

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 12th September 2022 Item 4 – Changes to the Housing Register and Lettings Policy	Item No 4
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Outline

In October 2021, the Council changed its lettings policy and how it allocates social housing.

The Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission is keen to hear about how the lettings policy has affected residents since its implementation.

The lettings policy was last looked at by the Commission in December 2020 prior to the introduction of the new policy. The minutes of that meeting can be accessed [here](#).

Discussion

To look at the impact of Hackney Council's new Housing Register and Lettings Policy which came into effect in October 2021.

Particular focus to be given to:

- Advice and guidance in place for residents that no longer qualify for the register, and to those that face a long wait or that are unlikely to get housed
- The impact of the policy on prioritising residents in the greatest need and providing more predictable outcomes

Report(s)

To support this discussion the following reports and presentations were included for background information:

- Item 4a. Response from Housing Needs to key questions received in advance (**attached**)
- *Item 4a(i). Under Occupation Scheme - Insights Summary (attached)*

Invited Attendees

- Jennifer Wynter, Head of Benefits and Housing Needs
- Councillor Sade Etti, Mayoral Advisor for Housing Needs and Homelessness

Action

Members are asked to consider the reports and presentations and ask questions of those in attendance.