

# Overview & Scrutiny

## Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission: Work Plan May 2023 – April 2024

*Each agenda will include an updated version of this Scrutiny Commission work programme*

Dates	Proposed Item	Directorate and lead officer contact	Description, Comment and Purpose of item
<p><b>19th June 2023</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Thurs 8th June 2023</p>	<p><b>Sustainability and Licensing</b></p>	<p>Climate, Homes and Economy</p> <p>Cllr Fajana-Thomas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services</p> <p>Group Director Climate, Homes and Economy, Rickardo Hyatt</p> <p>Head of Community Safety, Enforcement and Business Regulation, Gerry McCarthy</p>	<p>Exploration of the potential for the Council to use licensing to prepare and drive behaviour change for local businesses to support the climate action plan objectives and reduce the use of single use plastic.</p>

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	<b>Hackney Markets</b>	Climate, Homes and Economy Directorate  Cllr Fajana-Thomas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services  Group Director Climate, Homes and Economy, Rickardo Hyatt  Head of Parking and Markets, Kevin Keady	Update on the performance of Hackney's markets and the Council work to sustain and maintain the borough's Markets during the pandemic and post pandemic.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>  Papers deadline: Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	<b>Climate Action Plan - Update on Engagement with Businesses</b>	Climate, Homes and Economy Directorate  Cllr Mete Coban, Cabinet Member	A look at the Council's engagement and consultation with local businesses. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information about the Council's engagement and consultation with businesses during the climate action plan consultation period.</li> <li>2. Information about the economic implications of the Climate Action Plan on local businesses and economic growth in Hackney.</li> </ol>

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		<p>for Environment and Transport</p> <p>Cllr Guy Nicholson Deputy Mayor for Housing Supply, planning, Culture and Inclusive Economy</p>	
	<p><b>Working with the Voluntary Sector in Hackney</b></p>	<p>Chief Executive's Directorate</p> <p>Cllr Kennedy, Cabinet member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector, and Culture.</p> <p>HCVS and other VCS Community Partners</p>	<p>A look at the new ways the Council works with the voluntary sector to build on the learning from the pandemic and how this supports delivery of the Council's Strategic Plan.</p>
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Policy and Heritage Buildings</b></p>	<p>Climate, Homes and Economy</p>	<p>A look at planning policy and how this supports the council's commitments in the climate action plan. Exploring how local planning policy can support architects to design and retrofit heritage buildings for better energy efficiency e.g. the fabric of buildings and conditions that planning policy could implement.</p>

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Papers deadline: Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023		Assistant Director Planning & Building Control	
	<b>Bike Hire Affordability and Cycle Storage Facilities</b>	Climate, Homes and Economy  Assistant Director Streetscene Assistant Director Parking and Markets Cllr Mete Coban, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport	A review of the Council's cycle hire scheme and cycle storage facilities in the borough.
	<b>Consultation Process for Low Traffic Neighbourhood scheme implementation</b>	Climate, Homes and Economy  Assistant Director Streetscene Assistant Director Parking and Markets Head of Insight and Engagement  Cllr Mete Coban, Cabinet Member	A look at the Council's consultation process in relation to the implementation of LTNs.

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		for Climate Change, Environment and Transport	
<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Question Time - Cabinet Member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities.</b></p>	<p>Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities</p> <p>Climate, Homes and Economy Directorate</p> <p>Stephen Haynes, Strategic Director Inclusive Economy, Corporate Policy &amp; New Homes</p> <p>Assistant Director Employment, Skills &amp; Adult Learning</p>	<p>Cabinet Question Time session for the Cabinet Member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities. Verbal presentation covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's Green Skills and Circular Economy Commission - Update</li> <li>• National / regional challenges impacting the delivery of apprenticeships.</li> <li>• The Council's role in delivering technology training to older residents to build their confidence and ability to access and use the internet.</li> <li>• Work by the Diversity in Tech Commission – Written Update</li> </ul>

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	<b>Sustainable Insourcing and Procurement Strategy</b>	Head of Procurement and Energy  Cllr Rob Chapman Cabinet Member	Consultation with the Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission about the new Sustainable Insourcing and Procurement Strategy.
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>  Papers deadline: Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2023	<b>Levelling up Fund</b>	Climate, Homes and Economy Directorate  Assistant Director Regeneration and Economic Development Suzanne Johnson  Area Regeneration Manager (Hackney Central) Robert Offord  Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cabinet Member  Cllr Chris Kennedy, Cabinet Member	Levelling Up Funding - A look at the proposals for the £19 million funding / investment and spend for Hackney Central (HC).

