

<b>Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission</b> 24th February 2022 <b>Item 4 - Housing Support for Care Leavers</b>	Item No <b>4</b>
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### Outline

The Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission have agreed to a joint scrutiny session to review housing support for care leavers in the borough.

As well as reviewing the housing support and accommodation options within the within the local care leaver offer, the session will also provide an opportunity to reflect on how well corporate parenting and housing needs teams work together to support care leavers, and how current and future housing needs of this cohort are reflected in the council's housing strategy.

Officers from the Corporate Parenting, Housing Needs and Housing Strategy teams will present the local policy and practice for supporting the housing needs of care leavers. Commission members will be able to draw comparative assessments through contributions from colleagues in Lambeth and Islington. There will also be an opportunity to hear directly from care leavers themselves.

Using the evidence presented both verbally and in report form, the Commissions will make recommendations to relevant Cabinet members.

Prior to this meeting the Chair and Vice Chairs of the both Commissions have undertaken:

- A focus group with care leavers on 2nd February 2022
- Visits to two semi-independent accommodation sites in Hackney on 14th February 2022.

Session format and timings overleaf....

## Session format and timings

<b>1. (7.05)</b>	<b>Introduction by Chairs</b>	<b>(5min)</b>
<b>2. (7.10)</b>	<b>Care Leavers views of housing support</b> Q & A with Young Care Leavers	<b>(25min)</b>
<b>3. (7:40)</b>	<b>Comparative models of housing support for care leavers</b> Sophie Konradsen, Acting Lead Commissioner (Young people's supported housing & care leavers' semi-independent living) Brenda Amisi-Hutchinson, Service Manager, Independent Futures, LB Islington Q & A	<b>(35min)</b>
<b>4. (8:10)</b>	<b>Housing Support for Care Leavers in Hackney (Local Policy &amp; Practice)</b> Laura Bleaney, Head of Service Corporate Parenting Claudia Hillaire, Service Manager Corporate Parenting Jennifer Wynter, Head of Benefits and Housing Needs Service Arto Maatta, Team Manager Housing Needs James Goddard, Interim Director Regeneration Q & A	<b>(60 min)</b>
<b>5. (9:10)</b>	<b>Related submissions - London Wide Offer</b> Submissions from Become - National Care Leaver Charity Toward a London Wide Offer for Care Leavers - Become, Children's Society Greater Manchester Care Leaver Partnership	<b>(5min)</b>
<b>6. (9.15)</b>	<b>Summary discussion</b> Chairs and members of the Commissions to outline key areas for recommendations	

### Reports for the meeting (in agenda order)

Item 4a - Report of Focus Group with Care Leavers

Item 4b - Lambeth Care Leaver Offer

Item 4bi - Lambeth Transformation Programme - Housing related support

Item 4c - Islington Care Leaver Offer

item 4d - The House Project Islington

Item 4e - [Comparator of London Wide Housing Offer](#)

Item 4f - Presentation LBH Housing Support for Care Leavers

Item 4g - Briefing LB Hackney Housing Support for Care Leavers

Item 4h - Hackney Care Leaver Offer

Item 4i - Submission from Become (National Care Leaver Charity)

Item 4j - Towards a London Wide Care Leaver Offer - Become/ Children's Society

Item 4k - Greater Manchester Care Partnership

### Key Background Reports

Item 4l - Care leavers accommodation and support framework (Barnados/St Basils)

Item 4m - Joint housing protocols for care leavers - best practice (DfE and MHCLG)

Item 4n - Hounslow Housing Supply for Care Leavers (LB Hounslow 2021)