

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2025/26

2nd June 2025	22nd July 2025
Behaviour Management & School Inclusion (5) - LB Tower Hamlets	Behaviour Management & School Inclusion (5) - Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit (School Inclusion Charter) with partners: Unicef, Attachment Research Community, NurtureUK and London Virtual, National Association of Headteachers, Hackney CVS education welfare: The Crib, Hackney Quest & Immediate Theatre
Sexual & Reproductive Health of CYP in Hackney update - Public Health Commissioning - Homerton Hospital	
15th September 2025	October 13th 2025
Children Centre Lessons Learned Report - next steps	Hackney Education Strategy 2025-2028 + consultation feedback.
Childcare sufficiency - Including data on take up of free childcare entitlement.	Support for vulnerable parents - needs assessment report back. (With Public Health, Enhanced HV Service & Maternity Service)
December 10th 2025	12th January 2026
Budget Monitoring (including budget savings 2025/26)	Child Safeguarding Practice Review - Mossbourne Victoria Park Academy
Families First Programme - Restructure of Children's Social Care (Focus on Early Help Offer - with statutory and CVS partners)	Improving outcomes for black children and young people.
13th February 2026	March 16th 2026
Housing Support for Families of Children with SEND - Joint meeting with Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission)	SEND Area Ofsted Inspection Report
Housing Support for Care Leavers (update)	Cabinet Q & A - DM Bramble (topics to be agreed)
	Cabinet Q & A - Cllr Sizer (topics to be agreed)
	Behaviour Management & School Inclusion (report recommendations)

Post 16 /18 education/training outcomes - moved from March 2026 to 2026/27 work programme.

	Confirmed		Further detail to confirm		To be confirmed
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Meeting 1	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: June 2nd 2025</p> <p>Papers deadline: Thursday 22nd May 2025</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: Friday 23rd May 2025</p>	<p><u>Sexual Health Services for Children & Young People</u></p> <p>To receive an update following the Commission's scrutiny of this area in 2023/24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decommissioning of CHYPS - Sexual and reproductive health strategy 	<p>Cabinet members: DM Anntionette Bramble, Cllr Christopher Kennedy City & Hackney Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sandra Husbands, DPH - Chris Lovitt, DDPH - Carolyn Sharpe, PH Consultant - David Wright, Health & Wellbeing Team, Young Hackney <p>Homerton Hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ladan Farah - Young persons service lead nurse - Sharlene Zetie (HSHS lead nurse) - Sara Summersgill (CCS lead nurse) - Katherine Coyne (HSHS service lead, consultant in sexual health and HIV) - Lizzie Williams (sexual health lead, consultant in sexual health and HIV) 	<p>Liaise with Homerton Sexual Health Service</p>
	<p><u>Behaviour Management and School Inclusion - Session 5</u></p> <p>Comparative assessments with other LA provisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Astrid Schon, Headteacher at LEAP, LB Tower Hamlets - Nick Hewlett, LB Haringey 	
	<p>Work programme 2025/26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commission - Scrutiny Officer 	

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Meeting 2	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: July 22nd 2025</p> <p>Papers deadline: Friday 11th July</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: Monday 14th July</p>	<p><u>Behaviour Management and School Inclusion - Session 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mayor of London’s (Inclusion Charter) (Violence Reduction Unit)- with representatives from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nurture: - Unicef; - Attachment Research Community - LondonVirtual School network. - - National Association of Headteachers - Hackney Voluntary Sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HackneyQuest - The Crib - Immediate Theatre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James Bowen, Assistant General Secretary, National Association of Head Teachers - Matthew Waterfall, Regional Head, National Association of Head Teachers - Coralyn Burge, Senior Manager, Violence Reduction Unit - Ella Kiley, Education Programme Officer - Martin Russell, UNICEF - Arti Sharma, NurtureUK - Zoe Byrne, Attachment Research Community - Patrick Ward, Virtual School - Colette Allen, Hackney Quest - Janette Collins, The Crib - Jo Carter & Charmain Humphrey, Immediate Theatre Company 	
	<p>Work programme 2025/26 To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2025/26</p>		

