

OVERVIEW PANEL

12 November 2018

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.15 pm

Present: Councillors Ricci (Chair), J Homer (Deputy Chair), Bailey, Bell, Buglass, Fairfoull, Glover, Kitchen, Peet and Warrington

In Attendance:

Steven Pleasant	Chief Executive
Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance and Pensions
Tom Wilkinson	Assistant Director of Finance
Simon Brunet	Policy Manager

Apologies for Absence: Councillor T Smith

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

20. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 10 September 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

21. SCRUTINY UPDATE

The Assistant Director (Policy, Performance and Communications) submitted a report that summarised the work that had been undertaken by the Council's two Scrutiny Panels for the period September to November 2018, which was outlined as follows:-

- The Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had signed off a formal response to the consultation for Over the Counter Medicines, as appended to the report, and received information on the Quality of Tameside Care Homes during the September meeting. Councillor Ryan, Executive Member (Children and Families), and Richard Hancock, Director of Children's Services, had attended the November meeting to present information on the Ofsted monitoring visit. A Children's Working Group was established for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year to consider matters relevant to Children's Services and Education and the membership and terms of reference was appended to the report. The Scrutiny Panel received a presentation on Welfare Reform and it was confirmed that the review of Suicide Prevention had concluded and the report would be brought to the next meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel.
- The Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel had received a presentation from David Moore, Director of Growth and Ade Alao, Head of Investment and Development, on Business Growth, and had also received a follow-up on Air Quality at the September meeting. During the November meeting the Panel met with Councillor Bill Fairfoull, Deputy Executive Leader, and Tom Wilkinson, Assistant Director of Finance, to receive information on Tameside procurement arrangements and a presentation was delivered on Welfare Reform. Plans were confirmed for activity to be undertaken in relation to air quality in Tameside and local ambitions, to complement the work of the GMCA and TfGM.

The Panel were informed that Members of the Scrutiny Panels were sent monthly emails to raise awareness to a variety of materials to support their scrutiny role and ensure they had the opportunity to contribute and share any open consultations and engagement exercises. The emails also contained links to Greater Manchester Priorities and the work of the Combined Authority Scrutiny Panels. The September and October email were appended to the report and considered by the Panel. Members commented that the emails were useful and informative and were proving to be an invaluable tool for scrutiny.

It was confirmed that in relation to the external training sessions delivered by North West Employers for Scrutiny Panel members in August and September, the two Chairs of the Scrutiny Panels had held a further session to update those Councillors who had been unable to attend either training session. The Chair and Panel Members expressed their disappointment that only three of the seven Councillors had attended this additional session and reiterated the importance of all Scrutiny Panel members being trained in order to undertake their role and fulfil their responsibilities.

RESOLVED:

That the content of the report be noted.

22. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.