

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 22nd March 2023 Item 4 – Temporary Accommodation	Item No 4
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Outline

The Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission is keen to hear about the current situation with regards to the provision of temporary accommodation in Hackney.

The Commission sees this discussion as timely given the steady increase in homelessness experienced across London in recent years, and the resultant increased demand for temporary accommodation in the borough.

As part of the scrutiny process, Commission Members undertook site visits to temporary accommodation hostels in Hackney. The aim of the site visits was to gain an understanding of the standard of temporary accommodation, and the experiences of residents, staff and temporary accommodation providers.

Discussion

To look at the arrangements in place to provide temporary accommodation to residents in priority need.

Particular focus to be given to:

- What is driving the rising demand for temporary accommodation locally and what impact this has had
- The process for placing households in temporary accommodation
- How the Council is responding to increased demand, and how it maintains high standards in temporary accommodation
- How the Council ensures that temporary accommodation meets the needs of the most vulnerable residents, and mitigates against the associated challenges and impacts

Report(s)

To support this discussion the following written submissions were included for background information:

- Item 4a. Report from Housing Needs
- Item 4b. Report of Members' Site Visits to Temporary Accommodation Settings

Invited Attendees

- Councillor Sade Etti - Mayoral Advisor for Housing Needs and Homelessness
- Rob Miller - Strategic Director of Customer and Workplace
- Jennifer Wynter - Head of Benefits and Housing Needs
- David Borrell - Senior Asset Management Advisor
- Claire Oldham - Operations Manager
- Beverley Gachette - Strategic Commissioner, Mental Health and Prevention

Action

Members are asked to consider the written submissions and ask questions of those in attendance.