

## Suggestions for Possible Scrutiny by CYP Scrutiny Commission for 2026/27

No.	Source	Summary	Detail
1.	Public Survey	SEND provision for children and young people.	The lack of appropriate school places for children with SEND. Is there sufficient support (mental health, wellbeing) for children and families with SEND.
2.	Public Survey	Housing Support for families of children with SEND.	Family of 4 in a 1 bedroom house, with both children having been diagnosed with complex autism. Effectiveness of the medical needs assessment process to support housing applications. How to effectively support children with SEND in housing inappropriate to their needs. <b>[The Commission reviewed this issue in February 2026, and recommendations are with the Cabinet member. Any further work would need to be jointly with Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission]</b>
3.	Public Survey	Young people not in employment, education or training (NEET)	There are growing numbers of NEETs in all regions. This may be due in part to a decline in entry level roles and increased prevalence of mental health and anxiety related issues among young people. There is a need to develop more employment opportunities for children and young people, especially work experience opportunities to help build their confidence and understanding of work. <b>[Would need to be jointly with Skills, Economy &amp; Growth Commission]</b>
4.	Public Survey	Improved youth services offer.	How can local youth services be better supported? Are we making the most of local facilities as possible spaces for youth provision?
5.	Public Survey	Improved funding for diversionary youth activities.	Expanded provision can help to deter children away from crime.

6.	Public Survey	Youth Clubs.	
7.	Public Survey	School Exclusions	<b>[The Commission is completing its review of behaviour management and school inclusion]</b>
8.	Public Survey	SEND provision	
9.	Public Survey	Housing support for young people care leavers.	<b>[a scrutiny review of this issue started in 2023 which resulted in a change to the housing allocations policy in which all care leavers were placed on the local housing register. This has resulted in an additional 65 care leavers having their own social rented tenancy. Most recent update February 2026]</b>
10.	Public Survey	Unregistered educational settings	Many children in some parts of the borough continue to receive education in unregistered settings (schools which are not registered with DfE and Ofsted and therefore unregulated. Education is poor and does not equip children for life. <b>[The Commission completed a major review of this topic in 2018 and receives regular updates given the associated risks for those children involved]</b>
11.	Public Survey	Behaviour management in schools.	Prevalence of zero tolerance approaches to behaviour management in schools often means that parents have little choice of school. These policies disproportionately impact children from Black and Global Majority backgrounds as well as children with SEND. The issue is particularly acute in the academy sector. <b>[As 7]</b>
12.	Public Survey	Anti-social behaviour of school aged children	Discarding rubbish and littering. Lack of infrastructure (bins) to support better pupil behaviour. Can the Council work with schools to promote more environmental education?
13.	Public Survey	Excessive discipline at secondary school	Disciplinary measures at a local academy are disproportionate and do not take into consideration additional needs of children. This is particularly hard on year 7 students who may be struggling

			to transition from primary. This is negatively impacting children's mental health, with no respect for children's rights and causing children to disengage. <b>[As 7]</b>
14.	Public Survey	Bullying and aggressive discipline at secondary school	An aggressive disciplinary system leaves children in a constant state of anxiety. The parent feels that the child is abused and neglected by the school, and is felt to abuse its powers in dealing with parents. <b>[As 7]</b>
15.	Public survey	School exclusions	<b>[As 7]</b>
16.	Public Survey	Housing Support for Care Leavers	<b>[As 9]</b>
17.	Public Survey	SEND provision for Over 25's	
18.	Public Survey	Smart phones and social media impact on children and young people	A parent proposes evaluating the effectiveness of Hackney's safeguarding regarding smartphone and social media harms. It also questions whether potential restrictions would disproportionately impact vulnerable young people—such as those with disabilities, young carers, or those with medical conditions—who rely on online communities for support and knowledge
19.	Public Survey	Preparing young people for work and adulthood.	Hackney youth perform well academically but often struggle to secure employment. The proposed scrutiny seeks to evaluate how schools prepare students for adulthood, bridge the gap between qualifications and job market demands, support young people with disabilities, address pandemic-related long-term effects, and mitigate the future impact of AI on careers. Many parents in Hackney support the campaign for a smart phone free childhood & the government is developing policy on this. This would be a chance for Hackney to shape local and national policy.

<b>20.</b>	Public Survey	Kinship carers	Kinship carers in Hackney provide a vital service by caring for children with complex needs, often preventing them from entering the formal care system and reducing costs for the council. However, because these carers are frequently overlooked and navigate complex, fragmented services, there is a strong case for a scrutiny investigation to improve advocacy and support for them
<b>21.</b>	Public Survey	Housing support for care leavers	This proposed scrutiny aims to build on previous work by exploring expanded housing support options for care leavers, including the potential for priority access to shared ownership schemes.
<b>20.</b>	Corporate Parenting/ Leaving Care	Care Leavers Not in Employment Education or Train (NEET)	Would need to be joint with Skills, Economy & Growth Commission
<b>21.</b>	Corporate Parenting/ Leaving Care	Mental health and wellbeing of care leavers	Clinical Service Transition to adult mental health services Will need to involve Health in Hackney
<b>22.</b>	Corporate Parenting/ Leaving Care	Care leavers in custody -	Extra familial harm - post custody support Would need to be joint with Skills, Economy & Growth Commission
<b>23.</b>	OFSTED Inspection Visit	Focused inspection on care leavers	Children's Social Care were notified of an Ofsted focussed visit on Tuesday 16th June, which took place on 23rd and 24th June. Ofsted will publish the outcome of the inspection on 23 July 2026. This report should come to scrutiny to assess Council response to outcome.

