

Questions from Members of the Public

For Consideration By	Full Council
Date of Meeting	28 January 2025

1. To the Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture from Leonie Brown

What procedures does Hackney Council follow to safeguard medically vulnerable residents when major housing, estate regeneration, highways or extensive internal works are carried out nearby, including the borough wide application of Equality and Environmental Impact Assessments, managed relocation pathways, and how compliance with these procedures is monitored?"

2. To the Cabinet Member for Homelessness Prevention, Rough Sleeping and Temporary Accommodation from James Bartholomewz

We have read about the various homelessness mitigation measures implemented by the council, including buying up properties to provide temporary accommodation. Can the Cabinet Member provide us with an update on the impact these measures have had so far in supporting homeless people in the borough?

3. To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services from Dr. Russell Foster

Could the Cabinet Member responsible for policing, confirm whether the police have been deploying Live Facial Recognition in Hackney, and what the outcomes and community engagement have been to assess its local impact?

4. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Clair Battaglino

How does the Council plan to reverse the decline in and improve speeds of Hackney's buses, favoured by poorer people and global majority residents, which are now observed to be slower due to decisions by the Council to re-route traffic from other roads onto many of our bus routes?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c8dyre2lm2o>
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/cyclists-cycle-lanes-bus-slow-journey-london-b1261201.html>
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/transport/bus-speeds-london-slow-9mph-tfl-sadiq-khan-assembly-b1261821.html>
<https://southwarknews.co.uk/area/london/london-bus-speeds-worst-weve-seen-in-40-years-assembly-told/>
<https://irp.cdn-website.com/630197fe/files/uploaded/The+Times+02.01.26.pdf>
https://irp.cdn-website.com/630197fe/files/uploaded/SEJ_Newsletter_Issue9_v1.pdf

5. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Otis Rostron

Research shows that children who grow up next to busy main roads can suffer stunted lung growth and other health problems. Please could you tell us what Hackney Council is doing to improve air quality for children locally?

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/living-near-a-busy-road-can-stunt-childrens-lung-growth>

6. To the Cabinet Member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities from Olufunmilola Oni

In light of ongoing pressures on household budgets, can the Cabinet Member set out how our employment, skills and adult learning programmes are working alongside welfare advice and anti-poverty initiatives to support residents out of in-work and out-of-work poverty?

7. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Sonya Park

The Council posited that traffic (which exponentially increased on “main roads” due to Council’s traffic measures) would “evaporate,” yet roads like Dalston Lane suffer worse traffic than ever, with consistently dangerously high levels of NO₂, PM10 and PM2.5. What actions will the Council take to mitigate these risks?

(www.air-aware.co.uk)

<https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/streetscene/walford-road-area/>

<https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/streetscene/whiston-road/results/whistonroadtrafficcalmingmeasures-signedddp.pdf>

<https://www.hackneycitizen.co.uk/2020/11/24/ltns-important-signal-city-hall-main-road-congestion-transport-chief/>

8. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Reiner Tegtmeyer

After a number of requests, long-time deteriorated Leswin Road has finally been partly resurfaced. A number of other streets in bad driving and cycling conditions still need urgent repairs, like upper Manor Road. Can the Cabinet member provide a list of planned repair works and their schedule?

9. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Matthew Albrow

What steps is the Council taking to monitor and lower the number of lorries and HGVs using heavily residential streets such as Dalston Lane and other pedestrian corridors, increasing danger and air pollution, as highlighted by the recent fatality near the Town Hall?

- 10.. To the Cabinet Member for Homelessness Prevention, Rough Sleeping and Temporary Accommodation from Joanna Sumner

Can you provide an update on what the council is doing towards reducing the number of people living in temporary accommodation?

11. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration from Emmanuel Onapa

Given persistent systemic failures within Hackney Tenant Management Organisations, including poor communication, weak council oversight, and repeated delays addressing disrepair such as damp and mould, what concrete actions will Hackney Council take to specifically hold them accountable?

12. To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services from Jasmine O'Connor

How will Hackney Council implement the national Freedom from Violence and Abuse Strategy to fully include LGBT+ adults and children, adopt a whole-society approach with communities and partners, and ensure dedicated budgets, specialist services, co-production, and transparent outcome measures for effective delivery?