quality time with their GP and find virtual consultations unsuitable, thus limiting their access to the healthcare they need?

6.3 From Cllr Sarah Young to the Mayor

Following the Council's successful bid for funding from the Mayor of London's Affordable Homes Programme, could the Mayor provide an update on Hackney's progress on building the affordable homes our residents desperately need?

6.4 From Cllr Ian Rathbone to the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy

Would the Cabinet Member responsible for Street Markets and Outdoor Trading agree with me when I say that our street markets are recognised as the best and most successful not only in London, but also around the

country, and would he tell us how we plan to make sure our street markets continue being good for traders, good for residents and good for our town centres?

6.5 From Cllr Sophie Conway to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety

What representations has the Cabinet lead on community safety made to the Borough Commander of the Metropolitan Police seeking specific, measurable and immediate improvements to the way the police tackle violence against women and girls in the borough, in light of women's waning trust in the police to protect them and bring perpetrators of violence and abuse to justice?

6.6 From Cllr Polly Billington to the Cabinet Member for Finance

Could the Cabinet Member for Finance please set out the Council's assessment of the impact on Hackney residents of the proposed £20 per week cut to Universal Credit?

6.7 From Cllr Sophie Cameron to the Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm

Last month we heard the excellent news that Hackney had seen the biggest rise in cycling in England last year. Could the Cabinet Member for Transport update us on progress to make active travel such as cycling, as well as greener options such as electric vehicles, easier and safer to keep helping us rebuild a greener Hackney, and can he give an update on the commonplace consultation on Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs)?

6.8 From Cllr Kam Adams to the Mayoral Adviser for Homelessness, Housing Needs and Rough Sleeping

Could the Cabinet lead for Housing needs give us an update on the new Lettings Policy starting in October 2021. What support is in place for residents that do not qualify for the lettings register?

6.9 From Cllr Sharon Patrick to the Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm

Hackney has a great story to tell on removing rubbish from the streets. But in some instances this great service leads to some areas becoming dumping spots as people assume that the Council will collect it. This leads to bags often being ripped open by animals and the contents being scattered over the street. Could you please let me know what enforcement action can be used to deal with this Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), both in the short and long-term?

6.10 From Cllr Lynne Troughton to the Cabinet Member for Housing Services

Could the Cabinet Member for Housing please report on any conversations with Sanctuary Housing about complaints from residents detailing a litany of failures including broken lifts, failures to carry out effective repairs, broken security doors, and anti-social behaviour on the estate?

6.11 From Cllr Anya Sizer to the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure

Foetal alcohol spectrum disorder is a life-long holistic neurological issue affecting between 3-6% of the population and more prevalent than autism. Could the Cabinet Member please tell me what plans the Council has to ensure a joined up strategy for those affected?

6.12 From Cllr Sophie Cameron to the Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm

It is just over a year since traffic filters were introduced around Walford Road in Stoke Newington. Could the Cabinet Member share some insights into the Commonplace consultation feedback and the timeline for making a decision about making this scheme permanent?

6.13 From Cllr Clare Potter to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety

Blackstock Road is a lively and valued high street by residents in Brownswood Ward and the Finsbury Park area. However many residents and businesses report feeling less safe and are concerned about anti-social behaviour and criminal activities. Could the Cabinet Member

for Community Safety outline the steps being taken with key stakeholders and Islington officers to support the local community, workers and vulnerable adults (on the street) when addressing these issues?

6.14 From Cllr Gilbert Smyth to the Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm

How has the recent change from weekly to fortnightly general waste bin collections affected recycling rates in the borough and are we on track to meet the Mayor of London's ambitious target to recycle 65% of London's waste and cut food waste by 50% per person by 2030?

6.15 From Cllr Claire Joseph to the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for or Housing Supply, Planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy

Shops and services in the borough increasingly accept only cards as a method of payment. Going cash-free excludes many people, particularly people on lower incomes who need to budget carefully before payday, and elderly people who can struggle with cards and worry about scams. Cash is more easily ring-fenced and between 1.3 million and 2 million adults in the UK have no bank account. Will the Council support an inclusive economy by encouraging local businesses and ensuring that Council run facilities take cash?

6.16 From Cllr Steve Race to Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care

Government data shows that young people are increasingly being denied access to extra-curricular activities that enrich their lives. From learning to play an instrument, to participating in competitive sport, to visiting an art gallery or museum, children are increasingly missing out on life-changing experiences and activities. The data also shows that children from the poorest backgrounds are three times more likely to miss out. Could the Cabinet Member with responsibility for education please set out the ways in which Hackney Council can work with schools to ensure that all children have access to quality extracurricular activities?

