



General Exception Notice
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Pursuant to [Regulation 10](#) of The Local Authority (Executive Authority) (Meeting and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 this decision is required to be taken under General Exception in accordance with the Council's General Exception Procedure Rules set out at Part 6C Paragraph 11.6 of the Council's Constitution. This is because at least 28 clear days notice was not given of the intention to take the key decision listed below.

Title of Report: HCE S746 DN747464 Domestic Electrical Testing Contract Award

Decision Maker: Hackney Procurement Board

Meeting Date: Extraordinary - 26th May 2026

Lead Member : Councillor Alastair Binnie-Lubbock, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning & Inclusive Neighbourhoods

Directorate: Housing, Climate and Economy

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Brief Description:

Domestic Electrical testing and inspections are an essential requirement for all Hackney housing stock to meet our statutory compliance and ensure our residents' homes are safe. The current electrical testing program is historically solely undertaken by the council's own direct labour organisation (DLO). The programme has fallen behind over recent years and there is now a back log of work to complete this year to re-establish compliance. The DLO currently undertakes around 1300 electrical tests per year. While this is enough to maintain the program, there is no capacity for recovery to enable the testing programme to get back on track and ensure maintenance of statutory compliance. This tender process will look to appoint an external contractor to support the DLO to provide additional delivery capacity to address the back log of work as quickly as possible to achieve monthly and annual targets and secure statutory compliance.

Reason for General Exception:

The Council must demonstrate significant progress against its agreed improvement commitments to the Regulator regarding compliance levels within the Domestic Electrical Testing programme. As part of demonstrating that progress and to

minimise risk, the Council needs to ensure that a contract is awarded for the DLO back up contractor before the next meeting with the Regulator, scheduled for 28 May 2026. However, the next scheduled meeting of the Hackney Procurement Board postdates this date. Therefore absent this General Exception, the Regulator may conclude that substantial progress has not been made against agreed commitments, potentially viewing this as the Council placing residents at higher risk due to a larger percentage of non-compliant properties. This failure to meet commitments to improve statutory compliance and resident safety duties could result in fines, and potentially trigger a full investigation across all compliance areas