

Scrutiny Panel 27 January 2026 Item 4 – Chief Executive Question Time	Item No 4
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OUTLINE

In the municipal year the Scrutiny Panel will hold a question time session with the Chief Executive to ask questions about strategic direction of the Council, performance and decision-making within the Council.

The Chief Executive was given advance notice of the topic areas and questions for the focus of the session. Question time session with the Chief Executive will cover:

- 1. Transformation Programme and Delivery**
The council's financial stability and achievement of a balanced budget are significantly dependent on the transformation programme, which is a key component of the council's savings delivery strategy. Update on how progress is being monitored and evaluated.
- 2. Delivery on the Anti Racist Framework**
Since adopting its first anti-racism action plan in 2021, the council has been committed to becoming an anti-racist council and, through collaboration with partners, fostering an anti-racist borough. An update on the *actions being taken to fully integrate this framework across the organisation and within the culture*.
- 3. Building Trust with Hackney's Communities**
Recent years have presented several obstacles that have fractured the trust between Hackney Council and its residents, such as the Cyber-attack, shifts in leadership and the findings of the Housing Ombudsman report. An update on how the council will strengthen and rebuild trust with residents.

The Chief Executive will provide a verbal update to each of the above topic areas at the meeting.

Invited Guest

London Borough of Hackney

- Dawn Cater-McDonald, Chief Executive

ACTION

The Scrutiny Panel is asked to note the responses and ask the Chief Executive questions.