

Questions from Members of the Council	
For Consideration By	Full Council
Date of Meeting	28 January 2025

1. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration from Cllr Suso-Runge

What support can the Council provide to our long standing and cherished local businesses that are the cornerstone of our Hackney community. Can the Council provide assurance that these successful local businesses continue to thrive as a valued resource for our residents?

2. To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services from Cllr Turbet-Delof

Can you give us an update on the progress of the current Anti-Social Behaviour review including how residents with lived experiences are able to participate and inform the process?

3. To the Cabinet Member for Finance, Insourcing and Customer Service from Cllr Lucas

The Labour government's Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement covering 2026/27-2028/29, published 17th December 2025, finally put behind 14 years of austerity imposed on councils under Conservative and Liberal Democrat governments. Can the Cabinet Member give an update on what this means for Hackney's finances?

4. To the Mayor from Cllr Davis

What assessment has the Council made of the availability and accessibility of free or low-cost legal advice for Hackney residents - particularly in housing and benefits - and has the Council conducted any survey or mapping of unmet legal need since 2022?

5. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Cllr Ross

Local parents have raised concern about a recent increase in high speed cars driving down Dove Row and that some drivers are driving straight through the gate. How is the Dove Row-Goldsmith's Row gate being enforced and what are ways to avoid traffic being directed onto even less suitable roads?

6. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration from Cllr Wrout

The Hackney Labour manifesto in 2022 promised 1,000 new social rent council homes. Please provide an update including how much has been spent trying to meet that target since May 2022 and how close the current administration will have got to 1,000 new council homes by May 2026?

7. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration from Cllr Selman

The Council has committed to maximising the positive impact of community halls. Will the Cabinet Member therefore commit to reviewing what steps can be taken to bring the community halls on Lincoln Court and Woodberry Grove back into use pending any actual or potential regeneration at these sites?

8. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Cllr Binnie-Lubbock

The council recently stated it intends to reduce private vehicle ownership by 25% and have 90% of Hackney-based vehicles being 100% electric by 2041. How will you maintain progress in spite of the Labour London Mayor cancelling pay-per-mile which was due to be rolled out this year?

9. To the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture from Cllr Lynch

Could the Cabinet Member explain exactly what the "Go All In" initiative is that I hear the Council are participating in in conjunction with the National Literacy Trust?

10. To the Mayor from Cllr Garbett

Is the council starting contingency planning in the event of a scenario where the national welfare bill by the Labour government to cut disabled people's benefits goes ahead - after the Timms review?

11. To the Cabinet Member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities from Cllr Baffour

Can the Cabinet Member provide a summary of how the Council is using commissioning, procurement and employer engagement to promote local employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities for residents, and what outcomes have been achieved to date?

12. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration from Cllr Pinkerton

Residents in Tower Gardens Estate have recently reported issues with their communal boiler system. Can the Cabinet Member outline what is being done to ensure the communal boiler system on the Estate is in proper working order and resilient, including any planned maintenance or improvements?

13. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration from Cllr Joseph

Some council estates including Frampton Park have recently had no water supply, with some residents going without water for a week or more. What is the Council doing to liaise with Thames Water and ensure residents are kept updated and provided support, including bottled water or decants where necessary?