

Overview & Scrutiny

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission: Work Programme for June 2023 – March 2024

Each agenda will include an updated version of this work programme

Dates	Proposed Item	Directorate and lead officer contact	Description, Comment and Purpose of item
<p>12th June 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: Tues 30th May 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Question Time: Accountability of Private Rented Sector & Housing Associations</p>	<p>Cllr Sem Moema, Deputy Cabinet Member for Private Rented Sector and Housing Affordability</p>	<p>To question the Deputy Cabinet Member on the Council's relationship with its housing association partners and the private rented sector and how it works with both tenants and landlords to ensure effective accountability and protection.</p> <p>Particular focus will be given to how the Council works with housing associations and the private rented sector to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maximise supply, nominations and lettings ● Support tenancy sustainment ● Maintain properties in good repair
	<p>LiH Scrutiny Commission Work Programme Planning 2023-2024</p>	<p>Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>To consider and make suggestions for the LiH Scrutiny Commission work programme for the new municipal year.</p>

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<p>10th July 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: Mon 4th July 2023</p>	<p>Meeting the Council's Net Zero Target: Retrofitting</p>	<p>Steve Waddington, Strategic Director Housing Services</p> <p>James Goddard, Strategic Head of Strategy, Assurance and Private Sector Housing</p>	<p>To look at the Council's work to meet its net zero carbon target in relation to the retrofit of housing stock in the borough since the Commission last looked at retrofit in 2021 as part of the overarching Net Zero Review.</p> <p>Particular focus will be given to progress against retrofitting and promoting better energy use across two key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Council housing stock ● Housing association, private rented sector and owner-occupied housing stock
	<p>Housing Support for Care Leavers: Executive Response</p>	<p>Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>To note the Executive response to the Housing Support for Care Leavers Review undertaken with the Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission in 2021/22 and agree the follow up process.</p>
	<p>Accountability of Registered Social Landlords: Recommendations and Findings</p>	<p>Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>To note the agreed letter to the Executive and Housing Associations in response to the scrutiny sessions on the accountability and performance of registered social landlords held throughout the 2022/23 municipal year.</p>
	<p>LiH Scrutiny Commission Work Programme Planning 2023-2024</p>	<p>Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>To note the shortlist for the Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission work programme for the new municipal year and make any comments and/or further suggestions as appropriate.</p>

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<p>18th September 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: Tues 5th September 2023</p>	<p>Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-25</p>	<p>Rob Miller, Strategic Director Customer & Workplace</p> <p>Jennifer Wynter, Head of Benefits & Housing Needs</p>	<p>To look at the Council's Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-25 and provide any feedback or comments before it is adopted by Cabinet.</p>
	<p>Letter to Independent Office for Police Conduct: Child Q Investigation</p>	<p>Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>To note the agreed letter to the Independent Office for Police Conduct regarding its investigation into the police officers involved in the Child Q incident following the joint scrutiny session held with the Children & Young People's Scrutiny Commission held on 25th April 2023.</p>
	<p>Policing of Drug Use: Findings & Response</p>	<p>Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>To note the agreed letter to the Community Safety Partnership and Mayor's Office for Police & Crime and their responses following the scrutiny session on the policing of drug use in Hackney held on 23rd January 2023.</p>
	<p>Overview & Scrutiny Public Engagement Protocol</p>	<p>Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>To note the Overview & Scrutiny Public Engagement Protocol, which was agreed at Scrutiny Panel on 13th July 2023.</p>
	<p>LiH Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2023-2024</p>	<p>Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>To agree the LiH Scrutiny Commission work programme for the new municipal year.</p>

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<p>22nd November 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: Mon 13th November 2023</p> <p>This meeting was rescheduled from 16th October 2023 due to the Mayoral elections.</p>	<p>Supported Accommodation for Rough Sleepers & Single Homeless People with Complex Needs</p>	<p>Rob Miller, Strategic Director Customer & Workplace</p> <p>Jennifer Wynter, Head of Benefits & Housing Needs</p> <p>Dr Adi Cooper OBE, Chair of City & Hackney Adults Safeguarding Board</p>	<p>To look at the current provision and future need for supported accommodation for rough sleepers and single homeless people with multiple and complex needs.</p>
	<p>Draft Housing Strategy & Private Sector Housing Strategy: Evidence Base</p>	<p>James Goddard, Strategic Head of Strategy, Assurance and Private Sector Housing</p>	<p>To look at the evidence base for the Council's draft Housing Strategy and Private Sector Housing Strategy.</p>

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	Resident Engagement for Estate Regeneration: Findings & Executive Response	Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer	To note the agreed letter to the Executive and its response following the scrutiny session and related work on resident engagement for estate regeneration schemes in Hackney held on 20th April 2023.
	Draft Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-25: Recommendations & Findings	Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer	To note the agreed letter to the Executive following the scrutiny sessions on temporary accommodation and the draft Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy held on 22nd March and 18th September 2023.
	Overarching Scrutiny Panel Review into Net Zero: Executive Response	Craig Player, Overview & Scrutiny Officer	To note the Executive response to the Overarching Scrutiny Panel Review into Net Zero undertaken in 2021/22 and the follow up process.

