

Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission List of Work Programme Suggestions 2022/2023

Remit

Scrutinise matters relating to employment and skills (including adult learning), effects of macro-economic change, infrastructure developments for transport, planning and licensing for residents and businesses, large scale schemes and economic regeneration, libraries and voluntary and community sector.

Suggested Discussion Items From Commission Members, Cabinet, Stakeholders and Officers

Remit Areas	item	Source	Notes about item	Included in work programme
Licensing (Residents and Business)				
Economy	New Green Deal - investment of £50 million to help reduce energy bills for residents and tackle toxic air pollution	Cllr Coban		
	Green New Deal and Circular Economy - defining the green economy and defining the circular economy	Cllr Nicholson Commission Member		
	Climate Action Plan - out for consultation autumn 2022 -look at partnership working with stakeholders and engagement with businesses	Cllr Coban and Strategic Director Sustainability and Public Realm		

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	Understanding Hackney's Changing Economy	Strategic Director – Economy, Regeneration and New Homes	Understanding the economic changes and how the Council responds	
	Economy Development Strategy and development of metrics	Strategic Director – Economy, Regeneration and New Homes	Developing new metrics which allow the council to measure the impact of its working on shaping an inclusive economy.	
	A review of the new Economy, Regeneration and New Homes Service Areas	Cllr Nicholson Commission Members		
	Pre and Post Covid business analysis	Commission Members		
	Green Skills and Skills Gap	Commission Member		
	Social value through procurement	Strategic Director – Economy,		

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		Regeneration and New Homes		
	Empty spaces and micro businesses - ways to support micro businesses	Commission Member		
	Community Wealth Building - supporting and embedding co-operative led business models and social enterprise business models	Cllr Nicholson	underpinning the inclusive economy objectives	
	Review of Inclusive Economy Strategy	Cllr Nicholson		
	Support to local businesses in relation to macro changes affecting all sectors of the economy - through stagflation and recession Looking at the support to micro business through procurement and good enterprise. How to scale up and support businesses to do this.	Cllr Nicholson		
Economic Regeneration	Housing regeneration - economic impacts from home building. How they encourage new jobs and skills			
	Town Centre Regeneration - Contract Award for Lead Architect for Hackney Town Centre Sites regeneration programme	Commission Members		Yes June 2022

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	Future town centre development and development potential.			
	Neighbourhoods and the Green Economy	Commission Members		
Voluntary and Community Sector Partnership				
Employment and Skills	A Review of the Adult Learning / Education and Skills Retraining in Hackney	Commission Members	How the Council, Further education providers and adult learning and skills training providers invest the National Skills Fund to retrain and upskill the adult workforce for Hackney. Review of the Council's integrated adult learning and employment and skills service	Yes July 2022
	Adult Learning - A look at the redevelopment and changes to adult learning courses.	Cllr Williams	This should be complete later in the year.	

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	Employment & Skills - Reviewing the employment pathway programmes and their success in relation to businesses and residents. The programmes & placements on offer and the demand from residents.	Cllr Williams		
	Support for Refugees and Homes for Ukraine Scheme with access to ESOL to enable accessing the labour market.	Cllr Williams		
Transport	Review of bus network in the light of TfL cuts to London bus services. The impacting on routes in Hackney for residents, businesses and connectivity across the borough.	Cllr Coban Commission Members		
	Consultation on LTNs further improvements - making the process more inclusive, listening and engaging about LTNs.	Cllr Coban		
	Cycle storage in Hackney - How the council can ensure there is adequate storage spaces in the borough to cover residents and commuters to Hackney - reduce the waiting list	Cllr Coban		

