

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

12th January 2026

Item 6 - Improving Outcomes for Black Children & Young People

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Outline

The improving outcomes for young Black men programme commenced in 2014. The purpose of this programme was to plan, prioritise and coordinate local systems change to address local inequalities as experienced by Black boys and young men. The aim for the programme was that the outcomes and opportunities for black boys and young men in Hackney would be the same as the wider population within a 10-15 year period.

In 2023, the scope of the programme expanded to encompass improving outcomes for Black girls and young women and was renamed Improving Outcomes for Black Children and Young People. A local accountability board was established in 2020, with the purpose of holding the Council to account and to oversee and review targeted workstreams.

The improving outcomes for young back men programme was last scrutinised by the Commission in February 2020, details of submitted reports and minutes of this meeting can be found [here](#). A 10 year evaluation of the programme is currently being scoped and this is therefore a good opportunity for scrutiny to review progress and achievements as well as future plans for this work.

Attending:

- Deputy Mayor Bramble, Cabinet member for Children Services & Young People
- Cllr Susan Fajana Thomas, Cabinet member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services
- Dawn Carter-McDonald, Chief Executive
- Geeta Subramaniam, Director Environment & Climate Change & Public Realm
- Jason Davis, Acting Head of Policy and Strategic Delivery
- Dujon Harvey, Assistant Director Employment Skills and Adult Learning
- Jacquie Burke, Group Director Children & Education
- Jason Marantz, Director of Education
- Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care
- Kieran Read,
- Amy Wilkinson, Workstream Director • Public Health Unit • Children, Adults and Community Health
- Accountability Board Members (representatives from)
 - Deji Adeoshun, Davis Williams, Alanis Hernandez, Juliet Coley, Renea Henry-Kemp and Joseph Dixon.

Reports:

- IOBCP Report and Slides