

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission**21st January 2026****Item 4 – Joint Social Tenancies & Domestic Abuse**

Item No

4**Outline**

The Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission is keen to understand the Council's approach to addressing the barriers faced by victims / survivors of domestic abuse who wish to remain safely within their social home, yet share a joint social tenancy with their perpetrator.

Joint social tenancies and domestic abuse was identified as an area of interest in the previous meeting held on [23rd September 2025](#), in which the Commission reviewed the progress made against delivering the priorities and actions outlined in the Eliminating Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy.

Report(s)

- Item 4a. Presentation from Housing Services & Domestic Abuse Intervention Service

Invited Attendees**Housing Services**

- Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor & Cabinet Member for Housing Management & Regeneration
- Helena Stephensen, Acting Director Tenancy & Homeownership Services
- Wayne Hylton, ASB & Estate Safety Manager
- Tracy Gain, Project & Service Development Manager

Community Safety

- Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Regulatory Services

DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Service)

- Cathal Ryan, Service Manager
- Eleanora Serafini, Domestic Abuse Housing Specialist

Benefits & Homelessness Prevention

- Lee Georgiou, Interim Director Benefits & Homelessness Prevention
- Carol Gayle, Strategic Lead Benefits & Homelessness Prevention

Early Help & Prevention

- Pauline Adams, Principal Head of Service Early Help & Prevention

Shelter

- Calum Rowson, Team Leader (London)

Refuge

- Charlotte Dunne, Senior Housing Advocate

Islington Council

- Georgina Bavetta, Deputy Area Housing Manager

Action

Members are asked to consider the written information provided and ask questions of those in attendance.