

## Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission Work Programme Suggestions 2023/2024

### Remit

Scrutinise matters relating to *community safety (including statutory duties of crime and disorder committee), housing and maintenance (social housing and private sector housing), public realm (streets and streetscene, parking, environment, leisure, parks and waste & recycling), housing needs and benefits (including temporary accommodation) planning (residents), community halls and arts & culture.*

Statutory duty to scrutinise the London Borough of Hackney Community Safety Partnership as the *Crime and Disorder Committee*.

### Suggested Discussion Items

Remit Areas	Item	Notes about item	Source	Included in work programme
Housing Needs	<b>Homelessness &amp; Rough Sleeping</b>	Review the offer for those that are homeless or at risk of being homeless. What housing related support is given, as well as other support e.g. mental health, employment	Suggestion from previous year	
	<b>Housing Options and Advice</b>	Review the Council's current approach to providing advice services to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness	Commission Member	
Housing Policy	<b>Succussion Policies</b>	To review succession policies across social housing stock in the borough, including both Council managed and HA managed properties.	Commission Member	
	<b>Void Management</b>	To review the approach to void management across social housing stock in the borough, including both Council managed and HA managed properties.	Commission Member/Deputy Cabinet Member	
	<b>Hackney Housing Strategy</b>	Opportunity for the Commission to feed into the new Housing Strategy, which will be consulted on later this year before being considered by Cabinet.	Horizon Scanning	

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	<b>Older People's Housing</b>	<p>Review the housing needs and current provision of housing for older people in Hackney.</p> <p>N.B This was looked at in part by HiH last year:  <a href="https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?CId=124&amp;MId=5517&amp;Ver=4">https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?CId=124&amp;MId=5517&amp;Ver=4</a></p>	Commission Member	
	<b>Right to Buy</b>	Review options for Right to Buy locally following announcement that Councils will be allowed to keep 100% of sale receipts, such as repurchasing ex-Right to Buy homes and lobbying for right to set discounts locally.	Commission Member	
Housing Services	<b>We will launch a review through a special Living in Hackney Commission to explore and advise on existing models and develop New ways to build affordable and accessible homes in Hackney</b>	<p>Manifesto pledge</p> <p>N.B. This has now been commissioned to be undertaken by an independent panel of experts. The Commission will have the opportunity to feed into its interim findings.</p>	Mayor and Cabinet	
	<b>Meeting the Council's Net Zero Target - Retrofitting</b>	To review the Council's work to meet its net zero carbon target in relation to the retrofit of housing stock in the borough.	Commission Member	Yes
	<b>Delivery of the new Homeownership</b>	Progress against the service improvement plan to improve the offer to leaseholders (co produced with RLG Working Group -	Resident Liaison Group	

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	<b>Services for Leaseholders</b>	Scrutiny and Service Improvement Group (SSIG).		
	<b>Resident Engagement Strategy - Widening the ways residents can engage with us</b>	Progress against Strategic Priority 3, particularly in terms of how Housing Services communicate with residents	Resident Liaison Group	
	<b>Community Halls</b>	<p>Review the Council's approach to community halls, particularly in terms of ensuring they are affordable, well-used, inclusive, in good repair etc.</p> <p>Look at King's Park Community Halls Pilot Project and potential for expansion Hackney-wide, which is due to conclude in September (briefing note: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IYv9vngUK5cDql-PyO35ugzRr1BLcJ6wnFxGTRzStz0/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IYv9vngUK5cDql-PyO35ugzRr1BLcJ6wnFxGTRzStz0/edit</a>)</p> <p>Look at potential for health partners to access community halls as part of the Neighbourhoods Programme which aims to deliver voluntary, health, education and care services closer to where people live</p>	Commission Member/ Cabinet Member	
Housing Services Maintenance	<b>Housing Repairs</b>	Progress made against the Council's action plan to tackle the repairs backlog built up during the pandemic, and to follow up on previous year's session	Follow on from previous year	Yes
Private sector housing	<b>Private Rented Sector Mandatory Licensing</b>	Look at the options being explored for full borough mandatory licensing across Hackney to ensure that all tenants in the private rented sector have the backing of	Strategic Head Strategy, Assurance and PSH/	