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Meeting 3	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p><u>Meeting Date:</u> Monday 15th September 2025</p> <p>Papers deadline: Wednesday 3rd September</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: Friday 5th September</p>	<p><u>Children Centre Lesson’s Learned Report</u> To scrutinise the lessons learned report which was commissioned after the abandonment of two consultations to reconfigure children centres. To understand the next steps for children centres following the LLR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Anya Sizer, Deputy cabinet member for families, Early Years and SEND - Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Cabinet member for health, adult social care, voluntary sector and culture - Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Children & Education - Jason Marantz, Director of Education & Inclusion - Rickardo Hyatt, Group Director CHE - Martin Szybut, Strategic Head Communications - Florence Obinna, Head of Insight & Engagement - Children Centre Parent Representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaise with Children Centre Parent Representatives.
	<p><u>Childcare Sufficiency and Uptake of free childcare provision in Hackney</u> September 2025 is the last phase of the rollout of the extended</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Children & Education - Jason Marantz, Director of Education & Inclusion - Donna Thomas, AD Early Years and Early Help 	
	<p><u>Work programme 2025/26</u> To continue discussions on future work programme items for 2025/26</p>		

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Meeting 4	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p><u>Meeting Date:</u> Monday 13th October</p> <p>Papers deadline: Tuesday 30th September</p>	<p><u>Hackney Education Strategy 2025-2028</u> To review the draft Hackney Education Strategy (2025/2028) together with a high level summary of consultation feedback.</p> <p>To make any recommendations for inclusion prior for final agreement by Cabinet in December 2025.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deputy Mayor Bramble, Cabinet member for children's services and young people - Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Children and Education - Lisa Williams ,Head of School Performance and Improvement - Terry Bryan, Assistant Director, Schools Estate Strategy 	
<p>Agenda dispatch: Friday 3rd October</p>	<p><u>Support for Vulnerable (young) Parents</u> (Following on from a previous scrutiny) to receive a report on needs assessment of support available to vulnerable parents in Hackney.</p> <p>To include data on the newly established Enhanced Health Visiting Service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DM Anntionette Bramble, Cabinet member for Children Services and Young People - Cllr Christopher Kennedy, Cabinet member for health, adult social care, voluntary sector and culture - Carolyn Sharp, Public Health Consultant - Sandra Husbands. Director of Public Health - Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Children & Education - Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care - Laura Bleaney, Head of Corporate Parenting - Tamsin Bicknell, Homerton Maternity Service - Sara Summersgill, Homerton Health Visiting - Breeda McMannus, Chief Nurse; - Jeanette Barnes, Deputy Chief Nurse; - Stepanie Coughlan, Chief Partnership & Place Officer, GP City and Hackney; - Modupe Sorinola, Divisional Operations Director; - Sara Summersgill, Head of Nursing for Children and Young People (Community); - Elizabeth Begley, EHVS Service Manager - Tamsin Bicknell, Consultant Midwife for Public Health and Safeguarding 	

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Meeting 5	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: Wednesday 10th December</p> <p>Papers deadline: Friday November 28th 2025</p>	<p><u>Budget Monitoring (Children & Education)</u> To review in year budgets for children’s social care and Hackney Education and any management actions to correct overspends.</p> <p>To review progress on budget savings for this Directorate for 2025/26.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sajeed Patni, Director of Finance for Children’s & Adult Services - Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Children & Education - Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care - Jason Marantz, Director of Education & Inclusion 	
<p>Agenda dispatch: Tuesday 2nd December</p>	<p><u>Families First Programme</u> To receive a report on plans to restructure Children's Social Care in line with statutory requirements set out in Families First initiative.</p> <p><i>Possible additional focus on Early Help Offer - with statutory and CVS partners.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacquie Burke, Group Director for Children & Education - Lisa Aldridge, Head of Service, Safeguarding, Quality Assurance & Improvement - Sara Broomfield, 	