7. Elected Mayor's Statement

- 8. Changes to the Terms of the Late Night Levy**
- 9. Licensing Service Annual Report 2020/21**
- 10. Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21**
- 11. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21**
- 12. Dates of Future Meetings**

Members are requested to note the dates of Full Council meetings for 2021/22. All meetings of Full Council will commence at 7.00pm and are scheduled as follows:

- 26 January 2022
- 23 February 2022

Public Attendance

The Town Hall is not presently open to the general public, and there is limited capacity within the meeting rooms. However, the High Court has ruled that where meetings are required to be 'open to the public' or 'held in public' then members of the public are entitled to have access by way of physical attendance at the meeting. The Council will need to ensure that access by the public is in line with any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in force from time to time and also in line with public health advice.

Those members of the public who wish to observe a meeting are still encouraged to make use of the live-stream facility in the first instance. You can find the link on the agenda front sheet.

Members of the public who would ordinarily attend a meeting to ask a question, make a deputation or present a petition will be able to attend if they wish. They may also let the relevant committee support officer know that they would like the Chair of the meeting to ask the question, make the deputation or present the petition on their behalf (in line with current Constitutional arrangements).

In the case of the Planning Sub-Committee, those wishing to make representations at the meeting should attend in person where possible.

Regardless of why a member of the public wishes to attend a meeting, they will need to advise the relevant committee support officer of their intention in advance of the meeting date. You can find contact details for the committee support officer on the agenda front page. This is to support track and trace. The committee support officer will be able to confirm whether the proposed attendance can be accommodated with the room capacities that exist to ensure that the meeting is covid-secure.

As there will be a maximum capacity in each meeting room, priority will be given to those who are attending to participate in a meeting rather than observe.

Members of the public who are attending a meeting for a specific purpose, rather than general observation, are encouraged to leave the meeting at the end of the item for which they are present. This is particularly important in the case of the Planning Sub-Committee, as it may have a number of items on the agenda involving public representation.

Before attending the meeting

The public, staff and councillors are asked to review the information below as this is important in minimising the risk for everyone.

If you are experiencing covid symptoms, you should follow government guidance. Under no circumstances should you attend a meeting if you are experiencing covid symptoms.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of Coronavirus is eligible to book a swab test to find out if they have the virus. You can register for a test after checking your symptoms [through the NHS website](#). If you do not have access to the internet, or have difficulty with the digital portals, you are able to call the 119 service to book a test.

If you're an essential worker and you are experiencing Coronavirus symptoms, you can apply for priority testing through GOV.UK by following the [guidance for essential workers](#). You can also get tested through this route if you have symptoms of coronavirus and live with an essential worker.

Availability of home testing in the case of people with symptoms is limited, so please use testing centres where you can.

Even if you are not experiencing covid symptoms, you are requested to take an asymptomatic test (lateral flow test) in the 24 hours before attending the meeting.

You can do so by visiting any lateral flow test centre; details of the rapid testing sites in Hackney can be found [here](#). Alternatively, you can obtain home testing kits from pharmacies or order them [here](#).

You must not attend a lateral flow test site if you have Coronavirus symptoms; rather you must book a test appointment at your nearest walk-through or drive-through centre.

Lateral flow tests take around 30 minutes to deliver a result, so please factor the time it will take to administer the test and then wait for the result when deciding when to take the test.

If your lateral flow test returns a positive result then you must follow Government guidance; self-isolate and make arrangements for a PCR test. Under no circumstances should you attend the meeting.

Attending the Town Hall for meetings

To make our buildings Covid-safe, it is very important that you observe the rules and guidance on social distancing, one-way systems, hand washing, and the wearing of masks (unless you are exempt from doing so). You must follow all the signage and measures that have been put in place. They are there to keep you and others safe.

To minimise risk, we ask that Councillors arrive fifteen minutes before the meeting starts and leave the meeting room immediately after the meeting has concluded. The public will be invited into the room five minutes before the meeting starts.

Members of the public will be permitted to enter the building via the front entrance of the Town Hall no earlier than ten minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start. They will be required to sign in and have their temperature checked as they enter the building. Security will direct them to the Chamber or Committee Room as appropriate.

Seats will be allocated, and people must remain in the seat that has been allocated to them.

Refreshments will not be provided, so it is recommended that you bring a bottle of water with you.