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		the Council when dealing with their landlords.	Deputy Cabinet Member	
Public Realm	<b>North West London Waste Authority and Constituent Boroughs Joint Waste Strategy</b>	We are about to enter the 'listening exercise' stage in the development of the strategy, with formal consultation then taking place at the end of this calendar year. The results of which will then update the draft strategy with adoption anticipated around May / June next year. Therefore, it would be helpful for the Commission to feed into the strategy around December. The strategy will take us up to 2042, at which point residual waste would need to be halved as per the target set by the government.	Group Director	
	<b>Progress in delivering the Parks and Green Spaces Strategy 2021-2031</b>	Since the strategy was adopted in 2021, the costs associated with maintaining our parks and green spaces have continued to increase; exacerbated by the challenging economic climate in which the Council is operating and the cost of living crisis, which has placed additional financial burden on residents, thus making the provision of more and fully accessible parks and green spaces for all more important than ever. With these challenges in mind, and two years on from adoption of the strategy, it is recommended that the Commission undertake a review of the three areas of focus as outlined in the strategy (1/ Working with communities, 2/ Creating welcoming spaces, 3/ Being more environmentally sustainable) and the progress made by the Council to date	Group Director/Cabinet Member	

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		against the 30 commitments that sit beneath these areas.  <a href="#">Parks &amp; Green Spaces Strategy 2021-31</a>		
	<b>Refurbishment of King's Hall</b>	To look at the options for the refurbishment of the King's Hall Leisure Centre in Clapton (although this is at a very early stage)	Cabinet Member	
	<b>Delivery of the Child Friendly Spaces SPD</b>	To review progress of the delivery of the Child Friendly Spaces SPD, and how the Council imbeds new legislations and planning requirements of Biodiversity Net Gain from November.	Cabinet Member	
Community Safety	<b>Violence Against Women &amp; Girls (VAWG)</b>	Review progress against <a href="#">Hackney's VAWG Strategy 2022-25</a> .	Horizon scanning	
	<b>Local Policing Scrutiny Panel Pilot</b>	Review the progress of the Local Scrutiny Pilot, delivered by MOPAC/Hackney (MPS/Council/Community).	Horizon scanning	
	<b>Local Policing Action Plan</b>	Co-produced by the Council, community and police.	Horizon scanning	
	<b>Night Time Economy (NTE)</b>	Look at crime & ASB in night time economies, multi-agency approach to management of night time economies, and to review the potential impact of	Cabinet Member	

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		<a href="#">Government's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan.</a>		
	<b>Restorative Justice</b>	<p>Understand local restorative justice approaches and interventions, and to review the outcomes of the Restorative Justice Pilot Scheme carried out with the Probation Service.</p>	Horizon Scanning	
	<b>Working Together Across the Community Safety Partnership</b>	<p>Review the current arrangements across the Community Safety Partnership to ensure a joined up approach to community safety, and look at current best practice.</p> <p>Possible joint piece with CYP and/or HiH.</p>	Commission Member	
	<b>Hackney Prevent</b>	<p>Review Hackney Prevent's progress against its key priorities and objectives (with key consideration given to the Channel process), and explore potential ramifications of Home Office funding ending in 2025/25 (though responsibility to implement duty locally remains) on future work.</p> <p>N.B. LiH previously received annual updates from Prevent team, the last one being in July 2019:</p>	Cabinet Member	

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		<a href="https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=119&amp;MId=4688&amp;Ver=4">https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=119&amp;MId=4688&amp;Ver=4</a>		
Environment	<b>Flood Planning in Hackney</b>	To understand the risks faced in Hackney and the efforts to reduce those risks and progress on investment in new infrastructure, the impact of flooding and measures taken to reduce damage and disruption.	Commission Member	
	<b>Biodiversity &amp; Nature Conservation in Hackney</b>	To look at the work of the Council and its partners to protect and improve biodiversity and nature in Hackney, including reviewing the progress of the <a href="#">Local Nature Recovery Plan</a> and <a href="#">Biodiversity Action Plan</a> .	Commission Member	
	<b>Delivery of the Green Infrastructure Strategy &amp; Local Nature Recovery Plan</b>	This will be reported on annually as part of reporting on the Climate Action Plan, but there may be particular areas of interest.	Cabinet Member	
Planning (Residents)	<b>Impact of Smoke Control Orders</b>	Subject to Cabinet approval in September, the Council will be going out to consultation on proposed amendments to Smoke Control Orders, which may adversely affect canal boat owners (financially), but improve air quality for those using and living by the canals. This may prove a contentious matter, therefore it would be helpful to get the Commissions input at this point.	Group Director	

