

<b>Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b> <b>Item 4 - Adult Learning / Education and Skills</b> <b>Retraining in Hackney</b>	Item No  <b>4</b>
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## **Outline**

Lifelong learning is key to retraining, accessing better job opportunities and transitioning to new employment sectors. The UK Government committed £3 billion over 5 years, from 2021, to a National Skills Fund to retrain and upskill the adult workforce to meet identified skills gaps.

The purpose of this item is to explore the local support and provisions available to help local workers and adults of working age to retrain and transition into new and future job roles.

The Commission has asked our guest to provide information about the following:

1. How they are funded and invest the money for the benefit of Hackney residents
2. Taking into consideration the Council's new green deal pledge to support the local green economy and to create green skills mapped to the green skills gap. We asked about their understanding of the "green skills gap" and how they plan to plug it.
3. The previous scrutiny commission Working in Hackney made a recommendation asking the Council to explore aligning their adult community learning provision to its employment support service to provide a seamless service covering learning, training, and employment support. This service integration has taken place. We asked about the measures for success, outcomes for Hackney residents and if they would do anything differently.

## **Report in the agenda:**

To support this discussion the following presentation was provided for background information.

- New City College
- ELATT

## **Invited Attendees**

### **New City College**

- Alison Arnaud, Principal: Hackney and Tower Hamlets Colleges (New City College Group).

## **ELATT**

- Anthony Harmer, Chief Executive

## **London Borough of Hackney**

- Andrew Munk, Head of Employment, Skills & Adult Learning
- Jill Gander, Head of Quality and Curriculum

## **London Borough of Hackney Adult Learning Service**

The Hackney Adult Learning Service works in partnership with many organisations in the borough to bring opportunities for learning to residents' doorstep. The Adult Learning Service became part of the Council's broader Employment & Skills Service to provide an integrated service to meet the needs and requirements of residents so they can participate in programmes and learning to support residents to progress on to higher level courses or into high-quality employment.

## **New City College**

Hackney NCC is further education college with campuses across east London and south-east Essex formed from the mergers and purchase of 7 different colleges (Tower Hamlets College, Hackney Community College, Redbridge College, Epping Forest College, Havering College of Further & Higher Education, Havering Sixth Form and Westbourne Academy Bournemouth). New City College is one of the largest colleges in the country with a turnover of over £100million and 20,000 students. Each of the previous colleges has a strong history and community roots as well as valuable links with local industry and business.

## **ELATT**

ELATT is a charity organisation funded by charitable grants and corporate funds. A community learning hub helping Londoners gain the skills to find employment and other opportunities for almost 40 years. ELATT offer free training and skills within the local London community.

## **Action**

The Commission is asked to note the presentations and ask questions.