

The EIB & 184 budgets - money you can access for your estate.

Getting improvements done to the communal areas of your estate is easy if you have a TRA as there are two budgets Hackney Homes have made available for the purpose.

One is the EIB, the Environmental Improvement Budget and the other is the "184", the resident directed section of the repairs budget, which allows for more than just repairs though.

Both budgets are explained on their own pages of our panel website:

www.claptonpanel.wordpress.com

In brief, the difference in the budgets is as follows: the EIB is calculated by the number of flats on your estate. The more flats, the bigger the budget. The calculation is £25.25 per flat per year.

The 184 is not capped as such and larger sums can be spent, depending on the need and priority of the work wanted. For example you may want new railings on a low wall to stop people gathering and causing problems. You may, though just wish to repair something that has been left because it's not essential but that is an eyesore.

TRAs are usually asked to list the work wanted in order of priority.

If you want to see about getting these funds for your estate, go to the "Get Involved" page of the Hackney Homes website.

There's a link on the home page: www.hackneyhomes.org.uk

Police Safer Neighbourhoods Teams for Clapton

Contact your ward team:

Leabridge - Homerton Police Base ph 020 8721 2836

Hackney Downs - 17-19 Shacklewell Lane ph 020 8721 2940

Cazenove - 16a Urban Hive, Theydon Rd ph 020 8721 2926

Springfield - 16a Urban Hive, Theydon Rd ph 020 8721 2925

To find everything about Safer Neighbourhood policing in your

The Clapton Panel would like to thank all Clapton teams for the great work they do.

I N M E M O R I U M

TONY OSBORNE

Tony Osborne, was celebrated as Hackney Homes' Resident of the Year for his dedication to his community on the Aspland and Marcon Estate in Amhurst Road.

Tony single-handedly transformed a disused laundrette into a community hub for everyone in the community, organised gardening club sessions outside the hall bringing together families from the estate and also (when others wouldn't) opened the hall to youth groups who wanted to meet and be in a safe environment.

He was also the vice chair of MESH, the Homerton residents' panel.

He will be missed.



DANNY NEESON

Upon the sad news of Danny's passing at the Residents Liaison Group, the chair gave everyone's condolences and noted Danny's long time activism in the borough and for the Central Panel. Danny will be sadly missed.

MICK MILLER

Charlotte Graves, Hackney Homes CEO said:

"Mick Miller who sadly died recently joined Estate Environment in 1983 as an operative, gaining promotion to Supervisor in 2005. Mick liked to know that he was making a difference and took pride in knowing the estates looked the way they did due to him and his team.

Mick lived in Hackney and was a dedicated officer and operative who proved that by hard work you could rise through the ranks to what was his present position of Performance Audit Manager in 2009. Obviously this is very sad news for us all & particularly for Mick's immediate colleagues; our thoughts are with Mick's family and his colleagues".

When Mick Miller walks past a clean and tidy Hackney Homes housing estate he knows it looks the way it does because of the hard work he and his team have done.

Hard work and long term service in estate cleaning is something Mick is used to. With 22 years at Hackney Council under his belt he has progressed through the ranks to his present position of area manager. Within the management team Hackney oversees the borough's Estate Cleaning and General Maintenance teams. The teams carry out the important role of ensuring the cleanliness and maintenance of the external and internal areas of the estates. Mick provides the necessary support and advice to the supervisors and their teams.

"The best part of the job for me is leaving work at the end of the day and knowing that I've made a difference. I also love to Hackney and take pride in knowing that the estate looks the way they do because of the hard work they

do and I have done over the years". Mick says the pleasure he gets in the job is the fact that people have for the estate. "People need to realise that estate cleaning is actually a very important job. It is often overlooked but it is essential for the quality of life for the residents is also significantly reduced. Another aspect of his position is to ensure that the estate is clean and tidy. Mick is a very hard working man and he is always looking for ways to improve the service and to provide continuing improvements to the residents. "I am always on the lookout for ways of doing things better," he says.



Mick Miller
Job: Area Manager for Estate Environment Services
Number of years working for Hackney: 22

ward, like when drop in sessions are to be held, local priorities and much more, see the Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhoods teams for Hackney at:

<http://content.met.police.uk/Borough/Hackney>

When you get to that page look for heading: **"Safer Neighbourhoods"** with this link directly underneath: *"See all Hackney Safer Neighbourhoods teams"*

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A note from the Panel chair, Mavis McGee

Several months have passed since the start of Hackney Homes' Estate Management re-structure. As a result there will be a lot of new officers running our estates and street properties. You will be meeting new "Estate Officers" and the now more senior "Estate Managers" over the coming weeks and the panel, as your representatives, will work along side them to hold them to account.

One familiar face remains at the Neighbourhood Office at Stamford Hill, Clock House: Clive Taber, who stays on as Area Manager for the NE.

The Clapton Panel is actually a sub-committee panel of the NE Neighbourhood Executive Panel, as is the Stamford Hill Panel.

Hackney has five panel areas all told: the North East, Homerton (aka "Mesh"), Stoke Newington, Central and Shoreditch.

At the Clapton Panel we hold bi-monthly meetings in the ground floor meeting room in Gooch House, Kenninghall Road, London E5 8DG.

Panel membership is made up of representatives from Clapton TRAs voted onto the panel (two from each TRA). We also have reps from the Street Property Forum & welcome "Key Representatives" from blocks/estates without a TRA.



Our role is to monitor service provision from both Hackney Homes and their sub-contractors. We decide which officers attend meetings and which services we wish to discuss with senior managers.

Recently the management re-structure has taken much of our attention, being far reaching and controversial, it has become a major issue.

As a result all five Panels along with the Street property Forum, the Disabilities Forum and the Black & Afro-Caribbean Forum have decided to unite and meet bi-monthly in a separate series of meeting to monitor how the restructure has affected service delivery.

If your estate doesn't have a TRA or "Block or Estate Rep" but you would like to be represented on the panel, simply contact us - we can help.

With a TRA you can access Environmental Improvement Budget funds as well (calculated at £25.25/year/property), to spend on communal area improvements on your estate.

To find out more or to ask for a seat at a panel meeting email us at: claptonpanel@gmail.com

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