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Arts & Culture	<b>Funding of the Arts &amp; Cultural Sector</b>	<p>Look at how projects are funded, how organisations navigate the complexity of funding and the sources of funding are available e.g. local, regional, national.</p> <p>N.B. LiH looked at Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Arts &amp; Cultural Sector in February:  <a href="https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=119&amp;MId=5539&amp;Ver=4">https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=119&amp;MId=5539&amp;Ver=4</a></p>	Commission Member	
Other	<b>Cost of Living Crisis</b>	<p>Look at how the Council is supporting residents through the cost of living crisis, including removing complexity of different support schemes and grants, being more proactive and debt recovery.</p> <p>N.B. Scrutiny Panel are also looking at poverty reduction and elements of the Council's response to the cost of living crisis, with the first discussion held in April:  <a href="https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=567&amp;MId=5544&amp;Ver=4">https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=567&amp;MId=5544&amp;Ver=4</a></p>	Commission Member	
	<b>Levelling Up Fund: Hackney Central</b>	<p>To look at the options being considered for town centre improvements for Hackney Central following £19 million funding from Levelling Up Fund (relates to public realm, environment, planning, arts &amp; culture, community safety as well as topics within SEG remit).</p> <p>Funding coincides with the emerging <a href="#">Hackney Town Centre Strategy</a>.</p>	Cabinet Member	



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Cabinet Holding to account	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Williams		Standing Item	
	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Nicholson		Standing Item	
	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Coban		Standing Item	
	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Kennedy		Standing Item	
	Cabinet Question Time Cllr Fajana Thomas		Standing Item	
	Cllr Moema	<b>Accountability of Private Rented Sector &amp; Housing Associations</b>	Standing Item	Yes
	Cllr Etti		Standing Item	

### Public Suggestions

Remit Areas	Summary Suggestion	Included in work programme
<b>Community Safety</b>	ASB below the Downs Court Flats adjacent to the shops. Drunk, intimidating and leaving piles of litter.	
<b>Community Safety</b>	ASB and noise pollution - Skateboards riding paving and roads, bbqs and house fire pits, noise from parties in gardens.	
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<b>Community Safety</b>	Crime Local policing Canal towpaths and hotspots for muggings such as the Lea Bridge Road / Millfields cycle path.	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Crime and ASB - Drug dealing and drug consumption in the streets	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Crime - Graffiti especially on business premises	
<b>Community Safety / Parks</b>	1) Drugs - st mark rise 2) Parks - water fountains and social areas (coffee place) in Hackney Downs and more accessible green spaces around Dalston 3) Improve traffic in Dalston	
<b>Community Safety / Parking</b>	ASB, parking tickets misuse and Council spend on value for money	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Crime. Anti social behaviour.	
<b>Housing Services</b>	Housing - Hackney Homes repairs	
<b>Housing Services</b>	Leaseholder services	
<b>Environment</b>	Solar panels, climate change	
<b>Community Safety / Housing Services</b>	ASB, Hackney Homes repairs	
<b>Leisure</b>	Leisure services - accessibility and prices for elderly, students and unemployed.	
<b>Housing Policy / Housing Needs / Public Realm</b>	Housing, Recycling, Homelessness	
<b>Community Safety</b>	ASB	
<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>	Community cohesion and local community cultural events	

<b>Housing Policy</b>	Private rented sector, landlords responsibility and housing repairs in Hackney council housing. Cycle storage	
<b>Environment</b>	Ground source heat loops to enable heat pumps for residents (Cornwall example). Parking signs being installed in conservation areas and not adhering to the standard height agreed for the area.	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Street crossings and dangerous driving	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Street cleaning	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Street access from Oliver Cox Lodge to Church street. Blocked by waste bins	
<b>Environment</b>	ECO system for council tenants. How the council is ensuring access to the ECO system for social housing tenants as well as private.	
<b>Housing Services</b>	housing repairs and maintenance services for leaseholders	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Shared footpaths and pedestrians. Older residents are scared to walk in parks, narrow way etc.	
<b>Housing Policy</b>	Gentrification - broken communities Housing - affordable housing Poverty - cost of living	
<b>Public Realm</b>	The number of foxes in the borough and the public health issues they bring as a result of the growing numbers.	
<b>Community Safety / Public Realm</b>	ASB, begging and litter.	
<b>Housing Policy / Community Safety</b>	1) Housing repairs - private sector landlords taking advantage of vulnerable people 2) Violent crime and racism & police	
<b>Housing Policy / Community Safety</b>	Lack of social housing Crime - mobile phone theft	
<b>Public Realm</b>	1) Cycling and increasing cycle storage on all streets due to bike theft 2) Supporting residents to go green	

