

<b>Children &amp; Young People Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>16th March 2026</b> <b>Item 11 - Housing Support for Families of Children with SEND</b>	Item No <b>11</b>
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### Outline

In January 2025, families of children with SEND made a deputation to Full Council setting out their concerns in relation to accessing local housing support. Following meetings between the Chairs/Vice Chairs of both CYP Scrutiny Commission and Living in Hackney Commission (as this issue spans the remit of both) with Cabinet members, senior council officers and local parent representatives, it was agreed to undertake a joint scrutiny of this issue at its meeting on February 10th 2026.

The Commission focused on:

- Local authority housing duties and responsibilities for families with children with SEND;
- Nature /scale of the housing challenge supporting families of children with SEND;
- Medical needs assessment process;
- Available housing help to support families move into alternative suitable accommodation (swaps, PRS and out of borough):
- Coordinated council wide offer in the absence of local housing options (e.g. adaptations, Family Hubs, Disabled Children Service, Respite, Early Help CVS).

Following the evidence presented at the meeting the Commission has written to Cabinet members setting out a number of suggestions for improvement.

Members are asked to note the letter to Deputy Mayor Bramble, Cabinet member for Children's Services and Young People, Cllr Sade Etti, Cabinet Member for Homelessness Prevention, Rough Sleeping and Temporary Accommodation and Cllr Anya Sizer, Deputy Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years & SEND.

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