

Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission 9 March 2026 Item 4 – Evening and Nighttime Economy Strategy	Item No 4
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Outline

Before the pandemic Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission (SEG) was investigating the expansion of the night-time economy (NTE) to determine how the council could best balance the needs of residents and businesses to allow the NTE to flourish.

The most recent discussion on this subject provided the scrutiny commission with an update on:

- Post-COVID recovery, including NTE footfall and activity types.
- Challenges facing businesses.
- The progress of the Council's Hackney Nights Accreditation Scheme.

The Commission also received information about the forthcoming Evening and Night-time Strategy, outlining the proposed strategic vision for the Borough's nighttime economy between 6pm and 6am, including its proposed objectives.

Links to previous scrutiny commission discussions on this topic are provided below for reference.

- Further background can be found in the [Sept 2024](#) minutes from the Skills, Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission meeting on 30 September 2024, and the [LBH Good Evening Presentation](#) to SEG at the same meeting.

Purpose of the meeting

Following a manifesto commitment, the Council outlined its commitment to valuing Hackney's evening and night-time economy - one of the largest in the UK and integral to the area's vibrancy - while simultaneously balancing economic support with residents' needs.

To provide clarity to residents and businesses, the Council planned to develop a Hackney Evening and Night Strategy to support growth while partnering with the police to tackle antisocial behaviour and crime. A 5-year strategy was [approved at Cabinet for implementation in June 2025](#).

SEG is following on their last discussion in 2024, to hear about how the public consultation themes were incorporated into the strategy development and receive an overview of the strategy's objectives, vision, and how it aligns with the Mayor of London's wider strategy.

The presentation will also detail the strategy's monitoring framework, anticipated five-year outcomes and the measures to address safety and behaviour issues.

Report in the agenda:

To support this discussion the presentation and reports below has been included in the agenda for background reading.

Background report

- London Assembly Economy, Culture and Skills Committee - London's Night-Time Economy Report

Presentation

- London Borough of Hackney Evening and Night Time Strategy Update

Invited Guest**London Borough of Hackney**

- **Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas**, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Regulatory Services
- **Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney**, Director, Environment and Climate Change
- **Gerry McCarthy**, Head of Community Safety, Enforcement and Business Regulation
- **Miguel Campbell-Lewis**, Late Night Levy Manager

Action

The Commission is asked to note the presentations, background information and ask questions.