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<p>11th December 2023</p> <p>Papers deadline: Tues 28th Nov 2023</p>	<p>Housing Services Resident Engagement Strategy 2022-25</p>	<p>Steve Waddington, Strategic Director Housing Services</p> <p>Resident Liaison Group and/or Tenants & Resident Associations</p>	<p>To look at progress made against the strategic priorities identified in the Housing Services Resident Engagement Strategy since it was adopted by Cabinet in December 2022, which are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Embed a 'Resident First' culture across the service 2. Support our involved residents' groups to thrive 3. Widen the ways residents can engage with us 4. Ensure that residents influence our decision-making and drive service improvement 5. To promote engagement activity that strengthens our communities

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	Housing Repairs	<p>Steve Waddington, Strategic Director Housing</p> <p>Rob Miller, Strategic Director Customer & Workplace</p> <p>Resident Liaison Group and/or Tenants & Resident Associations</p>	<p>To look at the progress made against the improvement actions put in place by the Council to improve housing repairs performance and customer care.</p> <p>Particular focus will be given to those improvement actions discussed at the previous meeting in December 2022 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Damp & mould and the Leaks Hub ● Property MOTs ● DLO growth ● Roll out of Repairs Hub ● Contract management ● Disrepair case management ● Alternative Dispute Resolution

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<p>22nd January 2024</p> <p>Papers deadline: Tues 9th January 2024</p>	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour on Council Managed Estates & Blocks</p>	<p>Gerry McCarthy, Head of Community Safety, Enforcement and Business Regulations</p> <p>Steve Waddington, Strategic Director Housing Services</p> <p>Central East Borough Command Unit, Metropolitan Police Service</p> <p>Resident Liaison Group and/or Tenants & Resident Associations</p>	<p>To look at how the Council works with partner agencies and communities to ensure multi-agency responses and support in order to prevent, reduce and if necessary enforce against anti-social behaviour on council managed estates and blocks.</p> <p>Particular focus will be given to the multi-agency approach across key areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prevention and early intervention ● Supporting those affected by anti-social behaviour ● Enforcement and diversionary activities ● Engaging with communities

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<p>27th February 2024</p> <p>Papers deadline: Thurs 16th February 2024</p>	<p>Parks & Green Spaces Strategy 2021-31</p>	<p>Ian Holland, Head of Leisure, Parks and Green Spaces</p> <p>Steve Waddington, Strategic Director Housing Services</p> <p>Selected local community and voluntary groups/organisations</p>	<p>To look at the Council's progress against the key commitments of the Parks & Green Spaces Strategy 2021-31, and how it will work alongside with the newly adopted Climate Action Plan, Green Infrastructure Strategy and Local Nature Recovery Plan.</p> <p>Particular focus will be given to the progress made against key commitments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engaging with people and building local skills, and investing in volunteers ● Ensuring parks and green spaces are well designed, clean and safe ● Creating opportunities for people to come together ● Responding to climate change and the biodiversity crisis
	<p>Viability & Future Use of Community Halls</p>	<p>Steve Waddington, Strategic Director Housing Services</p>	<p>To look at the Council's approach to the long-term viability and future use of community halls in the borough, and address the challenges faced by local organisations and groups in securing adequate spaces from which deliver community and/statutory services.</p>

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<p>12th March 2024</p> <p>Papers deadline: Thurs 29th January 2024</p>	<p>Draft Housing Strategy 2023-28</p>	<p>James Goddard, Strategic Head of Strategy, Assurance and Private Sector Housing</p>	<p>To look at the Council's draft Housing Strategy 2023-28 and provide any feedback or comments before it is adopted by Cabinet in early 2024.</p>
	<p>Draft Private Sector Strategy 2023-28</p>	<p>James Goddard, Strategic Head of Strategy, Assurance and Private Sector Housing</p>	<p>To look at the Council's draft Private Sector Strategy 2023-28 and provide any feedback or comments before it is adopted by Cabinet in early 2024.</p>
	<p>Intermediate Housing Panel: Interim Findings</p>	<p>James Goddard, Strategic Head of Strategy, Assurance and Private Sector Housing</p>	<p>To look at the interim findings of the Intermediate Housing Panel, which has been commissioned by the Council to look into the delivery of intermediate homes (affordable home ownership and intermediate rent).</p>

Items to be considered outside of formal meetings: June 2023 – March 2024

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Arts & Culture Funding	Petra Roberts, Strategic Service Head Culture, Libraries and Heritage	To look at how arts and cultural provision is funded in Hackney, and how individuals, groups and organisations are supported to make use of local, regional and national funding opportunities.	Written briefing
Levelling Up Fund: Hackney Central	Stephen Haynes, Strategic Director Inclusive Economy, Regeneration & New Homes	To look at the options being considered for town centre improvements for Hackney Central following £19 million funding from the Levelling Up Fund (relates to public realm, environment, planning, arts & culture, community safety as well as topics within SEG remit).	Possible joint work with SEG
Hackney Prevent	Gerry McCarthy, Head of Community Safety, Enforcement and Business Regulations	To look at 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.	Written briefing