	<p>3) Composting food waste and collecting rain water from houses and more community growing opportunities.</p> <p>4) Community Energy Scheme</p> <p>5) Biodiversity and creating citizen science activities for children to monitor, care for and bring back wildlife.</p>	
<b>Planning (residents) / Public Realm / Community Safety</b>	<p>Planning decisions and impact of development on existing properties.</p> <p>The increase in footfall and traffic causing a nuisance and community cohesion problems.</p>	
<b>Public Realm</b>	<p>Stoke Newington High Street and road closures in De Beauvoir and concreting Shoreditch park. Not representing value for money of council spend.</p>	
<b>Community Safety</b>	<p>Narrow way begging and gambling shops. Makes it difficult to walk or shop in that location.</p>	
<b>Public Realm</b>	<p>1) Conditions of pavements uneven etc. in Stoke Newington High Street, Manor Road &amp; Lordship Road</p> <p>2) Trees not maintained, blocking natural light and needs pruning on Lordship Road and Manor Road, lower clapton roundabout</p>	
<b>Housing Services</b>	<p>Community halls not being in use for the community. Local community group is unable to make use of their community hall.</p>	
<b>Public Realm</b>	<p>Access issue for residents in Linscott Road, challenges related to the land being private.</p>	
<b>Community Safety</b>	<p>ASB for Hunsdon House, Brooke Road, E5.</p>	
<b>Housing Policy / Community Safety</b>	<p>Housing development and crime (mobile phone theft)</p>	
<b>Public Realm</b>	<p>Parks and equal access to exercise equipment in all parks</p>	
<b>Public Realm</b>	<p>Dangerous driving, school streets enforcement equipment being vandalised.</p>	
<b>Community Safety</b>	<p>ASB / Noise</p>	
<b>Public Realm</b>	<p>1) Public waste bins &amp; fly tipping</p> <p>2) Designated dog parks</p>	

<b>Public Realm</b>	Lower Hackney and Shoreditch area 1) Traffic/pedestrian safety - Great Eastern Street and Old Street. Cyclists not abiding by lights or pedestrians right of way. impact on air quality. 2) Greenery/Vegetation - lack of trees and planting in more urban spaces. 3) Waste management - more public waste and recycling bins. At least in the Shoreditch area	
<b>Housing Policy</b>	Sanctioning TMOs and landlords that do not take care of communal green spaces.	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Litter on streets	
<b>Planning (residents)</b>	Dalson Square and access restrictions due to cladding and scaffolding works for 2 years.	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Crime - increase in drug users/dealers on Ridley Road / Birkbeck Road.	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Community gardens - provision of information to support LNRP	
<b>Community Safety</b>	ASB Birkbeck Road	
<b>Planning (residents) / Housing Policy</b>	1) planning applications - consideration and decision making. Is WFH impacting on planning decisions and a look at the transparency and monitoring of conditions placed on developments. 2) Information on Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs). Information being available about decisions made for HMOs.	
<b>Planning (residents)</b>	Dalson Square and access restrictions due to cladding and scaffolding works for 2 years	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Crime and street safety and in particular muggings of cyclists.	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Dog waste and general waste	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Increase in weeds location Big Hill High Hill Estate area in Upper clapton	
<b>Public Realm</b>	1) Crossing at Hackney Central dangerous 2) Hackney Central overlooked for investment and community cohesion	
<b>Housing Policy / Housing Services / Community Safety</b>	Affordable housing and housing repair services Binge drinking, drugs and gangs; suspicious people accompanying vulnerable people (disabled or addicted disabled people).	

<b>Community Safety</b>	Crime - ASB and drugs. Rise in drug use on the streets. Naming Ridley Road, St Marks Rise, Colvestone Crescent and Cecelia Road	
<b>Planning (residents)</b>	Cladding issues linked to Grenfell. Developer using Dalston Square as a building site for 3 years. No consideration for the public and residents.	
<b>Planning (residents)</b>	1) Dalston Square cladding work and length of time it is taking to complete	
<b>Housing Policy / Public Realm / Arts &amp; Culture</b>	1) Private Sector Landlords in adequate construction and installation and tenant needs not being met. 2) Environmental Health - council-lead cleanup of railways, streets, green space using the help of volunteers or rehab-seekers; youth or SEND communities 3) Creative health - art, drama and media for Hackney's mental health	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Rubbish causing rats/mice/foxes and looks unkempt /unloved	
<b>Public Realm</b>	Encouraging responsible dog ownership in Hackney's parks and streets. Cleaning up after their dogs.	
<b>Community Safety / Public Realm</b>	1) Youth policy. Glasgow-style approach to serious violence. 2) Democratic participation - handing over developments to communities with community-led land trusts; community-led retrofits rather than profit-led developments 3) Policing - prioritise community-led provision for mental health interventions over criminalisation of young people and mental health	
<b>Planning (residents)</b>	Dalson Square cladding work and access restrictions due to and scaffolding works for 3 years plus. Using Dalston Square as a building site. Creating security concerns for residents.	
<b>Housing Services</b>	1) Review of community halls usage in the borough and how usage is communicated to residents 2) Review of housing repairs backlog since Covid. 3) Review of Housing Officer roles and the accessibility residents have to share their concerns via face to face to their local Housing Officers	