

Title of Report	The Terms of Reference of the Corporate 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	Not applicable.
Classification	Open
Ward(s) Affected	None.
Key Decision & Reason	No Not applicable.
Implementation Date if Not Called In	Not applicable.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The terms of reference of the Corporate Committee are attached at appendix 1 of this report for the Corporate Committee to note.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. **To note the Corporate Committee's terms of reference for the 2026/27 municipal year, as set out at Appendix 3 of the Hackney Council Constitution.**

3. Financial implications

- 3.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Financial Implications prepared on behalf of the Group Director Finance & Corporate Resources by John Holden, Assistant Director of Finance - Sustainability, Public Realm and Special Projects,
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4. Legal implications

- 4.1. Article 9.12 of the Council's constitution confers authority on the Corporate Committee to oversee the Council's regulatory functions, planning, elections and human resources. The Committee is also responsible for any other Council function that has not been specifically allocated to Full Council or any other committee.
- 4.2. Section 2.1 of this report recommends Full Council to note the terms of reference as outlined in Appendix 3 of the Council's constitution. Terms of reference are important because they define the committee's legal authority, purpose, limits and accountability.

Legal implications prepared on behalf of the Director of Legal, Democratic & Electoral Services by: Juliet Babb, Assistant Director Legal & Governance, juliet.babb@legal.hackney.gov.uk Date 21.05.26

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Corporate Committee Terms of Reference

Background documents

None.

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Appendix 3 - Terms of Reference of Council Committees etc Corporate Committee

Functions

The Corporate Committee is responsible for maintaining oversight of the Council's regulatory functions, planning, elections and human resources. The Committee is also responsible for any other Council function that has not been specifically allocated to Full Council or any other committee.

The Corporate Committee is responsible for the functions set out below:

Regulatory Framework

5. To discharge all non-executive functions not allocated to the Council or another Committee.
6. To appoint a Planning Sub-Committee and approve its terms of reference, procedures and protocols including the adoption of a Planning Code of Practice.
7. To appoint any Sub-Committees within its remit deemed necessary to perform its functions and approve their terms of reference, procedures and protocols.
8. To develop, review, monitor and maintain a strategic overview of the Council's regulatory function.
9. To consider the functions relating to health and safety under any relevant statutory provision within the meaning of Part 1 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, to the extent that those functions are discharged otherwise than in the Council's capacity as an employer.
10. To consider Polling District and Place Reviews undertaken in accordance with the Representation of People Act 1983.
11. To develop, monitor, review and make recommendations to the Full Council on the adoption of byelaws.
12. To consider recommendations to other bodies of the Council on policy development and responses to Government consultations within the remit of the Committee or its Sub-Committees.
13. To approve any Member training deemed necessary for the Committee or its Sub-Committees.

Human Resources

2. To maintain a strategic overview of Human Resources matters, including adopting any proposed changes to current policies which may affect the terms and conditions of staff employed by the Council.

Type of Committee

Corporate Committee is a non-executive committee established by Full Council to discharge regulatory functions.

Membership

Membership of this Committee is appointed in accordance with political balance at Full Council.

Chairing arrangements

The Chair and Vice Chair of this committee is appointed at Full Council. In the absence of the Chair or Vice Chair, and subject to being quorate, the Committee members can agree who may preside over the meeting based on the number of those present in person.

Quorum and Voting Arrangements

The Quorum for the Corporate Committee shall be four elected Councillors.

Substitute

Substitutes to the Committee will be appointed by Full Council for the purposes of establishing a quorum and will have the same voting rights as regular committee members.

Order of Business

- (a) Receive apologies;
- (b) Receive any declarations of interest from Councillors;
- (c) Approve the minutes of the previous meeting
- (d) Receive questions from, and provide answers to, members of the public on matters covered on the agenda;
- (e) Consider reports as set out in the agenda.
- (f) Consider any items of urgent business.

Who may attend?

Meetings of the Committee will normally be open to the public, unless confidential or exempt information is to be discussed.

Location

This Committee meets at the Council's main offices or any other suitable location.

You can also view meetings online in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 6, Section C of the Council's Constitution with the Protocol on Recording and Live Streaming Council Meetings set out in Part 6, Section F of the Constitution.

Questions to the Committee

A member of the public who lives, works, or studies in the Borough can ask a question of the Committee with one supplementary question relating to an item on the agenda.

A Councillor may ask a question of the Committee with one supplementary question relating to an item on the agenda.

The total amount of time for questions with notice at the Committee will be no more than 15 minutes.

If the Chair agrees, a member of the public can ask a question at the Committee without having given notice. If a question without notice is asked, the Chair will explain that it might not be possible to give a full answer at the meeting and that a written response will be provided.

Frequency of meetings

The Committee meets on dates set out in the Council's meetings calendar.

Papers and Notice

The agenda and any papers for the Committee will be issued at least 5 working days in advance of the meeting, except in the case of matters of urgency.

Review

The terms of reference will be reviewed on an annual basis, or as necessary, to support the functions and objectives of this Committee. Updates to the terms of reference will be agreed annually at the Committee's first meeting of the municipal year.

Last reviewed: Date xxxx