

Action Tracker 2025/26

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission

This tracker brings together the agreed actions from previous meetings of the Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission and any subsequent action, outcome and result. It is used to monitor responses, actions and outcomes against requests for information or further action. The tracker is updated after every meeting. Once an action has been completed and reported to the next meeting, it will be removed from the tracker.

8th December 2025

| Agenda item | Action / information request | Responsible person(s) | Status |
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| Item 4. Housing Improvement Plan | To outline the Council's personalised emergency evacuation plans (PEEPS) process and provide data on how many have been issued since 2017. | Assistant Director Building Safety | <u>Awaiting response</u> |
| | To provide an update on the review into the use of an underspend in the Tenant Levy to balance the HRA budget and future plans for how the levy will operate going forward. | Group Director Housing, Climate & Economy | <u>Awaiting response</u> |

20th October 2025

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| Item 4. Housing Complaints Annual Report 2024/25 | To provide more detailed information on financial payments awarded to residents at stage 1 over the 2024/25 financial year compared to previous financial years (2021-2024). | Tom Harrison, Assistant Director Housing Transformation | <u>Awaiting response</u> |

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| | <p>This should include the levels of financial redress in each year and be broken down by root cause, primary cause, relevant service area, and types of payment (e.g. mandatory, quantifiable loss or discretionary payments) where possible.</p> | | |
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23rd September 2025

| Agenda item | Action / information request | Responsible person(s) | Status |
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| <p>Item 4. Eliminating VAWG Strategy 2022-25</p> | <p>To provide data and information on VAWG well-being and education service work with non-maintained education settings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many non-maintained settings have engaged with taking up the VAWG training / support offer? - What are some of the challenges and barriers preventing wider take up of the offer? - How do we proactively work with these settings to encourage them to take the offer up / develop their own curriculum? | <p>Director of Education & Inclusion</p> | <p>Hackney Education offers a number of VAWG and VAWG adjacent input to schools and settings. DAIS and Young Hackney also offer training and advice on this topic. The exact data on how many professionals across non maintained settings attended training on VAWG related topics is difficult to extract due to the variety of training on offer across different services.</p> <p>Designated Safeguarding Lead Training and Designated Safeguarding Lead Refresher training happens termly, and incorporates explanations of Domestic Abuse and Violence, Criminal and Sexual Exploitation and the role of MASH, DAIS and Contextual Safeguarding in addressing these issues. Young Hackney's offer to schools and settings is also described in detail, particularly in school support and Early Help.</p> <p>Dates are scheduled in the diary a year in advance and attendance is good from across all schools, including</p> |

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| | | | <p>non maintained settings.</p> <p>The DfE statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 gives schools and settings the flexibility to determine which agency provides this training and not all schools access Hackney Educations.</p> <p>Independent schools and academies do attend with good representation from Mossbourne Academy Trust, Clapton Girls Academy and All Saints Catholic High School. Some independent non maintained special schools have had bespoke safeguarding training provided by the local authority, which has held build on the relationship with these settings.</p> <p>There is a DSL Forum which has a yearly input from DAIS centred on the 16 Days of Action. In addition DAIS delivers 3 sessions per year on this topic which school staff can sign up to. These sessions are advertised and promoted to all DSLs and Deputy DSLs across the borough.</p> <p>We hold a joint education and social care forum, which is attended by lead professionals across the directorate, as well as DSLs and Headteachers from schools. We also hold a Safeguarding and SEND steering group with DSLs, SENCos and relevant professionals in the council. One of the barriers to attending training is time and capacity within schools for staff, especially DSLs.. We are currently in discussion with Head Teachers and DSLs to determine the most relevant subjects and timings to ensure increased attendance.</p> |
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| | <p>To provide further information on the how the Council supports applicants to the housing register in domestic abuse situations where there is a single applicant and other household members, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Whether the current application system can disadvantage non-applicant household members (who may be victims of domestic abuse) when they decide to split up and leave the household. b) The issue that the departing person must reapply to the housing register as a new applicant, causing them to lose their accumulated time/priority on the register. c) Whether a fresh application involves assessing the applicant based on the main income of the existing household (the abuser's income). | <p>Assistant Director Benefits & Homelessness Prevention</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If that non-applicant is fleeing domestic abuse, the Council has a duty to take a homeless application and the application would have automatic priority. b) Sadly, that is how the legislation works. The service area works in line with HRA legislation and the lettings policy. Both are there to inform transparency and fairness. There is the issue of looking into the perpetrator and if they should remain in their tenancy or if it should be terminated in line with them breaking their contract if this forms part of it. Also there is an issue of safety, as not many domestic abuse survivors wish to remain in their home, as the perpetrator knows where they live. c) The service does not assess someone's housing based on their income. Someone may not qualify to join the Housing Register if their income is of a certain level, but even then, it would not be based on the perpetrators income. |
| | <p>To provide data on victim attrition in Hackney in cases of VAWG over previous three years - including explanatory notes on key trends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Withdrawal rate for cases of violence against women and girls offences - Demographic characteristics across withdrawal for these cases - What stage of CJ process do victims withdraw (same day, 1-7 days, 1-4 | <p>CE BCU, Metropolitan Police</p> | <p>As it stands the Metropolitan Police Service does not hold this data. There is an internal product that is in queue to be created which could help, however, the timelines for when this might be ready is not currently known.</p> |

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| | <p>weeks, 4-12 weeks, 12-26 weeks, 26-52 weeks, 1+ years)</p> <p>VAWG data should include but is not limited to harassment, stalking, rape, sexual assault, murder, honour-based abuse, coercive control.</p> | | |
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