

Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission 13 July 2026 Item 6 – Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 Update	Item No 6
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Outline

SEG started its review of the Libraries Strategy and the future of the libraries service in [January 2023](#). A report back on the implementation of the new Library Strategy last updated in January 2025. Since the new service was implemented Hackney's library service also commissioned a Peer Review from the Local Government Association for Libraries.

In January 2025 the Scrutiny Commission considered how the new staffing restructure, findings from the peer review and also received an update from Hackney Council and the Unions about health and safety concerns related to staff that were previously raised.

Purpose of the meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to review the Libraries Service implementation and outcomes achieved from the Libraries Strategy 2022-26. The Scrutiny Commission is also following up on areas highlighted for progress during the previous updates.

Report in the agenda

To support this discussion the presentation and reports below has been included in the agenda for background reading.

Background report

- Report on the implementation and outcomes of the Libraries Strategy 2022-26

Invited Guest

London Borough of Hackney

- **Cllr Mathys**, Cabinet Member for Culture, Nightlife, Resilience and Business Standards
- **Petra Roberts**, Assistant Director for Culture, Libraries & Heritage
- **Emma Winch**, Head of Cultural Transformation
- **Catherine De Abaitua**, Libraries Venues and Events Manager

Action

The Commission is asked to note the presentations, background information and ask questions.