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	Looking at the costs of bike hire and making cycling more accessible	Commission Member		
	Expanding school street to cover secondary schools	Cllr Coban		
Libraries	Explore community hubs and libraries (Newham model) Future of Libraries and how they are delivering for residents	Commission Members Strategic Director, Engagement, Culture and Organisational Development		
Planning (<i>for Businesses</i>)	Area Action plan for Stamford Hill and Shoreditch (Cllr Nicholson		
Holding to account	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Williams			
	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Nicholson			
	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Coban			
	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Kennedy			
	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Fajana-Thomas			
Service performance issues in the above remits				

Suggested Discussion Items From Public (*public suggestions are inserted verbatim*)

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Licensing				
Economy	Worried about the loss of Iceland in Hoxton and the lack of affordable supermarkets. At a time when living costs are higher than ever, planning permission causing the community losing it's only fairly priced food shop is a disaster. The nearest Asda, Lidl, Iceland and Aldi are all beyond walking distance for many residents. Please ensure there is an affordable food alternative for the community of Hoxton	Hoxton is a strong community centred around Hoxton Street, and for a long time Iceland has been the only affordable supermarket. It's loss hurts the poorest hardest, at a time when bills are higher than ever. Lack of affordable food is pushing many below the poverty line.	O&S Public Consultation Survey	
	Increase living costs Council tax rises Rent increases	People unable to afford to live	O&S Public Consultation Survey	
	Affordable housing Air quality Cycling infrastructure	We're in a climate and cost of living crisis!	O&S Public Consultation Survey	

	<p>Cost of living Climate emergency</p> <p>A Citizens' Assembly on environmental policies for the current council term</p>			
	<p>There are not enough dog care options and the prices of day care have sky-rocketed recently, putting further pressure during this cost of living crisis. We need to make it easier for people to start businesses relating to pet care (dog day cares, dog walking etc) to keep up with demand.</p>	<p>There has been a surge in dog ownership and now that people need to go back to the office / work, there needs to be a solution for caring for pets during the day. If not, this is going to result in an increase in dogs being surrendered to shelters and / or people not able to work as many hours a required (exacerbating labour shortages and putting pressure on the costs of living crisis</p>	<p>O&S Public Consultation Survey</p>	
Regeneration				
Voluntary and Community Sector Partnerships				
Employment and Skills (adult learning)	<p>Language barrier/culture should be taken into account while commissioning/funding services</p>	<p>People come with those issues....effects of pandemi is so severe high cost of living / drop in quality of living all adding up on</p>	<p>O&S Public Consultation Survey</p>	

		<p>peoples' issues/problems/difficulties have a negative effect on residences' mental, physical, social, financial and emotional wellbeing</p>		
Transport	The health impact of LTNs on people living on boundary roads.	<p>I live on a boundary road (Northwold). Since the LTN was introduced, I'm unable to have my windows open because of the additional traffic that has been rerouted onto my road. Average traffic on this road is up by 42% since the pandemic and has at times been up by 80+% according to council data. A few weeks ago I left my home and started choking so hard I thought I must have covid. I got on a bus (masked), was fine and forgot about it. The next day the same thing happened. It happened separately to my partner as well - pollution levels due to displaced transport onto my road are literally choking (poorer) residents. It is astonishing the council is actually positively contributing to making local people ill.</p>	O&S Public Consultation Survey	