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	<b>UK Shared Prosperity Fund</b>	<p>Climate, Homes and Economy Directorate</p> <p>Suzanne Johanson, Assistant Director Regeneration and Economic Development</p> <p>Michael Toyer, Economic Development Manager</p> <p>Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor &amp; Cabinet Member for Delivery, Inclusive Economy &amp; Regeneration</p>	UK Shared Prosperity Fund - A look at how the Council will optimise the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to support businesses in the borough.

<p><b>17<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024</p>	<p><b>Planning Policy, Net Zero and Existing Buildings</b></p>	<p>Climate, Homes and Economy</p> <p>Cllr Guy Nicholson Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Delivery, Inclusive Economy &amp; Regeneration</p> <p>Assistant Director Planning &amp; Building Control Natalie Broughton</p> <p>Adam Dyer Principal Conservation and Design Officer</p> <p>Westminster City Council Lauren Shevills Lead Retrofit Innovation and Delivery Officer</p> <p>Lynch Architects Ltd Rachel Elliott RIBA, Associate Director</p>	<p>A look at planning policy and how this supports the council's commitments in the climate action plan. Exploring how local planning policy can support architects to design and retrofit heritage buildings for better energy efficiency e.g., the fabric of buildings and conditions that planning policy could implement.</p> <p>Presentations and information from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LBH Planning Team</li> <li>• Westminster City Council (Retrofit Task Group) – Laura</li> <li>• Hackney Case study (Lynch Architects)</li> <li>• Historic England – Written submission</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Library Strategy and Restructure Update</b></p>	<p>Climate, Homes and Economy Assistant Director Culture, Libraries and Heritage  Cllr Chris Kennedy Cabinet Member</p>	<p>1 year on a report back on the implementation of the new Library Strategy and staffing restructure.</p> <p><i>Item has been postponed and will be added to the Commission's work program in the new municipal year.</i></p>

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<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024</p>	<p><b>Hackney Light and Power</b></p>	<p>Cllr Mete Coban, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport</p> <p>Jackie Moylan, Group Director of Finance</p> <p>Head of Procurement and Energy Rotimi Ajilore</p>	<p>This item is to review Hackney Light and Power, how it is working, the learnings from its structure / set up, successes, what they would do differently in the future development for Hackney Light and Power.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information about HLP's journey to become a local energy company as pledged in the manifesto commitment.</li> <li>2. Information about the difference between HLP and if the Council secured funding to do the work.</li> <li>3. Information about the work of HLP - successes and outcomes.</li> <li>4. Financial challenges or constraints facing HLP.</li> </ol> <p><b><i>Item has been postponed and will be added to the Commission's work program in the new municipal year.</i></b></p>

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	<b>Economic Development Plan Update</b>	Climate, Homes and Economy Directorate  Suzanne Johanson, Assistant Director Regeneration and Economic Development  Michael Toyer, Economic Development Manager  Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor & Cabinet Member for Delivery, Inclusive Economy & Regeneration	This item will cover the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive an update on the progress to establish an Economic Development Plan for the borough with an additional focus on two potential workstreams that will aim to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) get more businesses taking some action to support the Council's wider social and environmental aspirations</li> <li>b) better help cooperatives, social enterprises or charities that trade to access public sector spend as a way to support their viability or growth.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> This item will be split into 3 sections as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Economic Development Plan Update</li> <li>2. Proposals for Responsible Business Charter</li> <li>3. The emerging findings and recommendations about supporting social businesses.</li> </ol>
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Strategic Property Services – Corporate Assets</b>	Director Strategic Property Services Chris Pritchard	This item will cover the following. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A report on the progress of the current asset review and how the council is assessing the ability of these assets to meet the Council's strategic goals.</li> </ol>

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Papers deadline: Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Information about Strategic Property Services, its governance structure and the decision-making in relation to corporate assets and how this process supports the Executive to achieve their manifesto commitments and net zero targets.</li> <li>3. Information about how the Council is managing its corporate asset capital program in light of a reducing budgets, climate change, environmental challenges and net zero targets.</li> </ol>
	<b>Library of Things</b>	<p>Director Environment and Climate Change, Geeta Subramaniam- Mooney</p> <p>Assistant Director Climate, Sustainability &amp; Environmental Services Sam Kirk</p>	<p>A review of the 'Library of Things' service to consider the long term sustainability of this service.</p> <p>This item will cover the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information about the Library of Things service in Hackney and how the service meets the Council's Strategic Plan objectives and net zero ambition.</li> <li>2. Information about the hire charges, user cohort and customer feedback for the Library of Things service.</li> <li>3. Information about why the 'Library of Things' has been successful in Dalston in comparison to other locations, the plans to manage and respond to increasing demand and the measures of success.</li> </ol>

Suggestions collated from work programme discussion for in 2024/2025

- Update on the Net zero strategic officer's climate group about the council's three year climate implementation and action plan
- Hackney, Light and Power

- Monitor the progress of Procurement Strategy Workplan
- Libraries Strategy and Staffing restructure Update