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Meeting 6	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: Monday 12th January</p> <p>Papers deadline: Monday December 22nd 2025</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: Wednesday 24th December 2025</p>	<p><u>Improving Outcomes for black children & young people</u> To review the Improving Outcomes for black children & young people programme. This was previously the improving outcomes for black boys and young men.</p> <p>Full scope can be viewed here.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy & Strategic Delivery - Workstream Leads - Accountability Board Representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair/Vice Chair meeting with accountability board representatives - Attend workstream leads meeting
	<p><u>CHSCP - CSPR Mossbourne VPA</u> To note the strategic implications of the CHSCP CSPR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deputy Mayor Anntionette Bramble, Cabinet member for Children’s Services & Young People: - Jim Gamble, Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner, CHSCP - Sir Alan Wood - Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Adviser, CHSCP - Jacquie Burke, Group Director Children & Education; - Jason Marantz, Director of Education & Inclusion; 	
	<p><u>CHSCP Annual Report</u> To review the annual safeguarding report and forward priorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jim Gamble, Independent Safeguarding Children Commissioner, CHSCP - Rory McCallum, Senior Professional Adviser, CHSCP 	

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Meeting 7	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<u>This is a joint meeting with Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission</u>			
<p><u>Meeting Date:</u> Tuesday 10th February 2026</p> <p>Papers deadline: Friday 30th January 2026</p>	<p><u>Housing Support for Families of Children with SEND</u> Following a deputation to Full Council and consultation with senior officers, a joint scrutiny was agreed to review housing support for families of children with SEND. Scrutiny will focus on the corporate wide offer (housing, SEND, early help and social care) with contributions from respective departments.</p> <p>A more detailed scope for the item is provided here.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DM Guy Nicholson, Cabinet Member for housing management & regeneration - Cllr Sade Etti, Cabinet member for homelessness prevention, rough sleeping and temporary accommodation - Cllr Anya Sizer, Deputy cabinet member for families, Early Years and SEND - Officers - TBC: Rikardo Hyatt, Alex Clarke, James Goddard, Marcia Facey, Jacquie Burke, Jason Marantz, Yvone Wade - Family representatives of children with SEND 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To hold a focus group with families of children with SEND - To facilitate site visits - Comparative data and assessments
<p>Agenda dispatch: Monday 2nd February 2026</p>	<p><u>Housing Support for Care Leavers (update)</u> The Commission undertook a detailed review in 2022/23 and this update reviews progress against those agreed recommendations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Sade Etti, Cabinet member for homelessness prevention, rough sleeping and temporary accommodation - DM Anntionette Bramble, Cabinet member for Children Services and Young People - Officers - TBC: jacquie Burke, Laura Bleaney, Rikardo Hyatt, Alex Clarke, James Goddard, Marcia Facey, Jacquie Burke, Jason Marantz, Yvone Wade 	

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Meeting 8	Item title and scrutiny objective	Directorate – Division – Officer Responsibility	Preparatory work to support item
<p>Meeting Date: Monday 16th March</p> <p>Papers deadline: Wednesday 3rd March 2026</p> <p>Agenda dispatch: Friday 6th March 2026</p>	<p><u>Cabinet Question Time - DM Bramble</u> Cabinet members are required to attend scrutiny each year to respond to questions on 3 policy areas chosen by the Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Admissions - In year and fair access - 10 x 10 Programme - Young Hackney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DM Anntionette Bramble, Cabinet member for Children Services and Young People 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consult with members as to priorities for 3 services areas for scrutiny - To confirm with Cabinet member by 2nd February 2026
	<p><u>OfstedArea SEND Inspection</u> To review the outcomes of the SEND Area inspection which took place in Hackney in November 2025 and was published in January 2026.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Anya Sizer, Deputy cabinet member for families, Early Years and SEND - Jacquie Burke, Group Director 	
	<p><u>Behaviour Management & School Inclusion</u> To note and agree the recommendations of the Commission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Commission 	
	<p><u>Cabinet Question Time - Cllr Anya Sizer</u> Cabinet members are required to attend scrutiny each year to respond to questions on 3 policy areas chosen by the Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children & Family Hubs - Specialist SEND placements - Wraparound Childcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Anya Sizer, Deputy cabinet member for families, Early Years and SEND 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consult with members as to priorities for 3 services areas for scrutiny - To confirm with Cabinet member by 2nd February 2026

