

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission

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Item 5 – Cabinet Question Time - Accountability of Private Rented Sector & Housing Associations

Outline

The Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission is keen to hear about how the Council works with the private rented sector and housing associations to ensure effective accountability and protection for housing association tenants and private renters.

The Commission sees this discussion as timely given the development of a shared Housing Compact between the Council and housing associations operating the borough, and the Council's ongoing commitment to supporting private renters and challenging rogue landlords.

Discussion

To look at the relationship between Hackney Council, housing associations and the private rented sector and how they work together to ensure effective accountability and protection for private renters and housing association tenants.

Particular focus will be given to how the Council works with housing associations and the private rented sector to:

- Maximise nominations and lettings
- Support tenancy sustainment
- Safeguard adults and children and young people
- Maintain properties in good repair

Invited Attendees

 Councillor Sem Moema - Mayoral Advisor for Private Rented Sector and Housing Affordability

Councillor Moema has responsibility for strategic housing; private sector housing (excluding temporary accommodation); housing affordability; fire

safety and leaseholders (non-council); promoting shared ownership and other intermediate products; housing association relationships and accountability; Hackney's housing company and living rent homes.

Action

Members are asked to note the verbal update provided and ask questions of the Mayoral Advisor.