

Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission

Item No

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20th November 2023

Item 4 - Cabinet Question Time

Outline

A key element of the scrutiny function is to hold the Mayor and Cabinet to account in public as part of a Cabinet Question Time session.

In the municipal year, the Commission holds a question time session with the Cabinet and Senior Officers to ask questions about performance and decision making within the Council related to their portfolio areas within the remit of the Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission.

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to hold the Executive to account. The Cabinet Member has been asked to provide information to the scrutiny commission about the work the Council is doing in the topic areas outlined below.

- Update on the Council's Green Skills and Circular Economy Commission
- National / regional challenges impacting the delivery of apprenticeships.
- The Council's role in delivering technology training to older residents to build their confidence and ability to access and use the internet.

Reports in the agenda:

To support this discussion the following reports are provided for background information.

- Presentation on Green Skills and Circular Economy workplan
- Presentation Apprenticeship Programme Evaluation
- Written update on the work following the Diversity in Tech Commission report and findings.

Invited Attendee

London Borough of Hackney

• Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member Employment, human resources and equalities

Cllr Williams has lead responsibility within Cabinet for the following areas:

- Employment strategy and partnerships
- Hackney Works
- Apprenticeships including Hackney apprenticeships network and the apprenticeship levy
- Employment programme including supported employment, adult trainees and paid work experience

- Human resources and organizational development
- Relationship with trade unions
- Adult learning English to speakers of other languages (ESOL) delivering excellence
- Post 18 skills, including further and higher education
- Supporting the London living wage
- Equalities and anti-racism
- Refugees and vulnerable migrants
- Windrush
- Policy, strategy and devolution
- Fair trade with the climate justice and fair trade champion
- Volunteering.

Also in attendance will be:

- Stephen Haynes, Strategic Director Economy, Regeneration and New Homes
- Dujon Harvey, Assistant Director Employment, Skills & Adult Learning.

Action

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