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Long List of items unable to be taken in 2024/25 (including new areas identified from current work programme - possible rollover to 2025/26)	
SEND Transition post 18	Are children being adequately prepared for transition? Disabled Children's Hub development.
Families First	Implementation of new children social care model, and early help provision. Pilot in April 2026 - can be reviewed?
Children's Social Care Annual Report	Deferred in 2024/25 - as this report is also taken at Corporate Parenting Board, Cabinet & Full Council. To be taken to note in February 2026
Pupil Movement	Feedback from 2023/24 was that the reports contain too much data to effectively scrutinise - and maybe to focus on one area. Will not be taken 2024/25 - but some of this data could be encompassed in the planned review on behaviour management.
Early Help Strategy	To focus on the integrated partnership offer (other statutory providers and CVS) single-point of access (CSC/SEND/CAMHS). Could review data monitoring - evaluation of impact of the local offer. Would also need to consider consent and cultural sensitivity of the offer.
School Places / School Admissions	To assess how the local school admission process is working and that it is providing equality of access to school settings which reflect the diversity of the local community.
Childcare Sufficiency Report	Produced bi-annually - 2024 Childcare Sufficiency Report
Wraparound Childcare	Wraparound childcare funding was provided school breakfast clubs and after school clubs - Hackney to receive £913k in 2024/25)
School Nursing Service	A new expanded service has been procured through Homerton Hospital.
Childhood Immunisations	Childhood Immunisations (measles spike) Hackney has a low uptake of MMR vaccination (Health in Hackney looked at this in February 2024)
Eating Disorder Service /	Service referrals, demand and capacity. Possible links of disordered eating to children with SEND and autism.
Foetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs)	How this is reflected in local SEND provision and PH messaging.

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Outcomes of Ofsted/ Care Quality Commission Area SEND inspection.	No timetable for inspection, but expected sometime after 5 months of the ILACS inspection which took place in July 2024 (early 2025?)
Kinship Carers.	
Integrated Commissioning (Children & Education)	Integrated commissioning CYP services (Social care, health and SEND) - this is in the early stages and would best be taken next municipal year.
Unregistered Educational Settings	Could not be taken in May 2024 but needs to be taken at the same time as CHSCB Annual Report.
Speech and Language Therapy - access to assessment and support.	New Council procurement for SLT in October 2024.
Youth Justice Strategy	Would need to be done in conjunction with Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission. 'Good' inspection outcome in 2023.
Childcare Commission Report	Childcare Commission report (published January 24 - Cab response on June 24 - convening of a possible roundtable for implementation.
Health of Looked after children	How quickly are health concerns, especially mental health and anxiety, addressed among LAC and care leavers.
Access to Physical Activity Sport	To assess young people's access to sport/ physical activity in relation to the Mayoral pledge of '10 by 10' (inc teamsport, swim and bike). Including possible links to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible decline of PE in school curriculum and after school clubs; - Accessibility and range of sports clubs; - Possible inequalities in access; - Local childhood obesity data. https://league-leaders.com/ LGA - access to sports - Oak National Academy,
Vaping among children and young people	Explore the uptake and impact (health and otherwise) of vaping on young people and how local services are supporting prevention (illegal use). To involve: Public Health Team, Young Hackney HWB, Licensing representative - efforts to prevent illegal sales - test purchase data, external
Elective Home Education	Increased safeguarding protection - for those not in school. Register. EHE and Safeguarding
Role of Young Carers	It was highlighted by Ofsted in the 2024 inspection. LGA Briefing . Parliament Briefing