	<p>1. The levels of traffic on Northwold road and Stoke Newington Common (on which I live) has increased substantially. As well, people drive much too fast and aggressively. This route is used as a throughway between Upper Clapton and Rectory road.</p> <p>I would suggest that traffic calming measures are desperately needed on Stoke Newington Common especially. And more speed enforcement.</p> <p>2. The LTN and School street at on Benthall road is not working, as cars routinely pass through the filter -- there does not seem to be any enforcement. I walk down this road very often and see cars brazenly going through the filter all the time, even during school street hours. People use it as a cut through and speed down the road</p> <p>3. Could we please have a return of the rubbish bin at the bus stop in front</p>	<p>1. Traffic = air pollution and safety issues, as well as noise pollution</p> <p>2. LTNs should be enforced</p> <p>3. My garden shouldn't be used as a rubbish bin</p>	<p>O&S Public Consultation Survey</p>	
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	<p>of 15/16 Stoke Newington Common -- in the absence of a bin people throw their rubbish into my front garden</p>			
	<p>Air pollution. Stop the Silvertown Tunnel and the Edmonton Incinerator. These huge, vastly overpriced infrastructure projects will subject Hackney residents to toxic air for decades to come. Building more roads makes more traffic not less. The incinerator is overcapacity, doubled in cost to £1.2 billion, since 2014 when the decision was made there have been many improvements in recycling. Spending all this money on the incinerator diverts funds from community education, reduction in plastic use and recycling technologies. The APPG on air pollution has condemned this incinerator. When will the council listen to our residents?? Does Mete Conan get paid as vice chair of the NLWA, and Chapman for being on the board? Is there a financial interest for them to continue with the project which might pollute their judgement?</p>	<p>The air in Hackney already greatly exceeds WHO guidance for particulate matter esp PM 2.5. This damages all tissues in the body, can stunt feral growth and children in TH (our neighbouring borough) already have 10% reduction in lung capacity overall. Childrens lung capacity needs to be measured in Hackney</p>	<p>O&S Public Consultation Survey</p>	

Libraries				
Other	<p>Scrutiny of the council's delivery of the Climate Emergency declaration made in 2018. Specifically whether the commitments made in that declaration to holding an "annual Citizens Assembly comprised of a representative group of local residents to allow for effective public scrutiny the Council's progress and to explore solutions to the challenges posed by global warming." and to "Involve, support and enable residents, businesses and community groups to accelerate the shift to a zero carbon world, working closely with them to establish and implement successful policies, approaches and technologies that reduce emissions across our economy while also improving the health and wellbeing of our citizens."</p>	<p>It is now over 4 years since the council's declaration of a climate emergency. Four years in which every indicator is that climate action is ever more urgent. In that time, while the council has, no doubt, been taking action, it has not done enough to engage and involve residents, and businesses and community groups, has not published it's climate action plans, has not held annual citizen's assemblies and has not established any mechanism for scrutiny of it's progress towards net zero. It is important for the credibility of the council's emergency declaration that the commitments made are seen to be delivered.</p>	O&S Public Consultation Survey	
	<p>The council's response to climate change and the environmental emergency needs to be scrutinised. Not only does the council need to put its own house in order and lead by example but it needs to engage the</p>	<p>Hackney faces many problems (social, economic and environmental) but without tackling the climate and ecological emergency all problems will be</p>	O&S Public Consultation Survey	

	<p>local community (anchor institutions, business sector, community organisations and residents) and to develop a strategy and plan that spells out what each sector needs to do to collectively arrive at net zero carbon and improved biodiversity.</p>	<p>exacerbated. The council is well placed with strong support from the local community, as shown by local election results and the success of bold initiatives such as the low traffic neighbourhoods, to forge ahead with the needed radical changes but it needs to greatly increase communication, engagement and collaboration to realise the potential.</p>		
	<p>On behalf of Sustainable Hackney, the umbrella group for the borough of Hackney.</p> <p>We would like to see scrutiny of the delivery of the Climate Emergency declaration made in 2018.</p> <p>Specifically the extent to which key commitments made in that declaration are being delivered:</p> <p>1. Holding an annual Citizens Assembly comprised of a representative group of local residents to allow for effective public scrutiny the Council's progress and to explore</p>	<p>It is now over 4 years since the council's declaration of a climate emergency. Four years in which every indicator is that climate action is ever more urgent. In that time, while the council has, no doubt, been taking action, it has not done enough to engage and involve residents, and businesses and community groups, has not published it's climate action plans, has not held annual citizen's assemblies and has not established any mechanism for scrutiny of it's progress towards net zero.</p>	<p>O&S Public Consultation Survey</p>	

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