

Title of Motion	Right to Grow
Political Group of Original Motion	Labour Group
Political Group Proposing Amendments	Green Group
Proposer and Seconder of Amendments	Proposer: Cllr Binnie-Lubbock Seconder: Cllr Garbett
For Consideration by	Full Council
Date of Meeting	4 March 2026

Underlined text = proposed additional wording

~~Strikethrough text~~ = proposed deletions

The amendments set out below were received by the Monitoring Officer in accordance with [Part 4A Paragraph 17.8 of the Council's Constitution](#)

Motion

Everyone in Hackney should have access to enough fresh food to feed themselves and their families well and this is all the more challenging during the cost of living crisis. The right to grow will provide a renewed focus on the importance of providing affordable healthy food and sustainable methods of producing the food we eat.

This Council notes:

1. Hackney puts the health and well-being of residents at the heart of all we do;
2. The cost-of-living crisis is creating real hunger, reinforcing the need for healthy fresh food at an affordable price;
3. Hackney declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and local food growing contributes to our response to the climate emergency for those in greatest need;
4. Social justice remains at the heart of Hackney's Climate Action Plan, which prioritises "inclusive decision-making, prioritising accessible and affordable solutions, and tackling systemic issues, the Council aims to create a fair, equitable, and inclusive environment."
5. The powerful evidence demonstrates the link between people's health and wellbeing and the availability of fresh food, fruit and vegetables. Communities coming together to grow food can improve health and reduce the demands on

public services including the NHS and social care budgets, by reducing social isolation and providing healthy food;

6. The Council has already established the Right to Food and an ambitious Green Infrastructure Strategy and Nature Recovery Plan. Food grown locally supports this work;
7. Food growing supports our Healthy Weight Strategy and the aims of Hackney's FoodNetwork;
8. Community food growing is an intergenerational activity, enabling young and old to enjoy learning cultivation skills for life and strengthening food security;
9. There is land in Hackney which could be used for growing food.
10. [Reports by Black and People of Colour \(BPOC\) groups and organisations highlight overt and systemic racism provide barriers for BPOC groups accessing land and resources for growing. BPOC growers have expressed a need for exclusively BPOC-led growing spaces and networks to support with training and advocacy. \(1\)](#)

The Council resolves to:

11. Adopt the principle of "right to grow" on council-owned land that is considered suitable in agreement with the Council;
12. Work with local resident groups and external partners (such as Hackney Food Network, Incredible Edible, Sustain Hackney, Made in Hackney, Hackney School of Food and others) to identify land suitable for community cultivation, and to make that land available;
13. Work with local resident groups and external partners to embed the principles of Right to Grow across the borough and share good practice;
14. Work with the Hackney Food Network as a platform to promote the work around the "right to grow" developing the opportunities for shared learning and support for future
15. [Co-design equality assessments at appropriate key junctions with partners, to ensure equitable access for diverse communities, including those from marginalised groups \(those with disabilities for example\), and overcoming language or cultural barriers.](#)
16. [Ensure the equality assessments consider the call by campaigners for BPOC-led growing spaces and networks.](#)

[Notes.](#)

(1) P. 8, Environment Committee. Local Food Growing – written evidence, p. 31 (April 2025).
<https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-04/Local%20Food%20Growing%20Written%20Evidence%20March%202025.pdf>