

Title of Report	Establishment and Composition of the Planning Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/27
Key Decision No	Non Key Decision
For Consideration By	Corporate Committee
Meeting Date	2 June 2026
Cabinet Member	Non applicable
Classification	Open
Ward(s) Affected	None
Key Decision & Reason	No Non applicable
Implementation Date if Not Called In	Non applicable
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report requests that the Corporate Committee establish its Planning Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2026/2027 as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 1.2. The Planning Sub-Committee membership was agreed at the 28 May 2026 Annual Meeting of the Council.
- 1.3. The Planning Sub-Committee membership is listed at Appendix 1 of this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. **It is recommended that the Corporate Committee:**
 - i) **Approve the establishment and membership of the Planning Sub-Committee as set out in Appendix 1 for the Municipal Year 2026/27; and**
 - ii) **that any further changes to the Membership of the Planning Sub-Committee during the Municipal Year 2026/27 be reported to the Corporate Committee for consideration.**

3 Background

Policy Context

- 3.1 The terms of reference of the Corporate Committee requires it to establish and agree to the membership of a Planning Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 The Planning Sub-Committee will continue to operate as defined within its terms of reference, and will adhere to its agreed protocols and procedures. 1
- 3.3. The Planning Sub-Committee also allows the appointment of substitute members. These nominations are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.4. Given the quasi-judicial nature of the Sub-Committee, and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, all members and substitutes appointed to the Sub-Committee are required to undergo training in regard to all aspects of planning law, and their duties in the determination of planning applications.
- 3.5. The Establishment and Composition of the Council's Committees, Commissions, considered at the annual Full Council meeting on 28 May 2026 sets out the detailed calculations of the proportions and allocation of the Council's Committees
- 3.6. There is an allocation for the Planning Sub-Committee of 10 seats. There are substitute seats of the Planning Sub-Committee; currently there are substitute seats.
- 3.7. Any changes or variations to the membership of the Planning Sub-Committee during the Municipal Year 2026/27 would require Corporate Committee approval.

4 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. Costs will be managed within existing approved budgets.

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5 Legal implications

- 5.1 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 imposes a duty on the Local Authority at the annual meeting or as soon as possible after it to review the allocation of seats on the committees of the Council between the political groups. The review is carried out in accordance with set principles which include ensuring that not all seats on the committee are allocated to the same political group but the majority of seats are allocated to the group that is the majority of the authority's membership. Article 9.13 of the

Council's constitution confers authority on the Corporate Committee to establish a Planning Sub-Committee for the purposes of discharging its functions in accordance with that Sub-Committee's terms of reference. The political proportionality rule has been applied to this sub committee.

Legal implications prepared on behalf of the Director of Legal, Democratic & Electoral Services by: Juliet Babb Assistant Director Legal & Governance , juliet.babb@legla.hackney.gov.uk Date 21 05.26

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Planning Sub-Committee membership for the Municipal Year 2026/27
(As approved at the annual meeting of Hackney Council on 28 May 2026).

Background documents

None.

Appendix 1

Planning Sub-Committee membership for the Municipal Year 2026/27
(As approved at the annual meeting of Hackney Council on 28 May 2026)

Majority Group (Green) (7)

1. Brenda Puech (Chair)
2. George Sheldon Grün (V. Chair)
3. Sam Mathys
4. Mihai Chereji
5. Jas Crowe
6. Kwame Otiende
7. Reiner Tegtmeier

1st Opposition (Labour) (2)

8. Anntoinette Bramble
9. Rachel Maguire

2nd Opposition (Conservative) (1)

10. Cllr Benzio Papier

Substitutes (from the Corporate Committee):

1. Tyrone Scott
2. Jam Anker
3. Nicholas Blincoe
4. Shaul Krautwirt
5. Ian Sharer