

Questions from Members of the Council	
For Consideration By	Full Council
Date of Meeting	4 March 2026

1. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration from Cllr Adams

Given the impact of lift breakdowns on residents, particularly those with mobility needs, what lift maintenance strategy is in place and how does it ensure that faults are responded to and resolved in a timely manner?

2. To the Cabinet Member for Employment, Human Resources and Equalities from Cllr Turbet-Delof

The Government's "earned settlement" proposals could affect many Hackney residents and their families by extending settlement periods from five to up to twenty years, adding prolonged visa costs and uncertainty. What steps is Hackney Council taking to assess the potential local impact of these proposals?

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

Can the Cabinet Member give us more detail about the Mayor's announcement of 6 February that the proposal to reduce opening hours of libraries will be halted?

4. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Young People from Cllr Davis

With improved financial outlook having saved the libraries from further cuts, will additional investment in youth services also be possible?

5. To the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Regeneration from Cllr Martins

After successful campaigning by De Beauvoir ward councillors on the issue of community flats at Lockner Estate, could the Cabinet Member update on how the Council is working with local residents on estates to access decent good quality community space in the absence of any community halls?

6. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Cllr Premru

Could you please update us on the level of take-up of the garden waste scheme since charges were introduced and of any measures to monitor garden waste dumping or garden waste going into black bags?

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

What is the Council doing to embed local nature-centric principles in planning policy for new housing developments that preserves nature, tree protection and biodiversity net gain, including working with the Greater London Assembly and central Government to make this standard practice for new developments?

8. To Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Cllr Garbett

With the Chatsworth livable neighborhood scheme past six months since implementation, what assessment has the council made of the scheme's outcomes including equalities impacts and Homerton Hospital access, and are you also working with TfL to review the turning into Chatsworth road?

9. To the Mayor from Cllr Pinkerton

We are rightly proud of Hackney's award-winning parks and green spaces. One great asset in many parks is the outdoor gym facilities, which bring social, physical, and mental health benefits to residents. Could the Mayor update us on any plans to expand this provision to more parks?

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

A lift at Haggerston Overground breaks regularly, creating difficulties in travel for disabled residents. Can you detail what conversations you have had with Transport for London advocating for regular lift maintenance and improved logistics (e.g. spare parts kept in UK warehouses), as well as acceptable repair timeframes?

11. To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport from Cllr Selman

Members of the community in Stamford Hill and local councillors have long been advocating for improved accessibility at Stamford Hill station. Could the Cabinet Member provide an update on the campaign?

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

Could the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Shoreditch Heat Network, given the number of recent disruptions of service and concerns raised by residents regarding the loss of heating and hot water, including outlining the steps being taken to improve reliability and find a permanent solution?

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

While new housing approvals are welcome, many residents in neighboring older blocks are concerned about outstanding repairs and poor public realm conditions. Can the Cabinet Member assure residents that addressing repair backlogs and improving existing homes will be prioritised alongside new developments?