The Councillors
Scrutiny Commissions are made up of non-executive councillors (i.e those who aren’t part of Hackney’s Cabinet). This is so they can independently review the services and policies produced. All Commissions are politically proportional to the full council membership. In the case of CYP, this means there are 10 Labour Members, 1 Liberal Democrat Member, and 1 Conservative Member (position currently vacant). These are:

Chair
Cllr Anntoinette Bramble: The Chair is responsible for the management of the meeting, and represents the Commission at other meetings (such as the Overview & Scrutiny Board) and events. Questions for the meeting should be directed through her, she decides the length of each item, and confirms whether members of the public are allowed to ask questions

Vice Chair
Cllr Michael Jones: The Vice Chair takes these responsibilities if the Chair is unavailable

Commission Members
Cllr Edward Brown Cllr Christopher Kennedy
Cllr Gulay Icoz Cllr Ned Mulready Cllr Saleem Siddiqui
Cllr Abraham Jacobson Cllr Ian Rathbone Cllr Geoff Taylor

Co-optees
Co-optees are equal members of the Commission (some have voting rights, but these are exceptionally rarely used), with the same abilities as councillors to ask questions and request information.

Faith Representatives
Children and young people scrutiny committees are expected by law to co-opt faith representatives and parent governor representatives, in addition to Councillors on the commission. To fully represent Hackney’s local demographics, we have widened this:

Roman Catholic representative: Vera Edwards
Church of England representative: Richard Brown
Orthodox Jewish community representative: Ralph Bergmann
Free Churches Group of Churches Together in England representative: Abe Konadu-Yiadom
North London Muslim Community Centre representative: Shuja Shaikh
Co-optees (continued)
Co-optees are equal members of the Commission, with the same abilities to ask questions and request information as councillors.

Governors Representatives
Hackney School Governors’ Association: Lisa Neidich
Two Parent Governor Representatives: Razaq Salau, plus one vacancy

Hackney Youth Parliament Representatives
Representatives attend on a rota system, with 2 available for every meeting
HYP Chair: Kennedy Nwosu
HYP Vice Chair: Ife Grillo
HYP Member: Vera Boateng
HYP Member: Nadia Priebe
UKYP Member: Mehria Fazli

A note on press and public
All Scrutiny Commissions are defined as ‘meetings in public’ rather than ‘public meetings’. This means that anyone is welcome to attend, all discussions are open, but that members of the press and public can only ask questions at the discretion of the Chair. In practice attendees are invited to ask questions at almost every meeting, but this often depends on the length of the agenda (and the time of night!).

Meeting dates are published in the council municipal diary and in Hackney Today. Agendas are available 5 working days before the meeting.

The council’s constitution states that anyone wanting to record meetings needs to seek the approval of the Director of Legal a day in advance. The meeting will be informed if this will happen.

For more information on the Commission please visit