RIGHTS OF PRESS AND PUBLIC TO REPORT ON MEETINGS

Where a meeting of the Council and its committees are open to the public, the press and public are welcome to report on meetings of the Council and its committees, through any audio, visual or written methods and may use digital and social media providing they do not disturb the conduct of the meeting and

providing that the person reporting or providing the commentary is present at the meeting.

Those wishing to film, photograph or audio record a meeting are asked to notify the Council's Monitoring Officer by noon on the day of the meeting, if possible, or any time prior to the start of the meeting or notify the Chair at the start of the meeting.

The Monitoring Officer, or the Chair of the meeting, may designate a set area from which all recording must take place at a meeting.

The Council will endeavour to provide reasonable space and seating to view, hear and record the meeting. If those intending to record a meeting require any other reasonable facilities, notice should be given to the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting and will only be provided if practicable to do so.

The Chair shall have discretion to regulate the behaviour of all those present recording a meeting in the interests of the efficient conduct of the meeting. Anyone acting in a disruptive manner may be required by the Chair to cease recording or may be excluded from the meeting.

Disruptive behaviour may include: moving from any designated recording area; causing excessive noise; intrusive lighting; interrupting the meeting; or filming members of the public who have asked not to be filmed.

All those visually recording a meeting are requested to only focus on recording councillors, officers and the public who are directly involved in the conduct of the meeting. The Chair of the meeting will ask any members of the public present if they have objections to being visually recorded. Those visually recording a meeting are asked to respect the wishes of those who do not wish to be filmed or photographed. Failure by someone recording a meeting to respect the wishes of those who do not wish to be filmed and photographed may result in the Chair instructing them to cease recording or in their exclusion from the meeting.

If a meeting passes a motion to exclude the press and public then in order to consider confidential or exempt information, all recording must cease and all recording equipment must be removed from the meeting. The press and public are not permitted to use any means which might enable them to see or hear

the proceedings whilst they are excluded from a meeting and confidential or exempt information is under consideration.

Providing oral commentary during a meeting is not permitted.

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS

Hackney Council's Code of Conduct applies to all Members of the Council, the Mayor and co-opted Members.

This note is intended to provide general guidance for Members on declaring interests. However, you may need to obtain specific advice on whether you have an interest in a particular matter. If you need advice, you can contact:

- Director of Legal and Governance Services
- the Legal Adviser to the committee; or
- Governance Services.

If at all possible, you should try to identify any potential interest you may have before the meeting so that you and the person you ask for advice can fully consider all the circumstances before reaching a conclusion on what action you should take.

You will have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter if it:

- relates to an interest that you have already registered in Parts A and C of the Register of Pecuniary Interests of you or your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner;
- relates to an interest that should be registered in Parts A and C of the Register of Pecuniary Interests of your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner, but you have not yet done so; or
- affects your well-being or financial position or that of your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda you must:

- Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you (subject to the rules regarding sensitive interests).

ii. You must leave the meeting when the item in which you have an interest is being discussed. You cannot stay in the meeting whilst discussion of the item takes place and you cannot vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence the decision.

iii. If you have, however, obtained dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee you may remain in the meeting and participate in the meeting. If dispensation has been granted it will stipulate the extent of your involvement, such as whether you can only be present to make representations, provide evidence or whether you are able to fully participate and vote on the matter in which you have a pecuniary interest.

Do you have any other non-pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda which is being considered at the meeting?

You will have 'other non-pecuniary interest' in a matter if:

i. It relates to an external body that you have been appointed to as a Member or in another capacity; or

ii. It relates to an organisation or individual which you have actively engaged in supporting.

If you have other non-pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda you must:

i. Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

ii. You may remain in the meeting, participate in any discussion or vote provided that contractual, financial, consent, permission or licence matters are not under consideration relating to the item in which you have an interest.

iii. If you have an interest in a contractual, financial, consent, permission or licence matter under consideration, you must leave the meeting unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee. You cannot stay in the meeting whilst discussion of the item takes place and you cannot vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence the decision. Where members of the public are allowed to

make representations, or to give evidence or answer questions about the matter you may, with the permission of the meeting, speak on a matter then leave the meeting. Once you have finished making your representation, you must leave the meeting whilst the matter is being discussed.

iv. If you have been granted dispensation, in accordance with the Council's dispensation procedure you may remain in the meeting. If dispensation has been granted it will stipulate the extent of your involvement, such as whether you can only be present to make representations, provide evidence or whether you are able to fully participate and vote on the matter in which you have a non pecuniary interest.

Further Information

Advice can be obtained from Dawn Carter-McDonald, Director of Legal & Governance Services via email dawn.carter-mcdonald@hackney.gov.uk