

# Overview & Scrutiny

## Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission: Work Plan May 2025 – April 2026

*Each agenda will include an updated version of this Scrutiny Commission work programme*

Dates	Proposed Item	Directorate and lead officer contact	Description, Comment and Purpose of item
<b>16th June 2025</b>  Papers deadline: Thurs 5th June 2025	<b>Corporate Property</b>	Finance and Corporate Resources  Cllr Rob Chapman, Cabinet Member for Finance, Insourcing and Customer Service  Chris Pritchard, Director - Strategic Property	Corporate Properties response to the Corporate Peer Challenge Review recommendation for the Council's Corporate Asset Review.

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	<b>Fleet Assets</b>	Finance and Corporate Resources  Cllr Sarah Young Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Transport  Chris Pritchard, Director - Strategic Property  Norman Harding, Fleet Manager	The Council's work to achieve carbon neutral and energy efficient fleet.
	<b>SEG Work Programme 2025/26</b>	Cllr Clare Potter	Discussion about work programme suggestions for 2025/26.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>  Papers deadline: Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2025	<b>Review and Update from Cabinet Members - Achievements of the Administration 2022-2026</b>	Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities  Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor and	Recap in Manifesto commitments and achievements relating to: 1. Supporting Hackney to recover 2. A green deal for Hackney 3. Thriving high streets and neighbourhoods.  Cabinet Members review and update to cover: a) Achievements and challenges for this Administration b) Priorities for the final 12 months of this Administration c) Outline how your achievements have contributed towards Hackney Council's Strategic Plan, 'Working Together for a Better Hackney'

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		<p>Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration</p> <p>Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services</p> <p>Cllr Chris Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Young, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport</p> <p>Cllr Sam Pallis, Deputy Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economy</p>	<p>adopted in November 2022.</p>

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		Cllr Joe Walker, Deputy Cabinet Member for Strengthening Neighbourhoods	
	<b>SEG Work Programme 2025/26</b>	Cllr Clare Potter, Chair of Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission	Agree shortlist of work programme suggestions for 2025/26.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>  Papers deadline: Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2025	<b>Review and Update from Cabinet Members - Achievements of the Administration 2022-2026)</b>	Cllr Rob Chapman, Cabinet Member for Finance, Insourcing and Customer Service	Recap in Manifesto commitments and achievements relating to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supporting Hackney to recover</li> <li>2. A green deal for Hackney</li> <li>3. Thriving high streets and neighbourhoods.</li> </ol> Cabinet Members review and update to cover: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Achievements and challenges for this Administration</li> <li>b) Priorities for the final 12 months of this Administration</li> <li>c) Outline how your achievements have contributed towards Hackney Council's Strategic Plan, 'Working Together for a Better Hackney' adopted in November 2022.</li> </ol>
	<b>Parking Services - Automation of Appeals notice process</b>	Cllr Sarah Young, Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Transport	An update on the automation of the Appeals Notice process project and the system.

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		Kevin Keady, Assistant Director Parking, Markets and Street Trading Services	
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025</p>	<p><b>Update on Hackney Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy and Grants Program</b></p>	<p>Cllr Chris Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture</p> <p>Cllr Joe Walker, Deputy Cabinet Member for Strengthening Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Jason Davis, Head of Policy and Strategic Delivery</p> <p>Claire Witney, Strategic Lead (Strategic Relationships)</p>	<p>Update on the refreshed VCS Strategy and changes to the grants program.</p>

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<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025</p>	<p><b>Transport Strategy and Collaboration: London Borough of Hackney and Transport for London</b></p>	<p>Cllr Sarah Young, Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Transport</p> <p>Geeta Sub</p> <p>Tyler Linton, Assistant Director Streetscene</p> <p>Transport for London</p> <p>Dylan Beeson, Community Partnership Specialist</p> <p>Catherine Seaborn, Head of Local Communities and Partnerships</p>	<p>The London Borough of Hackney (LBH) presentation will focus on the phase 1 consultation feedback and the draft transport strategy for Hackney 2026-2036. The information will cover the key themes that have emerged from their consultation and the proposed areas for the draft transport strategy (pre public consultation) and, how the new strategy intends to address and alleviate traffic pinch points within the borough. The presentations will also address alignment and collaboration. Providing information on joint working with neighbouring boroughs and TfL.</p> <p>The Transport for London (TfL) presentation will outline the Mayor of London's key priorities for London's Transport Strategy and any specific transport priorities for the London Borough of Hackney. An another area of focus will be TfL's approach to collaboration for roads that cross borough boundaries, ensuring seamless operation and planning.</p> <p>TfL and LBH will detail their methods for monitoring changes to road infrastructure and their main roads strategy for managing traffic effectively across-borough boundaries for traffic management to ensure cohesive travel.</p>

<p><b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</p>	<p><b>Hackney's Business Support – Town Centres and High Street Businesses</b></p>	<p>Cllr Guy Nicholson, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration</p> <p>Cllr Sam Pallis, Deputy Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economy</p> <p>Suzanne Johnson, Director Regeneration, Economy, and Housing Development</p> <p>Pippa Gueterbock, Assistant Director Regeneration and Economic Development</p> <p>Emma Pilling, Interim Economic Development Manager</p> <p>Allia – Hackney Impact Programme Manager</p>	<p>An update about business support in the borough and its impact.</p> <p>This discussion is to build on the previous work by the scrutiny commission when they first examined this topic in 2018. <a href="#">SEG - BAME Business Engagement Report 2018</a></p> <p>Following significant changes to the funding landscape and the introduction of the GLA's London-wide business support provision for SMEs, this meeting aims to achieve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retrospective Review: Conduct a review of the reach, outcomes, and outputs of Hackney's business support programme. Related to business support, the Hackney Business Charter and signposting to funding and support for businesses in Hackney.</li> <li>2. Current Programme Update: Receive an update on Hackney's current business support programme and the achievements of Hackney Impact.</li> <li>3. High Streets Focus: With a large proportion of Hackney businesses being SMEs, the Commission is particularly interested in the Grow London Local work by London &amp; Partners for businesses operating on high streets and in town centres.</li> <li>4. Future Vision (Subject to Funding): Explore Hackney's vision for business support to high street businesses.</li> </ol>
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		London and Partners, Director – Small Business Service Delivery	
<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</p>	<p><b>Green Skills and Green Skills Hub</b></p>	<p>Cllr Carole Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities</p> <p>Suzanne Johnson, Director Regeneration, Economy, and Housing Development</p> <p>New City College Dr Alison Arnaud Principal: Hackney and Tower Hamlets Campuses.</p>	<p>Green Skills / Green Skills Hub (focus on engineering, construction and built environment)</p>

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<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b></p> <p>Papers deadline: Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026</p>	<p><b>Evening and Night Time Economy Strategy</b></p>	<p>Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services</p> <p>Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, Director Environment and Climate Change</p> <p>Gerry McCarthy Assistant Director Community Safety Enforcement &amp; Business Regulation</p>	<p>The Scrutiny Commission will conduct a follow-up review on the new Evening and Nighttime Economy Strategy, which was approved by Cabinet in June 2025. This strategy is a key manifesto commitment of the current administration. The review will focus on the vision and action plan for the new strategy, particularly how it balances supporting the economy with addressing the needs of residents.</p>